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# THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

## WORSHIP—FORMATION—SERVICE

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The use of the word formation is intentional instead of education, because as Christians we believe that we must strive to be more Christ like each day, and

though the gathering of information from books and classes can be helpful, the long and arduous process of forming ones faith requires more. In fact there are many atheists, agnostics and other nonbelievers who are well-versed and academically prepared in the areas of church history, the Bible and other core aspects of Christianity and other religions of the world. However nothing in them is moving them to gain a deeper understanding and relationship with God. On the other hand there are many around the world with little to no access to centers of learning such as schools, colleges and universities whose faith and relationship with God

are deep and unmovable. St. Paul's is a community deeply committed to formation. At St. Paul's we continue to try to find ways to bridge those two extremes by looking for ways to offer the didactics of who we are as a church while creating or connecting our members with opportunities for living out their faith and cherishing the moments when we bear witness to each other to what it means to be a child of God. I like to tell people who are new to the St. Paul's community, especially our seminarians, that St. Paul's is a learning and teaching community. We all have something to offer. We all have something to receive. We all have something to learn from the community and something to teach the community; it is in that process of giving, taking and sharing that we support and uphold each other's processes.

We do not call our children's program "Sunday School" because we are trying to move away from the idea of giving children more information than they

## WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women of St. Paul's, are you looking for a way to connect with other women of St. Paul's? Would you like to explore our common faith? Share a simple dinner?

The Rev. Annie Pierpoint Mertz and the Rev. Anne Jensen are proposing a once a month gathering on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Our starting point is a book by local priest the Rev. Bonnie Ring, "The Women Who Knew Jesus." To learn more about the author and the book, click [here](#). The next gathering will be October 18. Please email The Rev. Anne Jensen ([annehj@aol.com](mailto:annehj@aol.com)) if you plan to come so that we can reserve a room. And we plan to have fun!

## FR. WILSON NOMINATED AS BISHOP COADJUTOR IN THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

### into the future

#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP COADJUTOR



Paul Fromberg Rachel Nyback Anna Olson John Taylor Pierre Whalon Mauricio Wilson

### PANTRY OF HOPE

#### Item of the month

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

#### October

Bottles of juice

#### November

Bottles of juice

#### December

Bottles of juice

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

Thanks!

Dear Friends in Christ:

For the last 22 months, the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles has been in a process that will lead to the election and consecration of a Bishop Coadjutor to serve as the successor of Bishop Jon Bruno, who requested this election at their 2014 Diocesan Convention.

The Search Committee for the next Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles invited me to be on the list of candidates and I accepted the invitation. The slate of nominees was published last month.

Karla and I have entered this process with hearts and minds set on deep and faithful prayer as we try to discern God's call for our family. We are certain that whatever God is calling us to do will be of full commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel, whether it be a continued ministry with St. Paul's, Oakland, or a new one in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

I will spare you the details of the process that leads to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor and encourage you instead to visit the website (<http://www.ladiocese.org/coadjutorsearch.html>) set up by the Diocese of Los Angeles.

As always, I am available to answer questions as I am able. I ask for special prayers for the Diocese of Los Angeles, for those who have been invited to be a part of this continued discernment and for the other communities receiving similar announcements today. Let's move forward knowing that God's will shall be done in our lives and throughout the whole Church.

In Christ,

Mauricio+

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: BLESSING OF THE BEASTS, OCTOBER 2, 2016



## KICK-OFF FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE, POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Beginning **Sunday, October 9**, our faith community at St. Paul’s will begin our Stewardship campaign. It’s a six-week season of reflection, prayer and response to God’s blessings in our lives. Our theme, **Light Up the World**, is inspired by the famous verse from Matthew: *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.* This powerful call to action inspires us to be instruments of God to illuminate the hearts and minds of all. You are an active part of the good works done at and by St. Paul’s. The light you shine is a reflection of God’s Grace.

Financially, our goal is for 100% of the congregation to give. Our pledges support the light which is St. Paul’s...our church and its more than one dozen ministries which serve thousands in the East Bay.

Please join us for a kick off lunch on **Sunday, October 9, right after the 10 AM service.** The stewardship committee asks that you bring some finger food to share. Let’s make it a rousing party!

And be on the lookout for an Evite for a more elaborate lunch on November 13<sup>th</sup>, **Consecration Sunday**, the culmination of our exploration, when our pledges of financial support to the mission and ministries of St. Paul’s for 2016 will be completed and offered as an act of worship and in response to all that God has provided.



## 2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

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

## VESTRY BY CLASS

- Class of 2016**
  - Elizabeth (Liz) Hook
  - Thomas (Tom) McGarrell
  - Sharon Pilmer
- Class of 2017**
  - William (Bill) Davis
  - James Kadleck
  - Yuri Sikkema
- Class of 2018**
  - Alice Brilmayer
  - George Strait
  - Sandra Anderson

## DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

### Delegates

- Izabella (Bella) Sempari
- Scott Buckingham

### Alternates

- Pam Buckingham
- Sheila Sims

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

### SPECIAL MUSIC IN OCTOBER

#### SERVICE MUSIC

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

**Pentecost XX**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

I will give thanks unto Thee, Purcell; Yes, Lord, C.H. Mason; Verily, I say unto you, Tallis. Sung by St. Paul's Choir; David Montgomery, Music Director; St. Paul's Bell Choir, Paco Bellamy, Director.

**4PM, EVENSONG**

**Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys**

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining 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. Christopher Kula, Director.

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

**Pentecost XXI**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Eternal Light, English traditional; Send forth Thy light, Balakirev; Adoramus te, Christe, de Lassus. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.

**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

**Pentecost XXII**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Hail, glorious spirits, heirs of light, Tye; Ubi caritas et amor, Durufle; Almighty and everlasting God, Gibbons. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.



**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

**Pentecost XXIII**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Great God, attend while Zion sings, Thomas Jarman; Give alms of thy goods, Tye; Dona nobis pacem, Traditional.

**8 PM, COMPLINE**

Gregorian chant, polyphony of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, in candlelight. Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries, and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**Pentecost XXIV**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Light's glittering morn, ed. Lee, Ubi caritas et amor, Proulx; Panis angelicus, Franck. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.

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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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## UPDATE FROM ALAMEDA DEANERY DELEGATE

Fellow Alameda Deanery Members:

First, as I announced a couple of weeks ago, we had our Fall Alameda Deanery meeting on September 8 at St.

Augustine's here in Oakland. It was a good meeting as all the proposed resolutions were presented and we had a chance to discuss them. The diocesan budget was also presented and discussed. Click on this link to see the [2016 Proposed Resolutions](#) to the convention this year, or this link for the current [Diocesan Budget](#).

The project we started at our last meeting in June to gather more specific information about the various programs, particularly outreach, that our various parishes within the deanery devote our time and efforts to has been put on hold so we could cover issues coming up at convention. I hope we can get back to that project later this year or early next year, so I would still love to spend a little time getting some information about our programs at St. Paul's. If you head a program, please get ahold of me sometime and let's chat about what you're doing in the

community. Our hope ultimately is to help programs throughout the deanery and diocese find ways to share resources to make us all greater forces in our communities and through our walk with Christ.

The annual convention at Grace Cathedral will be on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 this year. Unfortunately, I'll be out of town and not able to attend personally, but your other reps and alternates will be in attendance. I hope some of you can make it and have your voice heard. Click on the link for more information about the [167th Convention of the Diocese of California](#).

Thank you for supporting your deanery reps and alternates and to everyone who came by to talk about Deanery at the Ministry Fair last month. I hope it was informative and if anyone has any deanery related questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to touch base with me.

Scott Buckingham

### 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:

- 10/8/16  
14th and Broadway

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

## ORDINATION OF THE REV. RICHARD HOGUE



Father Wilson served as presenter and preached at the ordination of our own Richard Hogue. All Saints' Parish, Hoboken, New Jersey.

## SAINTS OF THE MONTH

### TERESA OF AVILA, NUN, 1592

#### 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.



Teresa was one of two women declared a "Doctor of the Church" in 1970, primarily because of her two mystical contemplative works, *The Way of Perfection* and *Interior Castle*. She was a close spiritual and personal friend of St. John of the Cross.

Teresa was born near Avila. Even in her childhood, she took much pleasure in the study of saints' lives, and she used to delight in spending times of contemplation, repeating over and over "For ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, they shall see God."

In her autobiography Teresa tells that, following her mother's death, she became quite worldly. To offset this, her father placed her in an Augustinian convent to be educated, but serious illness ended her studies. During convalescence, she determined to enter the religious life; and, though opposed by her father, she became a postulant at a Carmelite convent. Again, illness forced her to return home. After three years, she returned to the convent.

The easygoing life of the "mitigated" Carmelite rule distracted her from her customary prayer life, to which she returned. Taking recourse in two great penitents, Augustine of Hippo and Mary Magdalene, she became increasingly meditative. She began to receive visions—whether from God or the Devil she could not know—and struggled to reject them.

Teresa set out to establish a reformed Carmelite order of the "discalced" religious, who wore sandals or went unshod. Despite many setbacks she traveled for 25 years through Spain. Energetic, practical, efficient, as well as being a mystic and ascetic, she established 17 convents of Reformed Carmelites. Even imprisonment did not deter her. Despite the demands of her administrative and missionary work, Teresa found time to write the numerous letters that give us rare insights into her personality and concerns. She shows us a practical organizer, a writer of native genius, a warm devoted friend, and, above all, a lover of and the beloved of God. Her death following two years of illness, was peaceful. Her last sight was of the Sacrament brought for her comfort; her last words, "O my Lord! Now is the time that we may see each other."

*O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## PHILIP, DEACON AND EVANGELIST, 1ST CENTURY



Philip, who has been traditionally referred to as a Deacon and an Evangelist, was one of seven honest men appointed, some sources say ordained, by the apostles to distribute bread and alms to the widows and the poor in Jerusalem.

After the martyrdom of Stephen, Philip went to Samaria to preach the gospel. In his travels south to Gaza he encountered an Ethiopian eunuch, a servant of the Ethiopian queen, reading the Isaiah text on the Suffering Servant. They traveled together, and in the course of their journey the Ethiopian was converted and baptized by Philip. Subsequently, Philip traveled as a missionary from Ashdod northwards and settled in Caesarea. It was in Caesarea that he hosted St. Paul. Philip's activities at the end of his life are the subject of speculation, but

some sources place him as a bishop at Lydia in Asia Minor. His feast day in the Eastern Church is October 11, and in the West usually June 6. Other provinces of the Anglican Communion also keep his feast on October 11.

*Holy God, no one is excluded from your love, and your truth transformeth minds of all who seek you: As your servant Philip was led to embrace the fullness of your salvation and to bring the stranger to Baptism, so give us all the grace to be heralds of the Gospel, proclaiming your love in Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*)

## FORMATION

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can handle and expect them to memorize it. Instead we have chosen to share with them the information they need to develop their own individual process of growth and understanding. St. Paul's is made up of people from great and diverse walks of life. We're not all the same and we will never be the same. We have each come to this place at a different moment in our journey with God and as a community we treasure every single one of those individual journeys and their uniqueness.

We will not be handing out any diplomas or certificates that say you are the best or the most awesome

Christian on the face of the earth. There will be no "most likely to succeed as a Christian" or medals or badges of honor for faithfulness. I will always find that St. Paul's is a loving community of believers and seekers each in a different stage of their own quest of a better understanding of God, their faith and the world. Let us continue working together for the continued development and offering of tools and opportunities of growth and development in occasions such as newcomer classes, Lenten series, parish forums, lecture series, retreats, quiet days and simple conversations among us.