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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

KILLING MACHINES

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

The title may sound scary, and I would have to agree with such assessment. But, is it any scarier than what we have been witnessing in this country and around the world?

As we continue our lent journey towards Holy Week, Good Friday and the remembrance of Jesus' death, I have been thinking about the human ability to bring about death. I must admit that these thoughts are probably attributable to the shooting deaths of 17 people at Stoneman Douglas School in Florida, as well as the other shootings that have occurred over the last few years in the United States, as well as genocides and wars that continue around the world.

I constantly hear that humanity has made great progress in the technological fields. Our capabilities for doing and building bigger and more exciting marvels continues to grow and expand. Things that we considered dreams fifty years ago are becoming obsolete in 2018. We keep surprising ourselves with how quickly things are changing and moving forward.

I stop and ask myself: When is progress not progress but regress? I am taking particular focus on the fact that today more than ever any lone individual has the highest possibility to kill great numbers of people in a very short time. Even when I take a look at biblical stories, I reflect on the fact that the martyrdoms we hear of were all orchestrated by large groups of people. When we hear of the Assyrian or Babylonian conquests, the many times of the fall of Jerusalem, Israel versus Egypt, they were not one killing many but rather a many-to-many scenario.

As a priest I have tried to think of ways to find biblical support for my perspective on the need to eliminate the current culture of guns and violence that we live in, but I've had to come to the realization that there is nothing to come from Jesus, his disciples or the older prophets regarding these incidents simply because there were no guns in



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: TIME TO SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.



PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

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

March

Bottles of juice

April

Bottles of juice

May

Bottles of juice

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

Thanks!

HOLY HIKES

On Saturday, March 17th, Holy Hikes will be partnering with San Francisco Baykeeper to clean up the East Creek Slough, one of Oakland's "trash hotspots." We will not have a traditional hike, but will weave the different parts of The Holy Eucharist into our walk along the East Creek Slough during the clean-up time. The structure of this event will be roughly as follows:

10:00 Gathering with Opening Prayers

10:15 Introduction/Supplies & Readings from Scripture

10:30 Walk and Bay clean-up

11:30 Pause/Clean-up for 15 minutes to have Prayers of the People and Peace

11:45 Continue walk and clean-up

12:45 Liturgy of the Table with light snacks to follow

Please RSVP if you are able to holyhikes@gmail.com if you plan to join us for this Bay cleanup.

When: Saturday March 17, 9:45 a.m. (gather); 10 a.m. (event starts)

Where: East Creek Slough, Oakland

We will meet at the North Parking Lot of the Coliseum Public Market. You can use the entrance just north of the main Coliseum Public Market entrance at [5401 Coliseum Way](#), or you can use the main entrance and when you go in, turn right and go to the northward far parking lot by the fence. Look for Baykeeper and Holy Hikes banners.

Link: www.holyhikes.org

Contact: the Rev. Justin R. Cannon, holyhikes@gmail.com

MEN WHO WANDER

Men Who Wander will not be meeting during the month of March. The next time we will meet will be Tuesday, April 15 at Drake's Dealership: 2325 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.

WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women Who Wonder will meet Tuesday, March 13 in the Chapter Room at 6:00 pm. Our new book is *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan and priest. Please read pages 121-172. 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!

LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR

**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 Easter
Fair following the 10:00 a.m.
liturgy.*

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.



2018 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

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

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Will Cowart

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DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Pamela Buckingham

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH

**Sunday, March 4, The Third
Sunday in Lent**

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Lord, let me know mine end,
Greene; Nolo mortem, *Morley*;
Saraband in Modo Elegiaco,
Howells.

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

**Sunday, March 11, The Fourth
Sunday in Lent**

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Jesu, the very thought of thee,
Bairstow; God so loved the world,
Goss.

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

**Sunday, March 18, The Fifth
Sunday in Lent**

Tenebrae factae sunt, *Poulenc*;
Ave verum corpus, *Mawby*; Da
Jesus an dem Kreuze stund,
Scheidt.

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

**Sunday, March 25, Palm/Passion
Sunday**

Improperium, *Witt*; Jesus Christ,
the apple tree, *Poston*.

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

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

Ubi caritas, *Duruflé*; Christus
factus est, *Asola*; If ye love me,
Tallis.

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

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

Quatre motets pour un temps de
penitence, *Poulenc*; Passion
according to St. John, *Victoria*;
The Reproaches, *Sanders*; Deep
River, *Tippett*.

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

Saturday, March 31

Easter Vigil

Collegium Regale, *Howells*; Haec
dies, *Byrd*; Christ, our Passover,
Willan; Tocatta in B minor,
Gigout.

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

Sunday, April 1

Easter

Collegium Regale, *Howells*; Haec
dies, *Byrd*; This joyful Eastertide,
Wood; Christ ist erstanden, *Bach*;
Prelude and Fugue in D,
Buxtehude.

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

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hearing from writers
and photographers;
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would like to donate
your talents.*

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edition is the 25th of the
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to publication.*

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

CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE: ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE WORKSHOP IN JESUS' THIRD WAY

In these divisive times, it can be difficult to live out our Baptismal promises: "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves," "Striving for justice and peace among all people," and "respecting the dignity of every human being." Yet, Jesus already has shown us nonviolent ways of living in community.



This introductory workshop introduces nonviolent practices through interactive group exercises, stories, reflection and discussion. It provides strategies to engage others respectfully and constructively, even in sticky social situations. Group leaders, teens, and anyone dealing with conflict or controversy in the family, school, work, or organizations, will feel more creative and empowered to respond. Come to learn with Janet Chisholm, a longtime nonviolence trainer and Episcopalian.

When: Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: [St. Paul's](#), 114 Montecito Ave, Oakland

Registration:

<https://diocal.wufoo.com/forms/creating-a-culture-of-peace/>

Recommended Reading: [Jesus and Nonviolence, A Third Way](#) by Walter Wink (\$7 paperback)



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.

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.*"

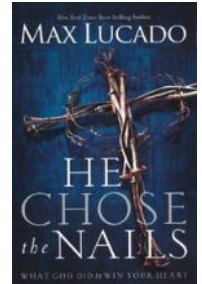
~~**February 21:** He Chose to Be One of Us~~

~~**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~~

3/11 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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those times. However, as God's people in the world today we must continue discerning the ways in which God is speaking to us today to face our current circumstances and issues. This way in which we know God has been present though the examples of the Bible.

The reality is that violence in Holy Scriptures is very ambiguous, and it can be used to justify any position you wish to stand by. There are times when the Bible violence is unacceptable and others where it is mandated and sometimes even inflicted directly by God (the Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Egyptian Army, to name a few). This said, I would invite our thought

process to center on Jesus. You can probably infer from what I've written above, that I would ask the question *What would Jesus do?* However, I unequivocally offer the question *What would a Christ-like response be to the current situation?* Jesus calls us to love each other and care for the more vulnerable members of our community. He was willing to risk being in good standing with the politicians of his time to feed the hungry, heal the sick, restore the broken and even raise the dead. Now we each must ask ourselves: what am I willing to sacrifice to serve the vulnerable in my community?