

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**MARCH 11, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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### Mass Schedules and other Services

<b>Sundays</b>	7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. en español <i>Children's and Youth Choirs</i> <i>sing first Sunday of the month.</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	4 p.m. [vigil] & 8 a.m. First Saturday
<b>Weekdays</b>	[Mon—Fri]— 8 a.m. in the Chapel
<b>Holy Hour</b>	First Friday 7—8 p.m.
<b>Holy Days of Obligation</b>	8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
<b>Perpetual Help Novena</b>	Wednesdays following 8 a.m. Mass
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Mon. -Fri. 7:40a.m.
<b>Confessions [bilingual]</b>	Saturdays 2:45—3:45 pm

### Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

Catholic Faith Formation D.R.E.	Sr. Ma. Elizabeth U. Siguenza RVM	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.402-1904
Catholics Returning Home	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Baptism Preparation	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397
Young Adults Ministry		916.381.5200
Legion of Mary	Norma Bolante	916.688.8769
Vocation Committee		
Families in Christ Jesus	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463

### Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Call the office	916.381.5200
Cultural Dinner	Guily & Naty Fontillas	916.362.7541
Parish Breakfasts	Knights of Columbus	916.381.5200
Religious Goods Store	Irene Ingham	916.689.2865
Yard Sale	Call the office	916.381.5200
Wedding Coordinator	Le Pham <a href="mailto:stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com">stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com</a>	

### WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

### Councils

Pastoral Council	Dale Yamamoto	916.257.3323
Finance Council	Jerry Fong	916.689-9418

### Liturgical Ministries

Youth Altar Servers Ministry	Alex Plam	916.381.5200
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry		
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
Music Ministry		
Liturgy Committee	Bob Benton	916 425.7037

### Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916-284.2008
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Pro Life 4 Life	Charlene Valine	916.682-0557

### Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Nellie Basquez	916.381.1365
Knights of Columbus	Enrique Loret de Mola	916.730.8780

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- MON: 3/12**    **MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED**
- TUES: 3/13**    **MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED**
- WED: 3/14**    **FILOMENA DELANO**  
Requested by Marian Sarte
- THURS: 3/15**    **MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED**
- FRI: 3/16**    **MASS FOR THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Society operates throughout the Diocese with more than 50 conferences associated with our local parishes. We deliver foods, clothing, connecting with the homeless with housing needs, preventing utility turn-offs and sharing Christ's love and caring through home visitation of those who call us. Annual Benefit for the Poor dinner & raffle ticket sales are the key source of funding for our conferences. The dinner is \$150.00 per person and raffle ticket is \$10.00 each for Grand Prize of 6days/5nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort includes 2 airfare(max of \$1,000), rental car \$400.00 voucher and \$500.00 gift card. Value of package \$3,500.00. We are asking for your support this year so we may continue the good works of the One Society.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.— John 3:17*

### COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE! God is calling****May 4-6** Trinity Pines Retreat Catholic Center

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites young women 13-17 to a weekend that will help them grow closer to Christ and reflect on God's call for their life. Religious, Married, consecrated Life or Single Life. Cost \$50 (weekend includes meals). For more information call (916) 733-0258 or [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! Sacramento Classic**

Annual basketball game/Priests vs Seminarians

**Tuesday, May 30** at 6:30pm at Christian Brothers High School. Tickets \$5 K-college students, \$15 adult. For more information call (916) 733-0258 or [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! Collar Cup: Soccer Match**

Collar Cup: Soccer Match: Priests vs. Seminarians at Papa Murphy's Field in Sacramento. The office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to this family event for all ages on **June 23, Saturday at 4:00pm**. Entrance will include Mass, followed by Collar Cup game, Vocational Fair on Cal Expo grounds and SRFC match. Tickets \$20 General, \$15 ages 3-10 (2 and under free). For more information call (916) 733-0258 or [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! QUO VADIS?****Where are you going?**

August 2-5, 2018

at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites young men ages 13-17 to a fun summer weekend that will help them grow closer to Christ and reflect on God's call for their life: Religious Life, Married, Consecrated Life or Single Life. Cost \$60 (weekend includes meals). For more information call (916) 733-0258 or [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org)

**Camp Pendola**

Camp Pendola is hiring! What are you doing this summer? How about making a difference in the lives of children? We are looking for energetic young people 18 plus to work this summer as counselors with children and youth between the ages of 6-17 in the great outdoors, and within the Catholic spirit. Paid positions begin June 10 and finish August 10. Online applications are available at [www.pendola.org/employment](http://www.pendola.org/employment).

**Camp Pendola Registration**

Registration is now open for Summer 2018 at Camp Pendola. This is the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento. The camp offers a fun filled experience for children and youth under the supervision of trained college age counselors. For more information and to register check the website [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org) or call (916)733-0123. The early bird discount ends April 15th.

## CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT

"Catholic Viewpoint, Faith Hope and Love"

Is now available each week on Sacramento Faith TV, Comcast, Ch, 20, Consolidated Ch.19 and AT&T Ch.14 at 7:00am Sunday, 9:30am Tuesday and 8:30pm Wednesday and 5:00pm Thursday. The show covers many topics in the Catholic Faith, with appreciation for other beliefs.

**If you don't have these channels** you can find the show any time on YouTube. You simply type "Catholic Viewpoint, Faith Hope and Love" in the YouTube search bar. Then click on the icon, and you have access to all the shows in one place.

I pray that viewing you will find it enriching to their faith. Comments, questions, or ideas are welcome at [Catholicviewpoint@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicviewpoint@gmail.com) or you can call (916) 995-0168

*Rev. Michael F. Kiernan***"OUR HERITAGE—OUR LEGACY-OUR DREAM"**

April 21st, 2018 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul Church. The celebration will include Mass, the opening of the "Time Capsule" followed by dinner in the parish hall.

Many religious, dignitaries, parishioners and friends from our past heritage, as well as you, our current parishioners, are welcome to come and help us celebrate this milestone with us!

Dinner tickets are \$30.00 each. They will be limited to the capacity of the parish hall, including accommodations for guest religious and dignitaries. Tickets will be sold after Masses, or available at the parish office, or call Dale Yamamoto (916) 257-3323.

You will have the opportunity to win a pair of tickets to the Dinner! Take a copy of "Did You Know, Now Is The Time To Tell Our Story" question and answer form

If you answer 100% of the questions you win! Turn your answer form into the offertory basket or office before March 18th.

100% answer winners will be announced April 1 for a pair of dinner tickets to the April 21 25th Anniversary Dinner.

**FOCUS OF THE CELEBRATION**

The primary focus of the 25th Dedication Celebration is to honor and respect our heritage from all whose selfless stewardship built and formed our church and parish culture. We will be showing videos and slideshows that documented some of them:

- ◆ Ground breaking and blessing in 1992
- ◆ Construction of our church 1992-April 1993
- ◆ Dedication ceremony, Mass & Dinner April 24, 1993
- ◆ Slideshows of Dedication Mass and Program
- ◆ All St. Paul Directories from 1995
- ◆ Historical documents, 1993 bulletins, etc.

Come to the Hall each Sunday between 10:00am to noon to watch our Heritage & Legacy. (There will be some Sundays when the hall or projection operator is not available.)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

### JANUARY 2018 PROFIT & LOSS

#### Recent Bereavement

Please keep the families and friends in your prayers for St. Paul Parishioners whose funerals, or Memorial Masses were celebrated during the past few weeks,

Frank Loret de Mola Joe Monteagudo Mary Mendoza Rose De Herrera, Theodore Gallardo. Gabriel Carretero, Saul Flores Rodriguez, James Arocan. Theresa Schaub, Helen Pizarro, Maria delaLuz Gutierrez, Adoracion Balmedi-ano, Monte Chavez Jr. Filomena Ganal, Filomena Delano, Benita Ramos

### OUR DREAM CONTINUES

#### Our Dream Continues –

##### In Service to all Campaign Update.

We are half way through our “Our Dream continues- In service to all “Campaign.” When the active solicitation ended in June of 2016 our outstanding loan from the Diocese, for the construction of the Religious Education Center, was \$849,235.64. Pledge payments and “Pink Envelope” contributions have allowed us to repay \$308,541.61. As of February 22, 2018 our loan balance is \$540,694.03

In addition to the amount we have repaid we also incurred and paid \$40,458.39 in interest charges.

#### Bishop Soto’s ONE Campaign Update

Our campaign had two parts the repayment of our loan, and a required contribution to the Diocese ONE CAMPAIGN, conducted to provide support for Catholic education, care for retired Diocesan priest, improve our ability to communicate with our Spanish speaking community, provide for social services, and expand youth ministry opportunities. Our allotted contribution is \$158,600.00. As of December 17<sup>th</sup> we have paid \$79,300.02 leaving us a balance of \$79,299.98 to be paid.

**Your commitment to our Parish is truly outstanding. Thank You!**

### COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
<b>February</b>						
4	\$1116.00	\$1368.00	\$1855.00	\$1849.00	\$894.50	\$7082.50
11	\$647.00	\$1487.00	\$1066.00	\$1187.00	\$857.40	\$5174.49
18	\$1038.00	\$829.00	\$936.00	\$1778.00	\$673.22	\$5304.22
25	\$848.00	\$822.00	\$1087.00	\$963.00	\$1266.19	\$4986.19
<b>March</b>						
4	\$1048.00	\$1301.00	\$1565.00	\$1744.00	\$858.20	\$6516.20

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory	\$ 31,779	\$ 28,327	\$ 3,452
Other Income	\$ 14,390	\$ 4,714	\$ 9,676
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,417	\$ 147
Religious Education	\$ 4,75-	\$ 50	\$ 4,750
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 52,483</b>	<b>\$ 34,507</b>	<b>\$ 17,976</b>

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 19,212	\$ 19,512	\$ ( 301)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 12,058	\$ 9,446	\$ 2,612
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 845	\$ 982	\$ ( 138)
Property Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,699	\$ 2,323	\$ 376
Parish Programs	\$ 5,112	\$ 1,094	\$ 4,018
Religious Education	\$	\$	\$

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,652	\$ 352
<b>Total Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 44,929</b>	<b>\$ 38,010</b>	<b>\$ 6,919</b>

**Net Operating Income \$ 7,554 \$ (3,503) \$ 11,056**

#### OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$ 4	\$ .22	\$ ( 18)
Capitol Campaign & Blding Fund	\$ 15,230	\$ 14796	\$ 434
Diocesan & sp. Coll.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,234</b>	<b>\$ 14,818</b>	<b>\$ 418</b>

#### OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capital Fund Drive One Camp	\$ 15,117	\$ 7,000	\$ 8117.
Youth Group	\$ -	\$	\$
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,117</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 8117.</b>

**Net Other Income \$ 117 \$ 7,818 \$ (7,701)**

**NET INCOME \$ 7,671 \$ 4,315 \$ 3,356**

### SECOND COLLECTION

#### March 10/11 Catholic Relief

This collection makes possible the Catholic Church’s global mission to fight poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of human rights. A portion of this collection is allocated to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, **April 7 & 8 St. Paul Building Fund & Capital Campaign** This collection will help provide funds to repay the funds borrowed from the Diocese to build the Religious Education Center.



### PARISH COUNCIL

February  
St. Paul Parish Council met on February 20, 2018.  
Lifetouch directory is nearing completion and almost ready to be sent to Lifetouch.  
Our Heritage tickets are ready for sale for our Dinner on April 21, 2018.

Parishioners are again to be reminded about the “no parking on the curb of the Religious Education Center. Meetings are to be scheduled for Hall and Classroom protocol.

Services for Ash Wednesday, and the Lenten Season are on the website.

Another name is to be found for the “Safe Haven” Project suggestion to be considered is “Shield the Vulnerable.”

Project Gabriel has been broadcasted in the bulletin and sign ups will be March 4th weekend.

March/April CFF highlights

March 2-4 Confirmation student retreat in Marelo

March 4, 11, 18 Scrutinies

March 12 CFF confessions Grades 3-6  
Pre confirmation (English & Spanish)

April 7 CFF Talent Show

Meetings are underway to organize the Young Adult Ministry.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to join with us as we peacefully pray to end abortion. We will participate in the 40 Days for Life Campaign on Friday, March 16th from 4:00-6:00pm on the public sidewalk in front of Family Planning Associates abortion business, located at 2322 Butano Dr. Sacto 95825. We pray, that, with God’s help we will put an end to abortion. For more information about 40 Days for Life please go to their website: 40daysforlife.com

#### Join the Knights of Columbus

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Knight please ask any Knight, they should all be wearing their name badges, or call Roger Tafoya at (916) 936-3810.

### SPYM

St. Paul Youth Ministry (SPYM) will host this year’s talent show, “The Night of the Arts” on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Please make plans to join us for this event to see the talents of our ministry members and members of our parish community. Join us in the parish hall at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold after all Masses 3/10 3/11 and 3.17 and 18. We hope to see you there. Proceeds from this event will benefit SPYM in attending spiritual growth programs—Steubenville Norcal and On-Fire Norcal Jam, as well as contributing to the needs of our parish.

### SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

Priscilla Wong	Ricardo Campos	Barbara Sules
Shirley Robinson	James Solari	Bethany Lewis
Lorraine Schaefer	Elizabeth Solari	Richard Onia
Jessica Lintag	Maria Lopez	Judy Niedzwiedz
Sandy Burgoon	Raymond Gutierrez	Epifania Paez
Mauricio Vargas	Nilda Medina	Ed Anderson
Jack Steele	Doreathea Viltz	Janelle Flores
Rodulfo Reyes	Virginia Thomas	Lori Martenia
Monica Cordero	Bernadette Carrasca	Msgr.
Rodrigo Reyes	Ashley Brackin	Ronald Broussard
Virginia Collier	Noah de los Reyes	Eva Rollins
Jean Hesse	Broderick Steele	Chuck Eickhoff
Ed Brooks	Juan San Miguel	Robert Cordero
Gregory Judd	Peggy Meier-Beyers	Alisha Little
Michael Delgado	John Rideaux	Richard Miller
Jackie Martin	Elnora Williams	Robert Aki Ito
Martha Montanez	Dorothy Butler	

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for the following members of our families serving in the Armed Forces

Gary B. Foster II	Don Carlo Gerocho	Taylor Sommerfield
Jay Candaso	John Marc James	Justin Broussard
Daniel Roy Ryan	Ruben N. Libed	Emanuel Cepeda
Gregorio Rodriguez	Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr.	Maxton Perez
Roel C.. Dones	Don Jamoles	Landon Perez
Ricardo Cervantes	Ryan Gandy	Dannon Perez
Stephen Rich	Cody Machado	Charles Q. Wincey
Janae Santos	Mark A. Ramos Jr.	Peter A. Tsueda
Brian Vergith	Cameron Lindsay	Jovon Chiguina
Martin Sinlao	Armando Asahan	
Sergio Pineda	Conner Sommerfield	
Ariel Rollins	Arianna Brown	

### CHRISM MASS

Please join Bishop Soto and the clergy of our Diocese at the annual Chrism Mass, to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Chrism Mass is one of our most important Diocesan celebrations, where Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

### L.A. RELIGIOUS CONGRESS

Bishop Jaime Soto invites DRE’s, CRE’s. Catechists, Youth and Young Adult Ministry leaders and parish groups of the Diocese to join him for the Diocesan Gathering at L.A. Religious Education Congress. Dinner will be on Friday, March 16 at La Casa Garcia, located at 531 W. Chapman Ave in Anaheim CA. Dinner will be from 7-9pm for a donation of \$10. Space is limited. RSVP

<https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/congressdinner>  
or call Martha Haig (916)733-0131.

## RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

**Salmo** — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o *Salmo 23 (22)*.

**Segunda lectura** — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o *Efesios 5:8-14*.

**Evangelio** — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o *Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jn 4:43-54  
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5:1-16  
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15;  
Heb 5:7-9;  
Jn 12:20-33  
Lecturas alternativas (Año A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8;  
Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres.

## EXPULSANDO DEL TEMPLO

Los cuatro evangelistas se hacen eco del gesto provocativo de Jesús expulsando del templo a «vendedores» de animales y «cambistas» de dinero. No puede soportar ver la casa de su Padre llena de gentes que viven del culto. A Dios no se le compra con «sacrificios». Pero Juan, el último evangelista, añade un diálogo con los judíos en el que Jesús afirma de manera solemne que, tras la destrucción del templo, él «lo levantará en tres días». Nadie puede entender lo que dice. Por eso, el evangelista añade: «Jesús hablaba del templo de su cuerpo». El evangelista recuerda a los seguidores de Jesús que ellos no han de sentir nostalgia del viejo templo. Jesús, «destruido» por las autoridades religiosas, pero «resucitado» por el Padre, es el «nuevo templo». No es una metáfora atrevida. Es una realidad que ha de marcar para siempre la relación de los cristianos con Dios. Para encontrarse con Dios, no basta entrar en una iglesia. Es necesario acercarse a Jesús, entrar en su proyecto, seguir sus pasos, vivir con su espíritu. En este nuevo templo que es Jesús, para adorar a Dios no basta el incienso, las aclamaciones ni las liturgias solemnes. Los verdaderos adoradores son aquellos que viven ante Dios «en espíritu y en verdad». La verdadera adoración consiste en vivir con el «Espíritu» de Jesús en la «Verdad» del Evangelio. Sin esto, el culto es «adoración vacía». Las puertas de este nuevo templo que es Jesús están abiertas a todos. Nadie está excluido. Pueden entrar en él los pecadores, los impuros e, incluso, los paganos. El Dios que habita en Jesús es de todos y para todos. En este templo no se hace discriminación alguna. No hay espacios diferentes para hombres y para mujeres. En Cristo ya «no hay varón y mujer». No hay razas elegidas ni pueblos excluidos. Los únicos preferidos son los necesitados de amor y de vida. Necesitamos iglesias y templos para celebrar a Jesús como Señor, pero él es nuestro verdadero templo...



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Quiere unirse a nuestros diferentes ministerios, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Si esta interesado favor de llamar a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina.

### MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez al 381-5200.

### PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

**NOTA: No habrá platicas para padres y padrinos durante el mes de Febrero y en Marzo las platicas serán el Sábado 24 y Abril regular tiempo.** Se ofrecen el último sábado 3:45 p.m. en el salón # 8. Se requiere llegar a tiempo. es necesario que pase a la oficina parroquial a registrar el niño/niña que desean bautizar, antes de atender a las platicas pre-bautismales. Horario de oficina: 8: a.m. 4: p.m. Las personas que venga a clase Deberá presentar el recibo de la Oficina.

### BAUTISMOS

**NOTA: No habrá Bautismos, matrimonios ni quinceañeras durante la Cuaresma o sea Febrero & Marzo, asta Abril**

### NUESTRA HERENCIA

El enfoque principal de la Celebración de la 25th aniversario de la Dedicación de San Pablo es para honrar y respetar nuestra herencia de todos cuyos administradores desinteresadamente construyeron y formaron nuestra iglesia y nuestra cultura parroquial. Mostraremos videos y presentaciones de diapositivas que documentaran algunos de ellos:

- ♦ Inauguración y bendición en 1992
- ♦ Construcción de nuestra iglesia 1992-abril de 1993
- ♦ Ceremonia de dedicación, misa y cena 24 de abril de 1993
- ♦ Presentaciones de la misa de dedicación y programa
- ♦ Todos los directorios de St. Paul de 1995
- ♦ Documentos históricos, boletines de 1993, etc.

Vinieron al Hall algunos domingos de 10:00 a.m. a medio-día para ver nuestro Patrimonio y Legado.

### DIVINA MERCY BECA

#### ¡ ANUNCIO DE BECA 2018

La Fundación para el Desarrollo Humano de la Divina Misericordia (DMHDF, por sus siglas en inglés), es una organización sin fines políticos y sin fines de lucro (3) organización caritativa que cree firmemente en la capacidad de los pobres para liberarse de los estragos de la pobreza cuando

se tenga la oportunidad. La misión de DMHDF es proporcionar educación y otras oportunidades a los desfavorecidos desarrollar plenamente su potencial y mejorar así su calidad de vida, de acuerdo con su dignidad como hijos de Dios.

La Fundación ofrece nueve (9) becas de \$ 1,000.00 durante el semestre de otoño de 2018 para una universidad programa educativo, una (1) beca de \$ 1,000.00 para un programa de educación técnica para el año escolar 2018-2019 y cinco (5) becas para la educación secundaria católica. Las becas se otorgarán a más tardar julio de 2018.

Para información favor de ir Envíe un correo electrónico a luzmanrique174@gmail.com para solicitar la aplicación.

### "NUESTRA HERENCIA-NUESTROSUENO"

En servicio a todas las campañas de actualización.

Estamos a la mitad de nuestra campaña "Nuestro sueño continúa, al servicio de todos". Cuando la solicitud activa finalizó en junio de 2016, nuestro préstamo pendiente de la Diócesis para la construcción del Centro de Educación Religioso fue de \$ 849,235.64. Los pagos del juramento y las contribuciones de "Pink Envelope" (Sobre Rosado) nos han permitido reembolsar \$ 308,541.61. A partir del 22 de febrero de 2018 el saldo de nuestro préstamo es de \$ 540,694.03.— Además de la cantidad que hemos pagado, también pagamos \$ 40,458.39 en intereses.

Actualización de la Campaña ONE del Obispo Soto  
Nuestra campaña tenía dos partes: el pago de nuestro préstamo y una contribución requerida a la Diócesis. UNA CAMPAÑA, dirigida a proporcionar apoyo para la educación católica, cuidado de un sacerdote diocesano retirado, mejorar nuestra capacidad de comunicarnos con nuestra comunidad de habla hispana, proporcionar servicios sociales y ampliar las oportunidades de ministerio juvenil. Nuestra contribución asignada es de \$ 158,600.00. A partir del 17 de diciembre hemos pagado \$ 79,300.02 dejándonos un saldo de \$ 79,299.98 para pagar. Su compromiso con nuestra Parroquia es verdaderamente excepcional. ¡Gracias! Y Muchas Gracias.

### DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Actualización del directorio de la Parroquia de San Pablo!

Se espera que el directorio se publique a fines de marzo. Se proporcionará una copia gratuita a cada familia a quien Lifetouch le tomó una foto. Se pondrá a la venta un número limitado de copias a \$ 5.00 cada una. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Jerry Fong al (916) 689-9418.