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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

RESOLVE TO CELEBRATE

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

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The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Acts 26:15-18

We begin the year 2020 in a strange way, with news of potential of serious conflict with the Middle East. The constant barrage of information from news networks for the most part is bad news, not good or encouraging. It can be a snowball effect that leads us to a loss of hope and to live in fear. In the midst of it all, we at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland are preparing to observe a milestone in the congregation's life and the question arises in my mind: are we allowed to celebrate?

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, founded in downtown Oakland in 1871, has a long-established history in the Oakland community. It has been a place of spiritual gathering for many generations. While in its early days St. Paul's was known more as a church for the wealthy, over the years, the parish membership has evolved into a progressive and diverse urban community.

We believe in an acceptance of diverse Christian views, for the purpose of coming together to worship in community. Our parishioners presently include a mix of singles, families of

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ST. PAUL'S 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on January 19, during the 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist service. Besides receiving committee and ministry reports, we will also be electing three persons to the Vestry as well as two deanery dele-

gates and three alternates. The vestry nominations committee has received names of potential vestry nominees. Please let us know if you are willing and able to serve as a Deanery Delegate.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN JANUARY

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

The process of restocking the inventory is underway and we are hoping to receive your donations of strawberry or grape jelly and juice.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Sunday, January 5, 4 pm Evensong

This short Anglican service combines the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy. With St. Paul's Schola Cantorum, Christopher Kula, Director.

Sunday, January 19, 7 pm Concert: The Yale Whiffenpoofs in Oakland!

Join the Whiffs for their return live show at St. Paul's Episcopal Church! Enjoy an evening featuring smooth ballads, jazzy solos, and timeless oldies from the world's oldest and most renowned collegiate a cappella group. We can't wait to see you there!

Featuring an opening performance by Pacific Boychoir Academy's Continuum. Recent Whiffenpoof performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and Lincoln Center. The Whiffenpoofs have also reached a television audience of more than 175 million in appearances on NBC's "The Sing Off," "The West Wing," "The Today Show," "60 Minutes," "Gilmore Girls," "Jeopardy!," "Saturday Night Live," and "Glee," and have performed for multiple sitting Presidents of the United States.

Doors open at 6:40 pm.

Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$15 senior, \$10 student, \$34.99 priority seating, \$49.99 family. Tickets can be bought at <https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/oakland2020> or at the door with cash or card.



Sunday, January 26, 3 pm
Concert: Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

Third Concert

Jean Sibelius • Symphony No. 5 in Eb Major, Op. 82
 Felix Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner
 55 Years of Community Music Making. Director Eric Hansen and The Prometheus Symphony Orchestra welcome you to our concert series for the 2019-2020 season, featuring well-established favorites as well as innovative, modern works.

Eric Hansen, Music Director and Conductor.
 Pre-concert Talk begins at 2:40 PM

There is no admission fee and families with children are welcome. More info at <https://www.prometheussymphony.org/>

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

Eric Hansen, Music Director



Sunday, January 26, 8 pm

Compline

Since October of 2002, the choir of St. Paul's has sung Compline on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8:00 pm. The transcendent quality of the Gregorian Chant, along with the beauty of St. Paul's Church bathed in candlelight, has made the service an oasis of peace in the lives of those who attend, both Christians and Non-Christians. The candles are lit at 7:50 and the church remains open for a half hour after the service ends (usually around 8.40). With St. Paul's Compline Choir. Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

**2019 OFFICERS OF
 THE
 VESTRY**

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
 Wilson – *Rector*
 Irene Plunkett
Senior Warden
 Will Cowart
Junior Warden
 Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Clerk
 Sandra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2019

Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
 Irene Plunkett
 Will Cowart

Class of 2020

Allison Sass
 Dylan Versteeg
 Bill Davis

Class of 2021

Madyé Parrish
 Sergio Prieto
 Erica Terry-Derryck

Future meetings:

February 1—Retreat
 February 25
 March 24

**DEANERY
 DELEGATES AND
 ALTERNATES 2015**

Delegates

Melanie Blake
 James Kadleck
 Tom McGarrell

Alternates

To Be Appointed

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367



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.

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, was a prolific writer on Scripture and doctrine, an orator, and a poet to whom some of the earliest Latin hymns have been attributed. Augustine called him “the illustrious doctor of the Churches.” Jerome considered him “the trumpet of the Latins against the Arians.”

Hilary was born in Poitiers in Gaul, about 315, into a pagan family of wealth and power. In his writings, he describes the stages of the spiritual journey that led him to the Christian faith. He was baptized when he was about thirty.

In 350, Hilary was made Bishop of Poitiers. Although he demurred, he was finally persuaded by the people’s acclamations. He proved to be a bishop of skill and courage. His Orthodoxy was shown when, in 355, the Emperor Constantius ordered all bishops to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, under

pain of exile. Hilary wrote to Constantius, pleading for peace and unity. His plea accomplished nothing, and, when he dissociated himself from three Arian bishops in the West, Constantius ordered Julian (later surnamed the Apostate) to exile him to Phrygia. There he remained for three years, without complaining, writing scriptural commentaries and his principal work, *On the Trinity*.

Hilary was then invited by a party of “semi-Arians,” who hoped for his support, to a Council at Seleucia in Asia, largely attended by Arians; but with remarkable courage, in the midst of a hostile gathering, Hilary defended the Council of Nicaea and the Trinity, giving no aid to the “semi-Arians.” He wrote again to Constantius, offering to debate Saturninus, the Western bishop largely responsible for his exile. The Arians feared the results of such an encounter and persuaded Constantius to return Hilary to Poitiers.

In 360, Hilary was welcomed back to his see with great demonstrations of joy and affection. He continued his battle against Arianism, but he never neglected the needs of his people. Angry in controversy with heretical bishops, he was always a loving and compassionate pastor to his diocese. Among his disciples was Martin, later Bishop of Tours, whom Hilary encouraged in his endeavors to promote the monastic life.

O Lord our God, you raised up your servant Hilary to be a champion of the catholic faith: Keep us steadfast in that true faith which we professed at our baptism, that we may rejoice in having you for our Father, and may abide in your Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

WEEKLY FLOWER DONATIONS

It's the time of year again to sign up for weekly flower dedications. Each Sunday, except during Lent and Advent, the altar flowers are paid for by parishioners and friends in memory of loved ones or in celebration of life events (birthdays, anniversaries, new arrivals, graduations). The suggested donation is \$65 and you will be contacted the week before your dedication date as a reminder and for the wording you would like to appear in the service sheet. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Altar Guild Coordinator Ann Del Simone (anndelsim@msn.com) if you would like to make a dedication, and let Ann know if you have any special flower requests.

Do you like to arrange flowers or have an interest in preparing the altar for Sunday services? The St. Paul's Altar Guild is looking for new members and would love for you to join us. Contact Ann for further information.



SAVE Stand-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.



BAKING COMMUNION BREAD DURING LENT

This year for the Sunday and Weekday 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.

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

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.

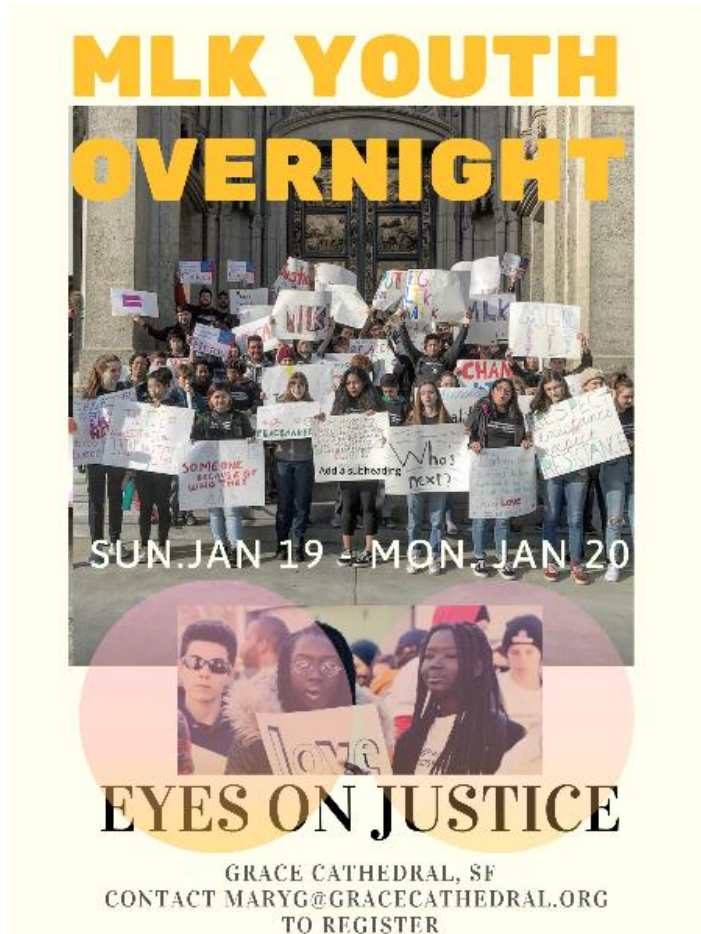


WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

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

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.



**MLK YOUTH
OVERNIGHT**

SUN JAN 19 - MON JAN 20

EYES ON JUSTICE

GRACE CATHEDRAL, SF
CONTACT MARYG@GRACECATHEDRAL.ORG
TO REGISTER

MLK Youth Overnight and Day of Action is coming

Join youth from 6th-12th grade for thoughtful and fun activities and a night sleeping in the cathedral before marching for justice together in the annual SF MLK parade!

When: Sunday, January 19, 5 p.m. to Monday, January 20, 1 p.m.

Where: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco

Contact: The Rev. MC Greene for more information.

Register: via emailing maryg@gracecathedral.org

FEAST OF ST. PAUL'S 2020 CELEBRATION



January 26, 2020

Be sure to join the rest of the St. Paul's family in celebrating another year of service and ministry to the Oakland community. We will have the Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey, Canon to the Ordinary Diocese of California, as our preacher. After the 10:00am Service we will move to the Parish Hall for a Festive Lunch.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH, CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The director will serve as the head FaithQuest Teacher, volunteer coordinator, coordinate the chaplaincy services provided to St. Paul's School and will take other responsibilities as necessary in the daily operation of the parish in coordination with the Rector, Parish Administrator, and Bookkeeper.

The minister's work will be to support the volunteers, children, and families involved with the FaithQuest Program which meets weekly on Sunday Mornings from 10:00 am until approximately 11:00 am. The Minister will be in the classroom as the main Storyteller, Doorkeeper, or 3rd supporting adult as scheduled and needed.

The Director will also continue developing the youth program and events primarily focused on ages 13 to 17. She/He will be responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers, planning, and organizing of youth events and meetings,

and communicating with the youth's parents about the programs and activities the youth will be involved in.

She/he will also coordinate with the current ministry team to ensure that the School needs (below) are met. It will be the expectation that the Coordinator will, in most cases, be the person giving the service, and if unable will call upon other clergy and lay leaders of the church to assist as needed. In filling the School's needs it will also be necessary to be in regular communication and coordination with the faculty, administrative and support staff of the school.

This is a full time non-ordained position.

If you know someone who might qualify for this position please have them send their resume to pad@stpaulsoakland.org

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY YOGA

4:30pm-5:30pm every Monday (except for school Holidays)



St. Paul's Church will be offering a free, weekly, all levels yoga class to our extended St. Paul's family! The practice will consist of mindfulness meditation, strength building, stretching, stress resilience, and deep relaxation. All bodies, ages and abilities welcome! Come take care of yourself, unwind, and recharge for the week ahead.

Please wear comfortable movement clothes and bring a mat if you have one.

Some shared mats will also be available if you need to borrow.



Dear Readers:

In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the online 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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Carrying Forth the Work & Word of Jesus Christ

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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many types, and people of all ages, many cultures, and diverse backgrounds. St. Paul's welcomes everyone.

For the last 149 years St. Paul's has stood as a beacon in the Oakland community. In the coming year, much energy will be spent remembering and celebrating the past endeavors and achievements of our parish family. Like Saul, who would later become Paul, we were sent to this city, to this place. Like Ananias, many have been sent to us, to open our eyes to what our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to do.

Over the next thirteen months we will continue celebrating the 150th anniversary. I pray that along the way we remember the people who have walked in this place, the people who have been baptized in the font, those who have exchanged vows of lifelong commitments to each other, those who

have laughed or cried, those who have served, those whom we have committed to God's eternal glory, those who have learned and those who have taught.

We give thanks to God for all of them and ask that we continue in faithful service for many years to come. Like Paul, let us become increasingly stronger and confound the powers of this city, of this world, by living as true disciples of Jesus, who is the Messiah.

I pray that St. Paul's will continue being a place where the people of God can see their call to ministry developed, enacted and respected; that all of us who share in this small portion of the Body may be able to share God's revelation to us with others. Our responsibility as a church is to help those who come to us see God's Spirit present in them, giving them the strength and courage to serve faithfully.