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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

LOVE – PENITENCE

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



As you all probably know by now, this year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. Since the beginning of the year there has

been a lot of groaning about this fact in our church circles. How do we celebrate this cultural day of love and friendship when we have ashes on our foreheads reminding us that 'you are dust and to dust you shall return'? As a person who tends to always see the glass as half full, I consider this to be an opportunity, not a challenge. During the season of Lent Christians are called to spend time doing serious self-examination for forty days in anticipation of the arrival of Easter, a season of life and renewal. What a wonderful opportunity this gives us to think about what love and friendship mean us and how we exercise

those in our lives and relationships. The coming together of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day may just serve as the perfect occasion for putting aside roses, chocolates and expensive cards that say things we may or may not really feel, to ready dig in and go deep into what it really means to love. After all, at the end of the season of Lent we are called to remember and partake in the ultimate expression of love humanity has ever known, Jesus' death on the cross for all on Good Friday.

There is a 1978 song, made famous by brothers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb (the Bee Gees), entitled How deep is your love, and every close to Valentine's Day it comes to mind for me. Though its focus is romantic love, I wonder if it can't also serve as a question for Christian love. How deep is my love: of God, the other and myself? In the call to be more Christ like

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH POTLUCK

Mark your calendar. On Sunday, February 18th after the 10:00 am service, we'll be celebrating Black History Month with a festive potluck. This is one of our biggest and best, so bring a hearty appetite and something yummy to share.



ST. PAUL'S AT THE WOMEN'S MARCH IN OAKLAND ON JANUARY 20, 2018

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.



February

Bottles of juice

March

Bottles of juice

April

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!

WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women Who Wonder will meet Tuesday, February 20 in the Chapter Room at 6:00 pm. Our new book is *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest. Please read part one. The book is fairly new and easily available. There will be salad makings. Please feel free to bring something to share. All women are invited to come--and we hope you will!

MEN WHO WANDER

Men Who Wander will not be meeting during the month of February. We invite you to join us at Wednesday evening prayer at 6 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S TO HOST DIACONAL ORDINATION

On Saturday, February 10 at 3 p.m. St. Paul's will host Bishop Marc and the other members of the Diocesan family for the ordination of Jennifer Nelson to the vocational diaconate. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital offering to St. Paul's Church. Your donation will be processed through SPEC's PayPal account.



LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist

7 a.m. in Chapel, 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Church

Every Sunday, February 18 through March 25:

Catechumenate, 11 a.m. to 12 noon
Lenten Series, Following the 10 a.m. Service, Parish Hall

Every Monday, February 19 through March 26:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Tuesday, February 20 through March 20:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Wednesday, February 21 through March 28:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel,
Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m. in Church;
Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday, February 22 through March 29:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Friday, February 23 through March 23:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel,
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday – March 25:

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 10 a.m.

Holy Wednesday – March 28:

The Service of Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – March 29:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – March 30:

The Service of Good Friday, 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – March 31:

The Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 1:

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Easter Potluck brunch and Egg Hunt following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy.

2018 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer
Senior Warden
George Strait
Junior Warden
Irene Plunkett
Clerk
Sandra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2018

Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Sandra Anderson

Class of 2019

Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020

Ben Clausen
Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Pamela Buckingham

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 4, The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Ain't got time to die, *Thayer*;
 There is a balm, *Dawson*;
 Prelude in C, *Rinck*; Prelude and
 Fugue in B-flat, *Krebs*.

With St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Choir; Christopher Kula, Music
 Director.

Sunday, February 4, 4 p.m.
Evensong

Eccard, When to the temple
 Mary went.

With St. Paul's Choir of Men and
 Boys
 Anthem. Christopher Kula,
 Director.

Sunday, February 11, The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Elijah Rock, *Hairston*; Ride the
 Chariot, *Smith*; Prelude in Bb,
Handel; Prelude and Fugue in A
 Minor, *Krebs*.

With St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Choir; Christopher Kula, Music
 Director.

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Remember not, Lord, our
 offences, *Purcell*; Lord, for thy
 tender mercies' sake, *Farrant*;
 Ave verum Corpus, *Byrd*; O
 Lamm Gottes unschuldig, *Bach*.

With St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Choir; Christopher Kula, Music
 Director.

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

This little light of mine, *Leavitt*;
 I will wash my hands, *Hurd*;
 Meditation, *Duruflé*; Chaconne in
 F Minor, *Pachelbel*.

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Tristis est anima mea, *Poulenc*;
 Steal away, *Tippett*;
 Prélude Modal, *Langlais*;
 Prelude and Fugue in C Minor,
Bach.

Sunday, February 25, 8 p.m.

Compline

Prayers for the end of the day.
 Gregorian chant and polyphony
 in candlelight. With St. Paul's
 Compline Choir. Christopher
 Kula, Choir Director.

Newsletter contributors sought

*We are interested in
 hearing from writers
 and photographers;
 please email us if you
 would like to donate
 your talents.*

*The deadline for each
 edition is the 25th of the
 month previous
 to publication.*

*Please send your
 submissions of no more
 than 500 words to:
 halice@pacbell.net.*



COME ONE, COME ALL! TO ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FEED AND RACES

Put on your scarves & aprons ladies and gents, and get ready to race!

We'll serve a traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner with bacon, sausage, coffee & juice and all the pancakes you can eat!

Then, get ready for the competitive and really fun pancake races! Will last year's winners defend their titles? Join us to find out!

All proceeds benefit St. Paul's Episcopal Church

When: Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall

114 Montecito Avenue, Oakland, CA
94610

Cost: Suggested donation of \$1.00 for kids, \$3.00 for adults

Want to donate food or volunteer at the event?

We need some good pancake flippers!

Please contact the coordinator: Pamela Buckingham

pamela.kruse.buckingham@gmail.com

C: 510-904-8413



SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having "Stand-Ins" from 11a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate.

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

BAKING COMMUNION BREAD DURING LENT

This year for the Sunday Eucharist services, we will be using homemade bread. If you would like to participate in this special ministry, please contact Father Wilson.

Office phone: (510) 834-4314 x 502

Email: rector@stpaulsoakland.com



2018 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS

WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.

The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God's grace. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "*I did it just for you.*"

February 21: He Chose to Be One of Us

February 28: He Chose to Forgive Us

March 7: He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence

March 14: He Chose to Love Us Forever

March 21: He Chose to Give Us Victory



2018 CATECHUMENATE

Are you seeking to be Baptized, Confirmed, to be received into the Episcopal Church, or to reaffirm your faith?

During the season of Lent we will be having classes for those who wish to become a member of the church through one of these rites.

Following the general structure of an ancient church practice, the candidates will be received into the order of catechumens the first Sunday in Lent and the classes will be held from 11am to 12 noon on Sunday mornings.

Baptisms will take place at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 8pm. Confirmations, receptions and renewal of Vows will be at Grace

Cathedral in San Francisco in June 2018.

Please speak to Fr. Wilson to enroll in the program and for more information.

February 18: The Baptismal Covenant – Rev. Anne Jensen

February 25: The Outline of Faith – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 4: Anglicanism – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 11: The Bible – Rev. Anne Jensen

March 18: Holy Women, Holy Men - Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 25: Baptismal Ministry – Rev. Anne Jensen

2018 SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES: LIVING SCRIPTURES: PARABLES

SUNDAYS IN LENT

11:30 AM

Parish Hall

This Lenten program uses live, dynamic storytelling to provoke deep reflection on scripture. Parables are gifts, and every time we open them something new emerges. What will emerge for you in this season?

Schedule

- 2/18 Parable of the good Shepherd
- 2/25 Parable of the Good Samaritan
- 3/4 Parable of the Great Pearl
- 3/11 No Parable: Family + Faith Workshop
- 3/18 Parable of the Leaven
- 3/25 Parable of the Mustard Seed

3/11 – Family + Faith Workshop

11:30 AM

Parish Hall

What does it mean to be a faithful family in the 21st Century? Through music, storytelling, and hands-on activities, workshop leader Sam Kauffman will equip you with concrete and simple ways to thrive in faith at home. Lunch included.

[Click here to register](#)

Suggested Donation: \$25 to cover the cost of lunch



**LIVING
SCRIPTURES:
PARABLES**



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND PROUDLY PRESENTS

FAMILY + FAITH

Workshop

SUN. MARCH 11TH, 2018

11:30 AM

Dear Readers:
In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don't get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

4 p.m. *Evensong*
(*First Sundays, Oct.-June*)

8 p.m. *Compline*
(*4th Sundays only*)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(*with Healing prayer on*
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

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each day, is my love deep enough to offer myself in sacrifice for others, even those who hate me and are calling for my demise?

Here's something else to think about. When the Catholic Church canonized Valentine, marking him as a saint, it was because of their belief that he had been martyred, though no specific explanation of evidence of any actions to describe him as such. The term martyr is used in reference to those who have been put to death by others because of their faith. This means that at some point there was the belief, whether provable or not, that Valentine had been willing to

die for faith and the implications of being a follower of Jesus. This begs the question: How far are you willing to go for your faith? Are you willing to die for the Church?

Let us take this month and the season of Lent and seriously commit ourselves to discerning what's in our hearts, what moves us, what is the meaning of love and what are we willing to do in its name.