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

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MUSIC MINISTRY
Saturday Vigil ~ Luke Mayernik, David Simi,
Judith Reuter, and Patty Lazzaretto
Sunday ~ Diane Costa, Joseph Duggan, and
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Dorothy Vigna, Director
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School of Religion { CCD } ~ Saturdays
9:30 am – 11:00 am, September through May

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Tuesdays 7:00 pm, September through May

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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: March 6th.
MOSP Dinner Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday: March 7th.
Renewal Group 9:30 am in the Rectory
Auction Dinner Dance Meeting 7pm
Wednesday: March 8th.
Stations of the Cross 8:30am 6:00pm with Soup Supper
Thursday: March 9th.
Renewal Group 6pm in the Rectory
Stations of the Cross in Spanish 7pm under the Church
Friday: March 10th.
CCD class 9:30 am to 11 am
MOSP St. Pat’s Dinner & Raffle
RCIA 8 am
Blood Drive
Coffee & Donuts following 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection Feb.26, 2017 $ 5,604.49
E-Contributions January 2017 $ 11,005.00
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $ 81,114.00
Collected amount through Feb 5, 2017 $ 8,561.00
Remaining Balance 2017 $ 83,550.00

Breakfast Burrito Sale!!
The Hispanic group will be selling Breakfast Burritos today; all the profits will be given
to the Parish. Burrito’s will cost $5.00, and will be sold after all morning Masses

Save the Date – Upcoming Events
March 8th Station of the Cross, 8:30 am, in the Chapel, 6pm in the Church followed by
soup supper – This week will be sponsored by the Parish Rectory
March 9th, Stations of the Cross – In Spanish, in the Chapel
March 11th Men of St. Paul’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Parish Raffle
March 12th Parish Blood Drive
March 18th, Community Outreach Soup Kitchen 8am to 3pm
Martin De Porres - 225 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94103
March 19th Women of St. Paul’s Bake Sale after all Masses

Next Sunday,
March 12th.
we change our
clocks.
Remember to
Spring Forward...

Parish Raffle 2017 – March 11, 2017
The Parish Raffle is one of our two big
fundraisers for the year. Tickets are still
available at $10 each. First and Second
prize will be the chance to win $5000.
Drawing will be held at 8pm on Saturday
March 11th at our annual Men of St. Paul’s,
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. For more
information please call the office 415-548-7538

St. Paul’s 2017 Community Outreach Lenten Schedule
Our first Lenten Gift will be next Sunday
Sunday March 12, 2017 – Sweatshirts (*Adult Blankets) & Toiletries - Martin de Porres -
MSC Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following:
Christine Sacino, Bob Murphy, Galynn Brady, Al DiVella, Dominic Sacino, Karen
Davis, Renato Miyamoto
We pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially the following: Mickie
Ruffoni, Bill Wallace, Paul Riley

Saturday 4:30 pm
Josephine & Jack Shea (D)
Alfred Raffo (D)
Elizabeth Davis (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Lillian Driscoll (D)
9:15 am
Alberto Alford (D)
10:45 am Spanish
Libia Fonseca (D)
Lucia Antuna
12:15 pm
SPHS Alumnae (L&D)
5:00 pm
Bob Goodwin (D)
Monday 8:30 am
William Mahoric (D)
Vincent Eder (D)
Fr. Tom Seagrave (D)
Wednesday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Wednesday 6:00pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Thursday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Friday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Saturday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Saturday 4:30 pm
Mickie Ruffoni (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Anthony Ferrara (D)
9:15 am
Ike Tan (D)
Mickie Ruffoni (D)
McMurtry Family (L)
10:45 am Spanish
Isabel Arguello (D)
Josefin Ford (D)
Socorro Morales (D)
Gloria Gladys Morales (D)
12:15 pm
Bob Goodwin (D)
5:00 pm
Steven Tonkovich (D)
STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION
The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, enclosed in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. “Perpetual Adoration,” “Reservation,” “Benediction,” and “Reposition” are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There’s plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

March 5th First Sunday of Lent
For purity of heart: May God grant us the grace to love unselfishly and treat each person with respect; We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
FORTALEZA ANTE LA TENTACIÓN
El primer domingo del tiempo de Cuaresma siempre incluye el relato evangélico de la tentación del Señor Jesús en el desierto por el diablo. Este año tiene como trasfondo la primera lectura de Génesis, en la que se narra la primera tentación del diablo que ocurre en el jardín del Edén. El relato del Evangelio transcurre en el desierto. Los creyentes sabemos que la tentación viene tanto en nuestros propios jardines como en los desiertos de nuestra vida. La Cuaresma comienza, y nuestra atención se dirige a esa tentación dentro de nosotros de hacernos como Dios –queremos control, poder y respuesta a todas las difíciles preguntas de la vida. A nuestras comunidades de fe se les ofrece este tiempo de arrepentimiento para que podamos unir nuestro corazón al de otros en el difícil camino de la conversión. Nos volvemos a Dios y hacia los demás buscando fortaleza ante la tentación.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Luego de una larga peregrinación, una imagen de Cristo llegó al pueblo de Esquipulas, Guatemala, el 9 de marzo de 1595. Dicha imagen negra de Cristo crucificado fue esculpida por Quirio Cataño a pedido de los habitantes del pueblo recién evangelizado.

En 1595, la recién esculpida estatua de Cristo iba rumbo a su destino, pero por cada pueblo que pasaba la gente pedía que lo dejaran una noche para que los fieles pudieran admirarla y rendirle culto a Cristo. Por tanto, la imagen tardó varios meses en llegar a su destino final.

Recientemente, una réplica del Cristo Negro de Esquipulas también tuvo problemas en llegar a su destino. Dicha copia, hecha en Guatemala para la comunidad guatemalteca de Los Ángeles, California, tuvo problemas al cruzar la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos, ya que las autoridades de inmigración no permitieron pasarla por falta de documentos. Los fieles no tuvieron otra opción que pasarla, a precio de "mordidas" y a escondidas, por lo cual se le llama el Cristo "Mojado" de Esquipulas. Cristo tuvo que entrar en este país como muchos inmigrantes latinos, a escondidas.

5 de marzo 1º Domingo de Cuaresma
Por los puros de corazón: para que Dios nos conceda la gracia de amar generosamente y tratar a cada persona con respeto; rogаемos al Señor:

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7b-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
St. Paul’s 2017 Community Outreach Lenten Schedule

DAILY MASS – During Lent the 8:30 am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – will be the following:
Wednesday morning in the Chapel, beginning March 8, 2017. following the 8:30 am Mass
Wednesday evening stations will take place in the Church at 6 pm, beginning March 8, 2017 followed by a Soup Supper in the Rectory
Thursday evening Spanish stations will be held in the Chapel under the Church at 6:30 pm, beginning March 9, 2017

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Our Lenten gifts to be shared with our brothers and sister in need are listed below:
Please bring the items on the assigned weekend:

Sunday March 5, 2017 - Brown Bag Lunch
Sunday March 12, 2017 – Sweatshirts (*Adult Blankets) & Toiletries - Martin de Porres - MSC Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.
Sunday March 19, 2017 – Diapers – Epiphany Center
Sunday March 26, 2017 – Men’s Socks, Underwear – Martin de Porres - MSC Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.
Sunday April 2, 2017 – Brown Bag Lunch

We are all journeying into our inner desert together. By the time the Triduum comes may we each have a deeper appreciation of the mighty acts of God and the tender love revealed in Jesus.

Abstinence
Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 year of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate and authentic sense of penance.

Fasting and Abstinence-
In addition of abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 – 59 (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal in allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according of one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids are allowed.

Note: if a person is unable to observe the above due to ill health or serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition

*When Speaking with the shelters they let us know that there is a need for sweatshirts instead of blankets, but if you have already purchased your Lenten gifts of a blanket we will be happy to take it and still donate to the shelter. Thank you
Coming Events:
Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent.

Stations of the Cross Wednesdays following the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel
Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6pm in the church followed by soup supper in the Rectory
Wednesday’s March 8, 2017 through April 5, 2017

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be held on Thursday’s @ 6:30pm in the Chapel under the
Church March 9, 2017 through April 6, 2017
Church Decorating for Easter April 15, 2017 10:15am Lunch will be provided

Lent for Life Rice Bowls
Encountering Lent

February 18th / 19th and February 25th / 26th you can pick up your Lenten Rice Bowls in the front and side vestibules of the Church.

CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. generations of Catholics have used their Lenten sacrifice to alleviate hunger caused by poverty and improve the lives of individual and families in developing countries as well as in their own communities. How they come together as communities of faith to help those in need are stories worth telling.

Within the rice bowl you will find a pamphlet with information on how your donations help.

If you would like more information on CRS rice bowl please go to their website:  www.crsricebowl.org Read stories of hope, find recipes and daily reflection or download their app to your iPhone from the iTunes store.

Please return your Rice Bowls to Church on Palm Sunday April 8th & 9th.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

| APRIL 13, 2017 | HOLY THURSDAY |
| APRIL 14, 2017 | GOOD FRIDAY |
| APRIL 15, 2017 | HOLY SATURDAY |
| APRIL 16, 2017 | EASTER SUNDAY |

Mass of the Last Supper: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 11:00 a.m.—12 noon
Good Friday Services: 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00p.m.
Mass: 8:00a.m.,9:30a.m.11: 00a.m (Spanish) 12:30p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
Reflecting on the Gospel

Flip Wilson was an African-American comedian-actor, the first to have his own variety show. The Flip Wilson Show, dating to the early 1970s. One of his delightful characters was Geraldine Jones. In a famous routine where Geraldine is dodging responsibility for buying a new dress, she names all the lures of the devil who is tempting her: you would look good in it, it's on sale, it's your size, it has a lot of flowers, no charge to try it on, the devil shoved me in the door. She summaries by saying, “The devil made me do it.” It became her catchphrase whenever she did not want to face up to having made an inappropriate choice. Ah, it’s so easy to say, “The devil made me do it.” It’s so easy to blame everything and everybody else for choices we make that change us not to be better, that hurt others, that lead us down a destructive path. How easily he could have used his divine power to command all he heavenly bodies to support and protect him. How easily he could have been given “all the kingdoms of he world.”

These temptations did not fool Jesus. He was not interested in the lures of this world. His kingdom was not of this world. His work was not self-promotion, but the glory of his Father and the salvation of those he came to serve. His mission was to tempt us to let go of ourselves, to come to God with unified hearts, to embrace the self-emptying that brings the greatest wealth: Life everlasting.

The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil to exercise self-serving power, to preserve his well-being, to seek
worldly wealth. That same Spirit leads us into the desert of ourselves to encounter the demons within us, to encounter the Father's mercy and forgiveness, to encounter Jesus calling us to align our lives more closely with his. We are first grafted onto Christ at our baptism. We are plunged into the cleansing waters to be raised up to new Life. We commit ourselves to goodness and profess our relationship to God. The strength of our baptismal commitment to God must be honed in the desert of ourselves where, stripped of all that distracts us, we stand naked and hungry before Truth. Only then can we be transformed. Only then are we transformed by God into beloved daughters and sons, sisters and brothers in Christ

**LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

Lent is not a time for us to withstand temptation alone. Rather, it is a wonderful time to get involved with others spiritually, and help each other to grow in goodness and the ability to resist temptation and come to a deeper realization of what our baptism entails. We are common identity in Christ, helping ourselves to be transformed into more perfect members of Christ's Body.

Most of us tend to keep our spiritual growth and struggles pretty much to ourselves. One marvelous way to help each other is to take some time with those with whom we are in significant relationships to do some in-depth faith-sharing. When we share our own temptations as well a spiritual blessings with others, we are not alone in choosing and serving and serving this God who gives us life – at creation and through "the one Jesus Christ" (second reading).
REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FOR COMMUNITY AND RENEW GROUPS
+ The temptations I need to address this Lent are . . .
+ The Spirit will help me by . . .
+ I experience God’s mercy and forgiveness for . . . when . . . to . . .
+ This Lent, in order to align myself more closely with Jesus, I must

FOR OUR PRESIDERS
+ As a presider, I am most often tempted to . . .
+ I allow myself to be transformed for . . .

FOR DEACONS
+ My service helps others know where the Spirit might be leading them when I .

FOR HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
+ My gracious hospitality draws those gathering for liturgy into the desert of self-awareness that . . .

FOR MUSIC MINISTERS
+ My participation in music ministry helps me resist the temptation to be self-serving when . . .
+ My collaboration with others in this minister helps me align myself more perfectly to Christ by . . .

FOR ALTAR SERVERS
+ My manner of serving at the altar witnesses to my life of serving God alone in that . . .

FOR LECTORS
+ In preparing to proclaim God’s word, the Spirit leads me to . . . by . . . for . . .

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
+ When I go into the desert of myself to prepare to distribute Holy Communion, my encounter with communicants becomes . . .
Teach children to be cheerful penitents

Invite children to go for a swim or a bike ride, and you’ll hear squeals of delight. Ask them to accompany you to Confession and you may hear groans instead. In fact, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is more refreshing than a swim and more strengthening than a bike ride. It is our gift from Jesus to help us experience his grace and make things right with God. Try these tips to brighten the family trip to the confessional:

Establish the background. Explain that Jesus created this Sacrament (Matthew 16:19) not to blame us or “catch” us breaking the rules, but because he loves us and knew we needed help to stay holy.

Work out the jitters. It’s normal to be anxious about admitting wrong and taking responsibility for our actions. Rehearse ahead of time so that it will feel familiar when your child is faced with the real thing. Remind her that she can ask the priest for help.

Build the expectation. Regular Confession will strengthen the entire family. Pick a set day and time – once a month, for example – so that no one is surprised when it comes around. Mark it on the calendar and schedule around it.

Celebrate. Then go for a swim or a bike ride to celebrate the entire family coming back into friendship with God.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics fast before Communion?

In the Bible, people fasted before coming into God’s presence or doing a special job for him. In addition, the Church recognizes that prayer involves the spirit and the body. By fasting, we prepare our bodies to enter God’s presence in the Mass, as well as preparing our souls.

In fasting, we experience a physical hunger, which expresses our spiritual hunger for God. Finally, fasting shows respect for Jesus in the Eucharist; it’s a concrete way to give him top priority.
Help children unwrap the gift of Lent

The Catholic practice of giving something up for Lent—abstaining from a favorite food or activity—develops self-control, serves as penance for sin, and can lead to a greater appreciation of our blessings. Even young children can benefit from a Lenten sacrifice but choosing one that’s too hard can turn Lent into a chore. Try these ideas to help choose a rewarding sacrifice:

Give up something valuable. This can be a favorite dessert, game, toy or activity.

Make it reasonable. The sacrifice should be something specific and age appropriate so that she will be able to see it through.

Add back. An alternative to giving something up is to add instead: more prayer, an extra chore, a daily devotion such as the Rosary.

Give up luxuries. Consider encouraging your youngster to pick something that may not be good for him anyway. For example, sweets, soft drinks, or television watching during the week, make healthy choices for Lenten abstinence. He may even decide to do without it when Lent is over.

Scripture Lesson
John 9:1-41, See as Jesus sees

In Jesus’ day, it was believed that suffering was a punishment for sin. So, when Jesus encountered a blind beggar, his disciples asked for whose sins the man was suffering. Jesus explained the man’s suffering was not for punishment but for God’s purpose. His subsequent cure was twofold: Jesus gave the man physical sight which enabled him to believe in Jesus as God’s Son. The faith of the blind man attracted others to Christ. Some of the Pharisees were convinced that Jesus was from God. Others condemned him as a sinner for curing the man on the Sabbath. These Pharisees were so focused on following the Law, they lost sight of God and his priorities.

What can a parent do? In baptism, we receive the gift of faith—the ability to “see” God and his loving plan, even amidst suffering. When we follow Jesus closely, we learn to see as he does. Take children to Mass at least weekly and Confession at least monthly and make prayer part of daily life. That will help to sharpen children’s spiritual “vision.”

Parent Talk

This year I wanted to shake up our practice of Lent. Normally, we made our usual sacrifices of candy, TV, and video games, and those are all good sacrifices to offer, but I wanted to find a way to make more time for prayer. The problem is that with young children, it’s hard to get through an entire Rosary. Then I learned about the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. This devotion was revealed by Jesus to St. Faustina, a simple Polish nun. The Chaplet is prayed on regular rosary beads and takes less time to pray than a Rosary. Even my young children enjoy saying the short, easy-to-remember prayers.

We say the Chaplet together at bedtime. What a great reminder of Jesus’ great sacrifice and God’s unending mercy! It has become one of our favorite bedtime rituals. Most importantly, it helps us to place our focus on Jesus during Lent.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 15 – Pope St. Zachary (752). Born in Calabria, Italy, St. Zachary was pope at a time of civil unrest in Italy. A skilled diplomat, he successfully negotiated peace for Italy on several occasions. He was integral to St. Boniface’s German mission and was also a generous patron of restoring churches. He is also known for freeing slaves sold by Venetian merchants.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was the son of a Roman citizen, Calpurnius. He was kidnapped by pirates at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God’s grace and trusted in his wisdom.

Our Mission


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# Lent Family Calendar

**St. Paul's Church**

**Dorothy Vigna, Director of Religious Education**

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<td>&quot;Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church’s liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying&quot; (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</td>
<td>5 Pick a saint depicted in one of the statues in your church and learn about him or her. Ask the saint to pray for your family during Lent.</td>
<td>6 Put a picture or statue of Jesus in a central place in your home to help you focus on him. Ask him to guide you and your family this Lent.</td>
<td>7 Today, practice being peacemakers. Instead of bickering, choose not to be offended and move on to something else.</td>
<td>8 Tonight, say an extra prayer for the refugees feeling from their homelands.</td>
<td>9 Cover the dinner table with a purple cloth. Explain that purple reminds us of the Passion of Jesus.</td>
<td>10 To honor Jesus’ Passion on Good Friday, share a meatless family meal together.</td>
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<td>12 Listen carefully to the Gospel and the homily at Mass. Afterwards, talk about ways to live the Gospel this week.</td>
<td>13 Cut a large cross out of construction paper. Together, decorate it with symbols that remind you of Jesus, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and display it prominently.</td>
<td>14 Pick a charity to which you want to donate. Fill a box or jar with loose or space change and donate it at the end of Lent.</td>
<td>15 At dinner tonight, encourage everyone to think of a person he or she doesn’t like and say three nice things about that person.</td>
<td>16 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Fill with canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys.</td>
<td>17 St. Patrick was devoted to evangelizing Ireland. In his honor, make and deliver thank you cards to your religious education teachers.</td>
<td>18 Make cookies or other treats for residents at a local nursing home. If you can, bring an extra tray of cookies for those who work there.</td>
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<td>19 St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus, is also the patron of families, fathers, and travelers. Today, ask for his intercession for all who will travel on Easter.</td>
<td>20 Each day remaining in Lent, put a jelly bean in a jar whenever someone does a good deed. Share the jelly beans at Easter!</td>
<td>21 Say a short prayer in front of each cross or crucifix in your home.</td>
<td>22 Review your Lenten offerings and refresh your commitment to them.</td>
<td>23 Foster a sense of gratitude. At dinner tonight, encourage each family member to name at least one blessing for which he or she is grateful.</td>
<td>24 Serve pretzels as a reminder that Catholics used to give up milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</td>
<td>25 Today is the feast of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel visited Mary and asked her to be the mother of Jesus. Read all about it in Luke 1:26-38.</td>
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<td>26 Laetare Sunday Today, have a special meal to celebrate the halfway point of Lent.</td>
<td>27 Hot cross buns are a traditional Lenten treat. Defrost frozen bread dough and shape into rolls. After baking, put long crosses on buns and enjoy!</td>
<td>28 Ask each family member to make an examination of conscience, using the Ten Commandments and eight Beatitudes as guides.</td>
<td>29 Pick a friend or neighbor and perform an anonymous good deed for him or her.</td>
<td>30 Encourage everyone to make a sacrificial offering, such as doing an extra chore without being asked. Doing it cheerfully wins!</td>
<td>31 Go on a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, in memory of the three hours Jesus hung on the cross.</td>
<td>1 Go to Confession as a family. Go out for a special treat afterwards to celebrate God’s forgiveness.</td>
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<td>2 Light a candle in church for someone who passed away or needs special help. Stay for a few minutes afterwards to pray for him or her.</td>
<td>3 Collect stuffed animals or soft pillows in good condition and bring them to a local nursing home. Older folks love soft things to hug!</td>
<td>4 Using colored markers, decorate tracing paper with Easter symbols. Hang them in front of windows to let the light shine through.</td>
<td>5 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today.</td>
<td>6 Place any final donations in the box you set up on March 16. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination.</td>
<td>7 Forgive someone who hurt you today. Ask forgiveness of anyone you may have offended.</td>
<td>8 Family story night! Cuddle up tonight and read Easter-themed books, such as the Legend of the Three Trees or The Week That Led to Easter.</td>
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<td>9 After Mass, place palms around each of the images of Jesus in your home to welcome the Messiah!</td>
<td>10 Tonight and every night this week, say a special prayer for those entering the Church during the Easter Vigil.</td>
<td>11 Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.</td>
<td>12 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.</td>
<td>13 Read the story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:20-30). Wash and dry each other’s feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.</td>
<td>14 Pray the Stations of the Cross today, and meditate on each one.</td>
<td>15 Today, color Easter eggs as a symbol of the new life we have in Christ.</td>
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1ST & 2ND PRIZE $5,000

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4TH PRIZE $1,500

5TH PRIZE $1,000

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The Men of St. Paul's invite you to come enjoy

St. Paul's Annual
St. Patrick's Dinner

Corned Beef,
Cabbage,
Soda Bread,
live music,
dancing,
fun!

Saturday, Mar 11, 2017
St. Paul's Parish Center

Doors Open at 5:00
Dinner at 7:00

Adults: $25, Seniors: $20
Children (under 13): $10

Tickets are available at the Rectory, in the School Office, or after 9:15 Mass.

A limited number of hot dogs will be available for children who don't eat corned beef.
Saint Paul's Church
BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Coach - 221 Valley Street, San Francisco, CA 94131

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