ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parroquia de San Pablo

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday ~ English
8:00 am, 9:15 am
12:15 pm, and 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ en Español 10:45 am
Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:15 Mass
all children age K to 4th GRADE welcome
no registration required

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
8:30 am and 6:00 pm
DAILY MASS
Monday ~ Saturday
8:30 am in the Chapel

DEVOTIONS
Rosary in English ~ daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm -or- by appointment

PARISH RECTORY and OFFICES
221 Valley Street,
San Francisco CA 94131
telephone 415.648.7538
www.stpaulsf.org -or- find us on FACEBOOK

Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor
Deacon Jim Myers
Rev. Raymund Reyes, In Residence
Rev. Jim Garcia, en Español!
Jamie Tracy, Administration, jamie@stpaulsf.org
Marilyn Highlander-Pool, Preservation Fund
Joan Strachan, Liturgical Scheduling
Terri Brady and Bill McLoughlin, RCIA Program

MUSIC MINISTRY
Saturday Vigil ~ Luke Mayernik, David Simi,
Judith Reuter, and Patty Lazzaretto
Sunday ~ Diane Costa, Joseph Duggan, and
Margaret Ann Kerns
Guillermo Morales en Español

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Dorothy Vigna, Director
415.648.7538
School of Religion {CCD} ~ Saturdays
9:30 am ~ 11:00 am, September through May

Confirmation Preparation for Teenagers
Tuesdays 7:00 pm, September through May

LITTLEST ANGEL PREPARATORY
 PRESCHOOL
www.littlestangelpreschool.com
follow the yellow-brick road
Peg Lazzarini-Kayser, Director
415.824.5437

ST. PAUL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
www.stpaulsschoolsf.org
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Sr. Kathryn Camacho, SNDdeN, Principal
415.648.2055

BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ first Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ~ September to May, please call the Rectory for information
MARRIAGE PREPARATION ~ contact Rev. Mario Farana at least six (6) months prior to your desired ceremony date
Weekly Calendar

Monday: Jan 8th.
Tuesday: Jan 9th.
Wednesday: Jan 10th.
Thursday: Jan 11th.
Friday: Jan 12th.
Saturday: Jan 13th.
Sunday: Jan 14th.

Confirmation Class 7:30pm
CDD class 9:30 am to 11 am
RCIA 8 am
Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 am Mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection Jan 1, 2017 $11,811.90
Second Collection – Preservation Fund $2,714.77
2016 Annual Appeal Assessment $79,111.00
2016 AAA collected through Dec 7, 2016 $52,317.00
2016 AAA Remaining Balance – due by 1/20/2017 $26,794.00
E-Contributions November 2016 $5,836.52

St. Finn Barr will be having a Mardi Gras Zydeco Dance
Saturday January 28, 2017 from 8 p.m. to Midnight, Free Dance lesson from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
$20. In advance, $25. At the door, For advance tickets, please call 415-333-3627 or 415-761-1454

St. Finn Barr Church, Goode Hall – 415 Edna St. San Francisco, CA 94112

The 2017 St. Paul’s Blood Drive dates are: March 12th, June 11th, and September 10th. You can sign up ahead of time for our Blood Drive by going on line to www.bloodheroes.com and clicking on St. Paul’s. Or call Jill Alcantar at (415)586-8911 to schedule an appointment.

Save the date
2017 Women of St. Paul’s Luncheon
Saturday January 28, 2017, 11 am No Host Cocktails, 12 pm Lunch
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave., So San Francisco
Look for more information to come...

St. Paul’s School Tour Schedule for 2017/18 School Year (for all incoming grades)
All tours will be held on Wednesday mornings, beginning at 10:15 am, and will run approximately 1 hour. Dates are as follows: Jan 7th.
To schedule a tour, please call the school office at 415-648-2055

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Stephanie Medina, Walter Jeong, Levi Langevin, TJ Tracy, Ruthild Benitz, Josh Cervantes, Mary Gamma, Ursula Kurth, Andrew Sacino, Ray Waters, Karen Davis, John Anzalone, Guillermo Morales, Archbishop John R. Quinn, and Nancy Halloran, Lorrie Sargent, Rusty Jones, Phyllis Anderson, Leo Mullin, Christine Sacino
We pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially the following: Roberta Baceio

Breaking Bread Books are at the entrances to the Church. They are no longer in the pews.
Please pick one up on your way into Mass
Please return the Breaking Bread Books to the shelves when Mass is over. Thank you
January 8th The Epiphany of the Lord

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM
The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God’s presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

January 8th The Epiphany of the Lord
For our national and local leaders: May they follow the example of the Three Kings by seeking God and serving him and his people, especially the poor and outcast; We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
**LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN**

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquel que viene a salvarnos.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines.

¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las maniñas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

8 de enero La Epifanía del Señor

Por nuestros líderes nacionales y locales: para que sigan el ejemplo de los Tres Reyes buscando a Dios y sirviéndolo a Él y a su pueblo, especialmente a los pobres y marginados; roguemos al Señor:

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28 o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:14-20 y 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Men of St. Paul's Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 29
After the 8:00 & 9:15 Masses
Adults: $5
Kids in Uniform: FREE!
CCD Kids: FREE!
St. Paul’s Athletic Board

Crab Feed and Auction
St. Paul’s Parish Center
Saturday, February 25, 2017
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Dinner service begins at 6:30 pm
Dinner includes Fresh Crab, Caesar Salad, Pasta, Bread and Dessert

Advanced Ticket Purchase is required
$60.00 Adult
$15.00 Child, under 6 years free
* child ticket is for students in grades k-8th

Thank you for your support!

For more information please contact
Therese Finn 917.450.6993 tfinn64@gmail.com
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Please return the bottom portion of this flyer with payment by 2.20.2017
Athletic Board Crab Feed, c/o St. Paul School
1690 Church Street, San Francisco CA 94131
Tickets will not be sold at the door
Please, NO outside food or alcohol

CRAB FEED

Family Name: ____________________________
Phone / email: __________________________
Child’s name(s) and Grade(s) if a St. Paul’s School Family: __________________________

No. of Adult Tickets: _____ x $60.00 per ticket = $ _________
No. of Child Tickets: _____ x $15.00 per ticket = $ _________
* child ticket is for students in grades k-8th
[___ Chicken Strips -or- ___ Child Crab]
No. of Children under 6 FREE: _________
[___ Chicken Strips -or- ___ Child Crab]

TOTAL Enclosed: $___________ please make your check payable to: ST. PAUL’S ATHLETIC BOARD

MAIL TO:
Athletic Board Crab Feed, c/o St. Paul School
1690 Church Street
San Francisco CA 94131

Seating preference (Family or Grade) will be accommodated as best as possible: ____________________________
December 27, 2016

Rev. Mario P. Farana  
221 Valley St  
San Francisco, CA 94131-2320

Dear Father Mario,

This holiday season we are grateful for your commitment to Epiphany Center’s mission of giving families a safe and nurturing home to heal together and stay together. I would like to thank you for your gift of baby clothes, adult clothes, and toys, valued at $250, on 12/27/2016. Together, we are dedicated to ending the cycles of trauma, substance abuse, and homelessness that plague San Francisco’s most marginalized women and children.

Because of Epiphany Center, I got to know amazing women. I was able to start a new life. I was able to take time to heal. I have a support system now that I know will always be there for me. It is an amazing feeling to know I always have somewhere safe to go and someone to lean on. Looking back at my time at Epiphany, I think about how comforting it was to have structure, and a routine. Epiphany is able to really help identify core issues and work with the women on an individual basis.

Without a doubt, Epiphany is a one of a kind program.

~A Recent Graduate

Your donation helps children to get the resources they need to flourish.

You’re making a difference in the lives of over 200 women and children each year!

With gratitude,

Sister Estela Morales, MSW  
Executive Director

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