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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

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# THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

## "DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP."

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

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Saints of the Month

These words of Jesus from the Gospel of St. John chapter 2, verse 19 came to my mind as I contemplated the work that is going to be happening in our buildings over the next two months. I figure those of you who were around during the time of the retrofit, or during the construction of St. Paul's House (aka, the school building), would see the current efforts in the category of minor repairs in comparison to that experience. However, for those of us who are newer to this congregation this will be as major as we have seen.

There is something happening in each of the three building that belong to the parish, and we are trying to get everything done before August 31.

This anticipated deadline makes me think of the Jewish authorities' response to Jesus' statement: *"This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"* (John 2:20) Fortunately for us, we are not trying to build St. Paul's from scratch, but rather we are doing a few necessary 'band aid' type fixes to keep us all out of hazard's way while giving a little facelift to the

physical appearance of our buildings. So, what exactly is being done? In the worship space itself, there are some serious blemishes on the floor that are going to be repaired, and missing heat vent covers will be replaced. The interior courtyard side of the building will be waterproofed at the foundation, and proper pipping for drinking water will be installed for the sacristy and Mustard Seed room. In that same courtyard, worn out concrete will be fixed and a bike rack installed. In the office building we have already completed updating the Chapter Room kitchenette and have repaired the second-floor bathroom. The outer façade of the choir room will be repaired, and the protective curtain which has covered it for the last five years will be removed. The school is also doing some extensive renovation work to the office they are leasing on the second floor of the parish building. We have purchased a new commercial stove and a one-door freezer for the parish hall kitchen. The sexton's apartment, which has not had any work

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## SUMMER 2017

During the months of July and August, Father Mauricio will be away on vacation and sabbatical. He will be back at St. Paul's the day after Labor Day. In case of any pastoral emergencies, please contact Mother Annie Pierpoint Mertz (Associate Rector), who will be working with Alice Brilmayer (Senior Warden), Bill Davis (Junior Warden) and Mia Gamboa (Parish Administrator) to ensure that all issues that may arise are addressed appropriately.

# YOU'RE INVITED TO

## PANTRY OF HOPE

### Item of the month

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

#### July

Bottles of juice

#### August

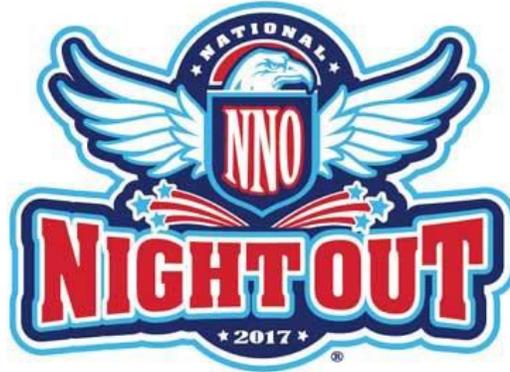
Bottles of juice

#### September

Bottles of juice

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

Thanks!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# A BLOCK PARTY ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Food, prizes, games, music!!! Get to know your neighbor!!!

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017

**TIME:** 6 – 8:30 pm

**PLACE:** 100 Bay St, Oakland

**THEME:** "Together We Stand"

To RSVP, or help, please phone:  
Carolyn Bolton @ (510) 444-0234 or  
Connie Yuen @ (510) 891-8544



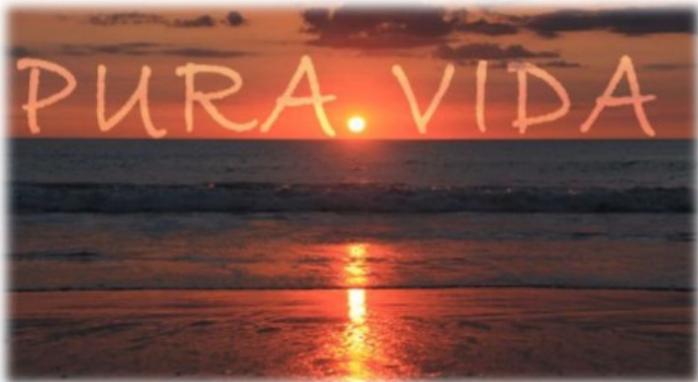
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Date of Departure: 01/08/2018

Date of Return: 01/17/2018

\$2,150 Double occupancy:  
includes all costs once you arrive at SJO airport in Costa Rica on 01/08 until you are dropped off at the same on 01/17.

There is a 20 person limit.

## ECO PILGRIMAGE TO COSTA RICA

Located close to the midway point of the American continents Costa Rica enjoys one of the greatest eco diversities in the world. It is also deeply rooted in the Christian faith brought by the Spanish conquistadores.

Each day will begin with time of personal and group reflection.



Places visited will include:  
- Puerto Viejo - Tortuguero National Park  
- Arenal Volcano - The National Theater  
- The Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral

Pilgrimage organizer: The Rev. Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson  
Phone: 510-834-4314, ext. 502  
Fax: 510-834-0166  
Email: rector@stpaulsoakland.org



## LOOK! WE'RE MOVING INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY!

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. Please add 3% for processing.



### 2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

- The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – Rector
- Alice Brilmayer Senior Warden
- William (Bill) Davis Junior Warden
- James Kadleck Clerk
- Thomas (Tom) McGarrell Treasurer

### VESTRY BY CLASS

- Class of 2017**
- William (Bill) Davis
- James Kadleck
- Yuri Sikkema
- Class of 2018**
- Alice Brilmayer
- George Strait
- Sandra Anderson

- Class of 2019**
- Mel Behrendt
- Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
- Irene Plunkett

### DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

#### Delegates

- Scott Buckingham
- Paula Hawthorn
- Sheila Sims

#### Alternates

- Izabella (Bella) Sempari
- Pam Buckingham

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

### SPECIAL MUSIC IN JULY & AUGUST

**Sunday, July 2, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Patty Griffin, Up to the Mountain;  
 Bach, Prelude in C (WTC Book II)  
 Krebs; Prelude and Fugue in G Major.

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Mackenzie Covington, Soloist.

**Sunday, July 9, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Salve Regina, plainchant; Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp (WTC Book I);  
 Krebs, Prelude and Fugue in A Minor.

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Philip Saunders, Soloist.

**Sunday, July 16, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Haydn, With verdure clad (from *Creation*); Krebs, Prelude in C;  
 Bach, Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565).

Georgianna Askoff, Organist;  
 Mackenzie Covington, Soloist.

**Sunday, June 23, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Bernstein, Simple Song;  
 Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp Minor (WTC Book I);  
 Krebs, Prelude and Fugue in B-flat

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Joshua Black, Soloist.

**Sunday, June 30, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Mendelssohn, If with all your hearts (from *Elijah*); Bach, Prelude and Fugue in D (WTC Book I); Bach, Fantasie in C.

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Joshua Black, Soloist.

**Sunday, August 6, Transfiguration**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Joshua Black, Soloist.

**Sunday, August 13, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Bach, Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (WTC Book I); Bach, Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 539).

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Philip Saunders, Soloist.

**Sunday, August 20, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Oldroyd, Improvisation on *Conditore alme siderum*; Marcello, Psalm XIX.

Michael Page, Organist; Sarah Rose Cohen, Soloist.

**Sunday, August 27, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Bach, Prelude and Fugue in E-flat (WTC Book I); Buxtehude, Ciacona in C Minor.

Christopher Kula, Music Director;  
 Mackenzie Covington, Soloist.

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### 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 15th of the month previous to publication.*

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

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## PIANO FOR SALE

We have a baby grand piano for sale. The piano was made by the Gulbransen Company and is 4 feet, 8 inches tall. It stays in tune and is great for a small home. Asking price is \$1200. Piano truck not included. Please email or call Mia Gamboa in the church office if you are interested ([admin@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsoakland.org), (510) 834-4314 x 501).

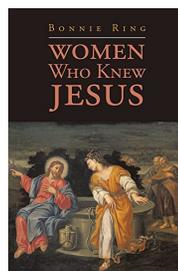


## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE MINISTRY

St. Paul's is considering launching a new ministry where parishioners write the Prayers of the People, giving the prayers a voice and content that reflects our parish. If you would like to become a prayer writer or would like more information about writing Prayers of the People, please contact me - Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore by email at [dinwidd@gmail.com](mailto:dinwidd@gmail.com) or by phone at (510) 531-3355. I would like to convene a meeting of the members interested in the new ministry soon. During the meeting we will discuss the frequency of our team contributing Prayers of the People among other things. Looking forward to you joining me in this new ministry.

## WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet Tuesday, July 11. Join us for a time of meditation on scripture followed by lively conversation. It's never too late to learn and reflect on the women who knew Jesus! Dinner in the Chapter Room at 6:00 p.m. offers the opportunity to get to know each other better. We will be finished by 8:00. If you have questions, email [annehj@aol.com](mailto:annehj@aol.com).



## MEN WHO WANDER



Men who Wander will gather on Tuesday, July 11. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city's pubs and microbreweries.

## 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. Upcoming dates and locations are:

- 7/8/17  
Foothill & 14th
- 8/12/17  
Foothill & High Street

Contact [Save@Truevine-Ministries.com](mailto:Save@Truevine-Ministries.com) to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

## SAINTS OF THE MONTH

### MACRINA, MONASTIC AND TEACHER, 379

#### 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.



Macrina (340—379) was a monastic, theologian and teacher. She founded one of the earliest Christian communities in the Cappadocian city of Pontus. Macrina left no writings; we know of her through the works of her brother St. Gregory of Nyssa (page 266). In his

*Life of St. Macrina*, Gregory describes her as both beautiful and brilliant, an authoritative spiritual teacher.

Macrina persuaded her mother Emmelia to renounce their wealthy lifestyle and to help her establish a monastery on the family's estate. Macrina's ideal of community emphasized caring for the poor and ministering to the wider community. She literally picked up young women who lay in the road starving. Many joined her order.

Gregory credits Macrina as the spiritual and theological intelligence behind her siblings' notable careers in the Church. Gregory, and their brothers St. Basil (page 426), St. Peter of Sebaste, and Naucratis went to her often for theological counsel. Macrina frequently challenged her celebrated brothers. She told Gregory his fame was not due to his own

merit, but to the prayers of his parents. She took Basil in hand when he returned from Athens "monstrously conceited about his skill in rhetoric." Under her influence, Basil and Peter renounced material possessions and turned away from secular academia to become monks and theologians. Basil and Peter wrote a Rule for community life, ensuring that Macrina's ideas for Christian community would have lasting authority. Basil, Gregory and Peter all became bishops, in no small measure because of Macrina's influence, and became leading defenders of the Nicene faith.

Gregory visited Macrina as she lay dying on two planks on the floor. He relates Macrina's last words as a classical Greek farewell oration imbued with Holy Scripture. In both his *Life of St. Macrina* and in his later treatise of *The Soul and Resurrection*, Gregory presents Macrina admiringly as a Christian Socrates, delivering beautiful deathbed prayers and teachings about the resurrection.

*Merciful God, you called your servant Macrina to reveal in her life and her teaching the riches of your grace and truth: May we, following her example, seek after your wisdom and live according to her way; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEAEA

All that is certainly known of Joseph of Arimathaea comes from the narratives of the burial of Jesus in the Gospels. Though John speaks of Joseph as a secret disciple Of Our Lord, and associates him with Nicodemus, another member of the Jewish Sanhedrin who was drawn to Jesus, we know nothing of any further activity of these men in the early Christian community. Later, however, legends developed about their leadership in the Church.

One of the more attractive is the story of Joseph's coming to the ancient Church of Glastonbury in Britain and bringing with him the Holy Grail (the cup used at the Last Supper). This tradition cannot be dated earlier than the thirteenth century. Although this and other stories obtained wide credence, they are not based on historical facts. Joseph's claim for remembrance does not depend upon such legends, however beautiful and romantic. When our Lord's intimate disciples were hiding for fear of the authorities, Joseph came forward boldly and courageously to do, not only what was demanded by Jewish piety, but to act generously and humanely by providing his own tomb for the decent and proper burial of our Lord's body, thus saving it from further desecration.



*Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathaea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial, and laid it in his own tomb: Grant to us, your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**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](mailto: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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done for the last twenty years. is also getting some necessary TLC. The school is also working in the classroom building to upgrade the teaching spaces on the fourth floor.

Despite all the comings and goings of contractors that will be happening over the next two months, the only one that shows itself as having a potential impact on the worship life of St. Paul's is fixing the church floor. The Vestry and clergy are already prepared to find an alternate place for Sunday worship if it becomes necessary.

Please know that your vestry continues the hard work of discerning the best ways to allocate the parish's resources for the continued health and maintenance of the parish assets as well as for the continued development of its ministries in response to the Gospel's call to be Christ's disciples.

I pray that you have a blessed summer. See you all in September.