

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 6, 2015**

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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. Katrina Quidlat	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Phil De Leon	916.607.1645
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.412-1904
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	Kay NaRanong	916.425.4661
Legion of Mary	Paz Cajucom	916.682.8437
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Imelda Nanca	916.714.0547

## Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Heimericks/Cervantes	926.689.3932
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	Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397

## 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.

## Councils

Pastoral Council	Paul Pham	916.381.5200
Finance Council	Lennie Heimericks	916.689.3932

## Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.425.7037
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	Becky Sliwa	916.381.5200
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Karen Hurskainen	916.688.0332
Music Ministry	Erica NaRanong	916.667.8088

## Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Lorraine Latreille	916.363.0365
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	David Santos	916.936.3810

## 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

<b>MON:</b>	<b>12/7</b>	<b>DAN &amp; JULIA OSUNA †</b> Requested by Dan & Ofelia Wayne
<b>TUES:</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<b>GABRIEL JESSE INUMAN †</b> Requested by McClean family
<b>WED:</b>	<b>12/9</b>	<b>AURELIO LACANDAZON †</b> Requested by McClean family
<b>THURS:</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>LARRY PETE ROSILLO †</b> Requested by Rosillo family
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>12/11</b>	<b>AMELIA SAN MIGUEL †</b> Requested by Juan San Miguel

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 6, 2015**  
*God has commanded*  
*that every lofty mountain be made low.*  
-Baruch 5:7

## PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The meeting was opened by Paul Pham at 7:05 pm. Minutes from the October meeting were approved after corrections were made.

Congratulations to the winners of the Miss and Mr. St. Paul 2015 Fundraiser. They raised over \$53,000 in gross income. We thank the candidates, their families and St. Paul community for their support.

After reviewing the Feasibility Study the Finance Council made a decision to only conduct the Diocesan One Campaign in February 2016. The Diocese supports the decision. A portion of the funds raised will be returned to the parish.

Missals will no longer be in the pews beginning First Sunday of Advent. A limited number of the readings will handed out by the Hospitality Ministers prior to each Mass. Please return them for the next Mass. Order of the Mass cards will also be placed in the pews.

Tickets for the December 13<sup>th</sup> "Rejoice!" concert fundraiser are being sold after all masses and available from all the ministries. Only 700 tickets will be sold.

The Gente Puente group is making progress in integrating English and Spanish spiritual activities with CFF and the parish. Several events and raffles are being planned to raise funds for the parish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mananitas is at 6am and Mass at 6pm with Mariachi music. The parish community is encouraged to attend this special celebration.

Good Shepherd Parish was selected to be the Jubilee Church for the South Deanery.

Altar Servers are needed for all the masses. Contact Alexander Pham for more information.

The Diocese is requiring all parishes to digitize parish books.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

#### THIS WEEKEND!

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 12:00 noon to 7:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 8:00am—3:00pm**

**DINNER:** Sat. Dec.6th \$10.00

Chicken (El Pollo Loco)

..Pineapple upside down cake

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

The children will be singing carols for us and have a Christmas program during the meal.... great way to start the holiday season~

**BREAKFAST:** Knights of Columbus will have a special breakfast.... From 8:00—11:00. Cost \$5.00

**LUNCH:** -2:30pm

Hosted by the **Spanish community**



### OCTOBER PROFIT & LOSS

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Difference
Offertory	\$ 25,454.10	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 1,054.10
Other income	\$ 20,547.04	\$ 6,466.00	\$ 14,081.04
Religious Art.& Books	\$ 1,011.86	\$ 691.00	\$ 320.86
Religious Education	\$ 780.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 280.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 47,793.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,057.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,736.00</b>

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Difference
Salaries & benefits	\$ 16,966.92	\$ 18,233.67	\$ (1,266.75)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 12,593.06	\$ 12,617.90	\$ ( 24.84)
Religious art. & books	\$ 405.66	\$ 457.00	\$ ( 51.34)
Prop.Tax& Insurance	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ -
Parish Programs	\$ 7,331.96	\$ 7,650.00	\$ ( 318.04)
Religious Education	\$ 1,389.43	\$ -	\$ 1,389.43
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 4,533.00	\$ 27.00

<b>TOTAL ORD. EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 45,767.03</b>	<b>\$ 46,011.57</b>	<b>\$ ( 244.54)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,025.97</b>	<b>\$ ( 13,954.57)</b>	<b>\$ 15,980.54</b>

OTHER INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Difference
Interest	\$ .91	\$ -	\$ .91
Cap.Camp. Bldg Fund	\$ 7,549.11	\$ -	\$ 7,549.11
Dioces. Sp. Collect.	\$ 1,292.45	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 152.30
Total other income	\$ 8,842.72	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 7,397.72

OTHER EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Difference
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dioces.sp. Coll.	\$ 1,292.70	\$ 1,445.00	\$ ( 152.30)
Cap. Fund dr.	\$ 1,039.18	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (6,960.82)
Youth Group	\$ -	\$ 1,834.00	\$ (1,834.00)
<b>Total Other exp.</b>	<b>\$ 2,331.88</b>	<b>\$ 11,279.00</b>	<b>\$ (8,947.12)</b>

<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,510.84</b>	<b>\$ ( 9,834.00)</b>	<b>\$ 16,344.84</b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 8,536.81</b>	<b>\$ ( 23,788.57)</b>	<b>\$ 32,325.38)</b>
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### SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### December 12/13 Retirement Fund for Religious

This appeal asks us to recall the religious men and women whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 religious women and men are over the age of 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the cost of health care escalates, and as the need for handicapped accessible housing increases.

### COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
<b>November</b>						
1	\$1614.00	\$1129.00	\$1590.00	\$1543.00	\$697.98	\$6573.87
8	\$1035.00	\$1128.00	\$1940.00	\$1036.00	\$686.14	\$5825.14
15	\$1117.00	\$745.00	\$1528.00	\$1361.00	\$923.80	\$5674.80
22	\$1075.00	\$621.00	\$1338.00	\$1091.00	\$747.25	\$4848.70
Second collection						\$799.64
29	\$1256.00	\$670.00	\$1166.00	\$1055.00	\$719.18	\$5077.08
Thanksgiving						\$739.92

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Gifts Due December 13

If you have taken an envelope from the Jesse Giving Tree to purchase a Christmas gift for a child in our parish, please read carefully the instructions enclosed in the envelope. Your gift, with the enclosed coded card for a child is due by December 13. You may leave your bagged, or boxed gift at the parish office, or in the boxes in the vestibule of the church. Please mark it {for the SJM}. Your thoughtfulness toward those who are less fortunate is appreciated. If you have any questions contact Lorraine (916)-363-0365, or the parish office 381-5200.

### Blankets appreciated.

Thank you to the person(s) who donated several blankets for the homeless. A member of the SJM has already delivered them to Loaves and Fishes. New or gently used sleeping bags, or blankets, are appreciated by those who call the street their "home". Donations may be left in the same boxes in the vestibule of the church, designated for the children's gifts, or at the parish office. Please make a notation "SJM" on your donation

### Lots of items

Come by the Social Justice Ministry tables at the Christmas Fair this weekend. Lots of great items for sale! All the money collected goes to the parish to help defray its many expenses.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Knights Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Knights would like to thank all those who gave food, turkeys, financial support, and their time to help with our Thanksgiving Food Baskets this year. Without your help we would not have been able to provide the 250 food baskets to those families in need this year.

### December Parish Breakfast

The December Parish Breakfast will be served in the parish Hall on December during the Christmas Faire. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am to 11:00am. Come enjoy a great breakfast and shop among the many items on display at our Christmas Faire.

### Coffee & Donuts

The Knights will be serving coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 13th, 20th and 27th. All the proceeds from the coffee and donuts go to support the youth of our parish.

### 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.

## REJOICE

"Rejoice!" is – A solo concert, featuring May Gorospe-Favis, a well decorated lyric soprano, breast cancer survivor, a wife and mother of three. It will be held here at St. Paul Church on December 13, 2015, Sunday, from 6pm-7:30pm. The invitation is extended not only to all St Paul parishioners but also to the neighboring parishes and the entire Diocese of Sacramento. Beginning this weekend, tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under will be available after each Mass and at the parish office during weekdays.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation in the name of Ms. May Gorospe-Favis and to St. Paul's Building Fund. Tickets are limited inasmuch as our church can only accommodate a certain number of people. Treat yourself, your family and friends to this advent evening serenade of songs of joy and hope that relieves the soul and heart to celebrate Christmas with different aura. For more information, check the posters on our church billboards and the Parish web site.

### MISSALETTES

The Parish Council and the Liturgical Committee of our parish had been discussing and considering in their past meetings to not ordering the missals we use in the church anymore. With their unanimous recommendation, there will be no more Missals in the pews starting this Advent. The Music Issue will still be available. The common prayers will also be available in laminated hard paper. **Temporarily** we will be printing the readings in English and Spanish side by side in the form of worship aid every weekend until such time the we will get used to it. The hospitality ministry will make them available only for those who are interested as they enter the church. The reasons why we will not subscribe to having missals in our church anymore are the following: The General Introduction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states that the congregation should listen to the reading being proclaimed by the lectors and not reading the text with the lectors (GIRM #29). Otherwise we would not need lectors anymore to proclaim the Word of God and we would just read the texts ourselves.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Hispanic community of St. Paul extend an invitation to all members of our parish to join with us at the Mañanitas and Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe on

### Saturday, December 12.

Mañanitas will be at 6:00am-7:00am, with songs, prayers and a brief summary of the history of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to Juan Diego. This is followed by a reception in the parish hall with coffee, hot chocolate and sweet rolls. Mass will be at 6:00pm. Music with the Mariachi's, and during the offertory the children will bring flowers to the Virgin Mary.

After Mass we invite you to a reception in the parish hall to enjoy a small dinner and watch some folk dances, and other events for our community.

## YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS

### Qualifications for Admission to SPYM:

12-18 years old, registered parishioner of St. Paul Church. Have a personal relationship with God, motivated to serve others, especially the poor, and be willing to share his/her gifts, talents and time for the ministry.

For more information contact:

Cyrille Kaiklian 916.753.2302 email Cyrille89@gmail.com  
Angie Lovett 916.803.6463 email angielovett@gmail.com  
Sr. Ma.Katrina Quidlat, RVM

916.381.5200 email saintpauldre@comcast.net

Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>

<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057>

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

### 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,

nda, Dorothy (Joan)Grime. Helen Gallagher & Emma Habagatt., Robert Peralta, Lawrence Martin, Benjamin Ferrer, Rodrigo Tavora, Anthony Barajas Alisa Gomez, Charles Clemons, George Seabron, Jose Guerra, Antoine Hurst, Rose Gray, Ida Azcarateand Gabriel Inuman.

May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call Clara at 689-3932, or the rectory 381-5200.

## SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

Priscilla Wong	Luc Kimia	Sam Butler
Victoria Vasilescu	Mauricio Vargas	Rose Malone Grey
Frances Hurskainen	Maria Elizabeth Soriano	Brian Steele
Nora Ignacio	Jack Steele	Michael Delgado
John Jastraub	Frank Farrell	Thomas Mason
Shirley Robinson	Rodulfo Reyes	Clothilde Harris
Aurora Nicandro	Rita Chicca	Jackie Martin
Lorraine Schaefer	Wendy Patnode	Failey Segura
Jessica Lintag	Monica Cordero	Robert Bamford
John Rideaux	Rodrigo Reyes	Martha Montanez
Sandy Burgoon	Virginia Collier	Ricardo Campos
Dorothy Butler	Bill & Jean Hesse	Johnathan Robinson
Iris Sims	Daniel Labrado	Charlene Kirkland
Gertie Davis	Ellen Yee	James Solari
Teresa Ziegler	Elio Chicca	Elizabeth Solari
Terry Sanchez	Gregory Judd	Delphine Johnson

For safety reasons, we ask you NOT to give money to anyone begging in our parking lot or near the church at our weekend Masses!

## LOAVES & FISHES

### Holiday Help Needed!

The holidays are quickly approaching and we have many opportunities for you to be involved with Loaves and Fishes Toy Drive: Christmas Stockings: Christmas meal and more. Check out the website at [www.sacloaves.org/holiday](http://www.sacloaves.org/holiday) for all the details and dates.

### Christmas needs!

Canned Hams  
Candied yams extra large cans  
Apple juice—gallon size  
Dinner rolls  
Assorted pies, whipping cream  
Napkins

### Christmas Stockings

Every year as part of the holiday meal Loaves and Fishes offers each of their guests a Christmas stocking. To do this we ask the community to participate by providing stockings stuffed with basic necessities  
Gift cards (McDonalds Raleys)  
One pair new socks  
Stretch gloves and hat  
Disposable razor  
Chapstick, hand sanitizer  
Travel size toiletries  
Playing cards

Also needed is dog food and winter pet supplies to help our guests and their pets this winter—pet food, collars, carriers, blankets, etc.

All items can be delivered to the warehouse at 1351 North C St. on Mon.-Fri., 7:00-2:30pm.—or leave at the rectory and we will deliver the items.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Gary B. Foster II	Ricardo G.	Don Carlo Geroche
Jay Candaso	Cervantes	John Marc James
Norbert Mendiola Jr.	Stephen Rich	Ruben N. Libed
Jeffrey Yazel	Janae Santos	Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr.
Daniel Roy Ryan	Brian Vergith	Don Jamoles
Robert Brich II	Martin Sinlao	Ryan Gandy
Gregorio Rodriguez	Sergio Pineda	Cody Machado
Roel C.. Dones	Ariel Rollins	Mark A. Ramos Jr.

### THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

## Segundo Domingo de Adviento 6 de diciembre 2015

### VISTETE DE GOZO

Hoy Baruc nos habla del esplendor que se acerca para la ciudad de Jerusalén y para todos nosotros, sea donde fuere nuestro hogar. Despójate de conflictos, nos dice, y vístete de gozo. Como una vieja cobija favorita, el gozo nos queda a la medida, y qué bien nos mantiene calientes, por muy frío que sople el viento.

Pablo sabe de ese gozo cuando escribe su carta a los filipenses, orando para que crezcan en su habilidad de discernir lo que es bueno y justo. Y Lucas nos habla de Juan, el que fue anunciado por Isaías y que canta una canción parecida: "Preparen el camino del Señor" pues la salvación está al llegar.

Hombre adelantado a su época, Baruc se pasó la vida alegremente esperando una gloria lejana. En este segundo Domingo de Adviento, Pablo y Juan saben que esta gloria se acerca.

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).

**Salmo** — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

**Segunda Lectura** — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6)

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26  
 Martes: Gén 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38  
 Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Sábado: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima María Virgen  
 Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

### LA SABIDURIA

Las almas de los justos están en la manos de Dios y ningún tormento podrá alcanzarlos, A los ojos de los insensatos están bien muertos y su partida parecerá una derrota. Nos abandonaron: parece que nada queda de ellos, Pero, en realidad entraron en la paz.  
 Sab. 3, 1-2-3

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los Protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosos, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia Romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).

### MINISTROS DE DUELO

Reciente Duelos en San Pablo: Por favor, mantenga a las familias y amigos en sus oraciones por los feligreses cuyos funerales, o Memorial misas se celebraban durante las últimas semanas, ellos son:

Dorothy (Joan) Grime. Helen Gallagher & Emma Habagatt., Robert Peralta, Lawrence Martin, Benjamin Ferrer, Rodrigo Távora, Anthony Barajas Alisa Gómez, Carlos Clemons, George Seabron, José Guerra, Antoine Hurst, Rose Gray, Ida Azcarateand Gabriel Inuman. Que descansen en paz y que la luz perpetua brille sobre ellos. Para obtener más información, por favor llame al 689-3932 Clara, o la rectoría 381-5200.

### ALGUNOS DSAFIOS DEL MUNDO

La humanidad vive en este momento un giro histórico, que podemos ver en los adelantos que se producen en diversos campos. Son de alabar los avances que contribuyen al bienestar de la gente, como por ejemplo, en el ámbito de la salud, de la educación y de la comunicación. Sin embargo, no podemos olvidar que la mayoría de los hombres y mujeres de nuestro tiempo vive precariamente el día a día, con consecuencias funestas. Algunas patologías van en aumento. El miedo y la desesperación se apoderan del corazón de numerosas personas, incluso en los países llamados ricos. La alegría de vivir frecuentemente se apaga, la falta de respeto y la violencia crecen, la inequidad es cada vez mas patente. Hay que luchar para vivir y, a menudo, para vivir con poca dignidad. Este cambio de época se ha generado por los enormes saltos cualitativos, cuantitativos acelerados y acumulativos que se dan en el desarrollo científico, en las innovaciones etnológicas y en sus veloces aplicaciones. Estamos en la era del conocimiento e información, fuente de nuevas formas de un poder anónimo.  
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Se necesitan ayuda en los diferentes ministerios y usted puede ser uno de ellos, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Interesados 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.

### CELEBRACION DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



La comunidad hispana de San Pablo invita a la celebración de las Mañanitas y Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el día Sábado 12 de Diciembre de 2015, Las mañanitas a las 6:00—7:00 a.m. con cantos, oración y un breve resumen de la historia de las apariciones de la Virgen a Juan Diego. Seguido de una recepción

en el Salón Parroquial al terminar las mañanitas, habrá café, chocolate y pan dulce.

Luego tenemos la Misa a las 6:00 p.m., la música será de los Mariachis y durante el ofertorio entrega floral de los niños a la Virgen, luego iremos al salón Parroquial a disfrutar de una pequeña cena y a compartir el espectáculo de algunos bailes folklóricos, y otros eventos por nuestra comunidad . Se extiende este cordial invitación a todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia.

### SEGUNDA COLECTA

Diciembre 12/13 Fondo de Jubilación de Religiosos Este recurso nos pide recordar los religiosos y religiosas cuyo ministerio ha nutrido nuestra propia fe, servido a nuestra iglesia y fortalecido nuestra nación. Hoy en día, más de 37.000 mujeres y hombres religiosos son mayores de 70. Sus institutos se enfrentan a retos económicos críticos como el costo de la atención de salud se intensifica, y como la necesidad de acceso a viviendas para discapacitados aumenta.

### CONCIERTO

La Parroquia de San Pablo, tendrá un Concierto con Mayo Gorospe-Favis, una soprano lírica bien conocida, sobreviviente de cáncer de mama, una esposa y madre con tres hijos. Se llevará a cabo el 13 de diciembre de 2015, domingo, de 6:00-7:30. La invitación se extiende no sólo a todos los feligreses de San Pablo, sino también a las parroquias vecinas y toda la Diócesis de Sacramento. A partir de este fin de semana, los boletos a \$ 10 para adultos y \$ 5 para niños de 12 años y menores estarán disponibles después de cada Misa y en la oficina de la parroquia durante los días laborables. Los boletos son limitados por que es dentro la Iglesia.

Una parte de los beneficios se destinarán a la Fundación de Breast Cancer. Consciente Albie en nombre de la Sra. De mayo Gorospe-Favis y al Fondo del Edificio St. Paul. Esa noche de serenata de canciones de alegría y esperanza que alivia el alma y el corazón para celebrar la Navidad. Para más Información llame a la oficina al 916-381-5200 o vaya al sitio de internet web de la Parroquia.

### JUSTICIA SOCIAL

El árbol de Jesse de Navidad esta en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia para personas generosas que quiera recoger una tarjeta con la petición de Navidad de un (a) niño (a) para que compren el regalo y devolver la tarjeta con el paquete sin envolver y puede llevarlo a la oficina de la parroquia o llamar a Larreine al 916-363-0365 o 916-381-5200

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Contenedores para Calcetines

A la entrada de la iglesia hay contenedores para recibir calcetines que usted amablemente trae para hombres y mujeres sin hogar. Si prefiere hacer una donación monetaria lo puede dejar en un sobre dirigido a "Justicia Social", y depositarlo en la canasta de la colecta durante la Misa. Tambien usted puede llevarlo a la oficina. Los miembros del Ministerio de Justicia Social comprarán los calcetines y los entregaran a los encargados de panes y los peces. Gracias.

### MR Y MISS SAN PABLO

GRACIAS

Los organizadores de Mr. y Miss de Iglesia de San Pablo quieren dar las gracias a nuestros jóvenes candidatos, a sus padres, simpatizantes y todos aquellos que de una u otra manera trabajaron maravillosamente para hacer que este evento se realizara. Su arduo trabajo, el tiempo que ha compartido, sacrificios y compromiso inquebrantable valioso para hacer esta recaudación de fondos posible valen mucho más de lo que podemos estar agradecidos. Que Dios siga bendiciendo a sus familias con su Divina Gracia en la medida de su generosidad que lo merecen tanto.

La coronación se llevará a cabo el 20 de Diciembre a las 9:00 p.m. después de la cena que es a las 6:00 p.m. todos están invitados, el valor del boleto es de \$15 por persona y estará de venta después de las misas y en la oficina de la parroquia. Esta ceremonia es muy emotiva. Acompáñanos.