Mass Schedule
Vigil Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday - English
8:00 am, 9:15 am,
12:15 pm, and 5:00 pm
Children's Liturgy of THE WORD
at 9:15 Mass, September through May
all children age 5 to 4th Grade welcome
Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

Sunday en Español
10:45 am
Coffee & Pan Dulce following 10:45 Mass

Holy Days of Obligation
8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Daily Mass
Monday through 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 pm - 4:15 pm - or by appointment
Calendar of the Week

Monday: Sept 18th.  RCIA Begins 7pm in the Rectory
Tuesday: Sept. 19th.  Auction Dinner Dance Meeting 7pm
Wednesday: Sept. 20th.  CCD Class 9:30am to 11am
Thursday: Sept. 21st.  Club Latino – Breakfast Burritos following the
Friday: Sept. 22nd.  Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday: Sept. 23rd.  St. Paul's Thanksgiving Response to God This Past Week

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection Sept 10, 2017 $ 5,316.00
Second Collection Sept 10, 2017 Hurricane Harvey $ 2,620.61
E-Contributions August 2017 $ 4,878.36
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $92,119.00
Collected amount through 08/15/17 $53,520.00
Remaining Balance for 2017 $38,598.00

Women's Lunch and Hike at Sutro Heights Park
Event is open to all women in St Paul's Community... Join your fellow Women of St. Paul's on Saturday September 30th from 11:30am to 4pm for a relaxing potluck lunch at Sutro Heights Park followed by an activity of your choosing.
- A hike along the bluff towards the Golden Gate Bridge
- A trip to Sutro Bath Visitor's Center
- Sit and enjoy the magnificent view of Ocean Beach
- Or just join us for lunch if that works better for you.
Sutro Heights Park is located at 846 Point Lobos Ave, SF 94121... Plenty of free street parking on 48 Ave between Geary Blvd and Anza Any questions Please contact Nancy Brana @ Nanbrana@AOL.com or 415-786-0116

Breakfast Burrito Sale!!
The Hispanic group will be selling Breakfast Burrito, Sunday September 24, 2017 following the morning Masses; all the profits will be given to the Parish. Burrito cost is $5.00.

All High School Student and their Parents are invited to a Parent Meeting, Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to begin the journey for high school candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the meeting, you will receive information regarding St. Paul's High School Confirmation Program. High School Confirmation Classes begin October 10 at 7:30 pm.

Parish Blood Drive
The next Parish Blood Drive will be on September 24, 2017 from 8am to 12noon. As always there never seems to be enough blood to keep up with the demand. To schedule an appointment, either to www.bloodheroes.com and go to the dropdown to find St. Paul's or call Jill Alcantar at (415)586-8911. Thank you

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Carlos Mendez, Jose Ballesteros, Helen Green Prado Chavarin, Juan Villatoro, Dylan Cazin, James Cotter, Spencer Snow, Gabriella Flores, Violet Bascope, The Pedersen Family, Christine Sacino, Karen Davis, Elana Hall, Jan Spillane, Phillip Crouch, John Anzalone
For those who have died:

Box Top$ for Education- Summer Collecting
The St. Paul's Grade School kids are collecting Box Tops of Education, this year's goal is to raise $1000.00, between now and the 2nd Friday in October. If you'd like to help the School in reaching this goal please pick up a flyer in the vestibules of the church. If you have additional questions please contact Paul Sportelli, President of St. Paul's PTG at ptgboard@stpaulsf.net
FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We’ve seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren’t somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated “Through Christ” at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord’s words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
17 de septiembre 24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

PERDÓN

Unos diez años antes, un padre e hijo se distanciaron cuando el negocio en el que eran socios se fue a bancarrota. El hijo culpó al padre. No se hablaron más.

Entonces el padre se puso gravemente enfermo. La madre llamó al hijo y le dijo que viniera a verlo pronto. El hijo entró con vergüenza a su habitación en el hospital. El padre hizo un gesto para que se acercara y susurró: “¿Acaso pensaste que podrías hacer algo que me hiciera dejar de amarte?”

El rencor y la cólera son abominables, nos dice la primera lectura de Siracide. Piensa en tu fin. Deja de odiar. Vive conforme a los mandamientos. Como escribe san Pablo en Romanos, para el Señor vivimos y para el Señor morimos.

En el decimosextxo aniversario del 11 de septiembre de 2001, para nosotros en Estados Unidos todavía no nos es fácil perdonar. Sin embargo, la parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda la compasión de Dios. El inmenso pecado de la humanidad ha sido perdonado y borrado del libro. Tenemos que perdonar a otros de igual manera.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1535 los frailes mercedarios construyeron la primera iglesia en Lima Perú dedicada a su patrona, Nuestra Señora de la Merced. Esta orden religiosa se remonta al siglo XIII, mientras algunos musulmanes tomaban prisioneros cristianos en España. Era su misión rescatar a los cautivos, incluso, hasta tomar su lugar si fuera necesario.

Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tim 2:1-8; Sal 28 (27):2, 7-9; Lc 7:1-10
Martes: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Sal 101 (100):1b-3ab, 5-6; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Viernes: 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Sal 49 (48):6-10, 17-20; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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Por las veces que hemos dado por sentado el don de Dios de la vida: Que busquemos el perdón con confianza en el amor fiel y misericordioso de Dios: rogüemos al Señor.
St. Paul Catholic Church

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

an introduction to the Stories, Rituals, and Symbols of the Catholic Community, leading to Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation

St. Paul Catholic Church is proud to offer an RCIA Program for adults who wish to become Catholic; who were baptized Catholic but haven’t received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation; and adult Catholics who simply want to delve deeper into the Catholic faith.

ST. PAUL’S RCIA Program for 2017-2018, begins Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm
St. Paul Catholic Church, Rectory, 221 Valley Street, San Francisco

Please contact Terri Brady or Deacon Bill McLoughlin, at 415.648.7538 if you, or someone you know, is interested in the RCIA program.
Support your community.
Donate Blood.

Blood Centers of the Pacific provides blood to more than 50 local hospitals.

Saint Paul's Church
BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, September 24, 2017
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

To schedule your life-saving appointment, Please register online at www.BloodHeroes.com
Select 'Donate Blood' Sponsor Code: SaintPaulSF
Or contact Jill Alcantar at 415-586-8911 with questions.

Each donor receives a FREE sandwich and drink from ROXIE Foods on San Jose Avenue.

Appointments encouraged, but Walk-Ins are welcome!

Blood Centers of the Pacific
888-393-4483
bloodcenters.org

SAVE TIME! Complete your FAST TRACK Health History the day you donate at www.bloodcenters.org
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4, 2017, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. While it can be customary to have the blessing of the pets, this year St. Paul’s will be having a Pet Food Drive during the month of October, beginning the weekend of October 6th/7th through October 28th/29th. Our donations will be going to San Francisco, SPCA and Muttville Senior Dog Rescue.

Many of us have pets as part of our families and couldn’t imagine life without them. While these Dogs and Cats are waiting for a forever home to go to, we as a community can help make their stay easier in the shelters.

While, dry or canned foods are needed for the pets it’s not their only needed items. Both shelters explained that they are very lucky that many companies and individuals help in the daily feeding the animals, there are many other items that help the shelters and I’ve listed them below along with the web address of both shelters wish lists. This may help you in deciding how you can help with our drive.

Both shelters are always in need of new or gently used, blankets, sheets (Not fitted) and bath towels (not hand towels or wash clothes)

Many of these items can be purchased on Amazon or in any of the Pet Stores.

If you want to see more items that they need you can visit the Muttville website: http://www.muttville.org/give#wishlist

For the SPCA visit: https://www.sfspca.org/get-involved/donate/kind-donations/wish-list
## Muttville Wish List

Cloud Star Chewy Trick Trainers 3 Flavor Variety Bundle
Cloud Star Chewy Tricky Trainers, Liver Flavor
Cloud Star Original Soft and Chewy Buddy Biscuit, Roasted Chicken Flavor
Buddy Biscuits Soft & Chewy Dog Treats Variety Pack
Weruva Dog Food, Paw Lickin' Chicken, 5.5-Ounce Cans (Pack of 24)
Wellness WellBites Soft & Chewy Treats For Good Dogs (The mutts REALLY love these treats!)
Blueberry Pet 1-inch by 4-Feet Classic Solid Large Basic Nylon Dog Leash Made For Last – Medium Turquoise, Large
Coastal Pet Products DCP304 Black Nylon Collar Lead for Pets
ADOPT ME Yellow Color Coded 4 Foot Padded Dog Leashes
Puppia Soft MEDIUM and LARGE Dog Harnessed in ANY color
AKC Box Weave Solid Cuddler
ASPCA Microtech Striped Dog Bed Cuddler, 28 by 20 by 8-Inch
Best Friends by Sheri OrthoComfort Deep Dish Cuddler in Sherpa, 20"x20"x12
Doggy beds by P.L.A.Y.
GREENIES PILL POCKETS Treats for Dogs Chicken Flavor – Capsule Size Value Size 15.8 oz. 60 Count
Puppia Soft Dog Harness, all sizes and any color

## San Francisco SPCA Wish List

Baby Food - we use Gerber 2nd Foods: Chicken, Turkey and Beechnut for weaning kittens.
Bath- and beach-sized Towels
Flannel and fleece blankets
Pet beds
Unopened bags and cans of cat or dog food
Dawn dishwashing liquid
Facial tissue
Front-attachment dog harnesses, all sizes
Towels
Sheets (not fitted)
Copy paper
Rubber dog toys
Extra large dog beds in good condition (40" + circular, 36"x40"+ rectangular)
Durable, clean plush dog toys (no balls/tennis balls)
Unopened high quality training treats (Natural Balance, Zukes, etc)
Clean Kongs (good condition, any size)
St. Paul's School & Parish present

Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Oktoberfest Celebration
St. Paul's School
1690 Church Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

Drinks - Food - Games
12:00PM - 4:00PM

www.stpaulschoolsf.org