

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

## **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

# The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

## Processional Hymn #525 The Church's one foundation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## The First Reading

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives

bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>“When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

<sup>1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

### Psalm 124

- <sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- <sup>2</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- <sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- <sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## The Second Reading

### Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;

the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #581 Where charity and love prevail**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

Rev. Kathie Galicia

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from**

**true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

to be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Rite of Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory Hymn #288 Praise to God, immortal praise



him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom  
 come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our  
 dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-es, As we-for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,  
 as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from  
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
 glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have  
7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the  
12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Hymn #151 One bread, one body

### Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.**

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is given.*

## Recessional Hymn #528 Lord, you give the great commission

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

### *August Ministry Schedule*

	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Morning Prayer	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary
Lectors	Steph HW Barbara V	Nancy S Annamary	Joyce B Ann M	Judy T Christine J
Intercessor	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H	Judy T
Greeters	Christine J	Carolyn L Ishmael H	Christine J	Phil M Ishmael H
Ushers	Phil M Claudine R		Phil M Carolyn L	
Vestry Rep	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H	Judy T



### ***Have You Considered Being an Acolyte?***

Since the time of Christ, acolytes have been an important part of a Christian service from torch lighting, processional cross carrying, and assisting the priests in preparing the communion table.

Having an active roll in the worship services is not only fun but also a richly rewarding experience that will stay with you for your entire life.

To anyone interested in becoming an acolyte, we are holding an initial meeting following church on Sunday September 10. We will essentially go over details including a schedule of training, etc.

If you have any questions or are interested and can't attend please contact Nancy Silva at [nnsilvalcsw@gmail.com](mailto:nnsilvalcsw@gmail.com) or Niniv Tamimi at [ninivtamimi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ninivtamimi@sbcglobal.net).

## *September Ministry Schedule*

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Nancy S Christine J	Judy T Steph HW	Joyce B Sarah H	Barbara V Ann M
Intercessor	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B
Greeters	Christine J Ishmael H	Sarah H Carolyn L	Ishmael H Phil M	Sarah H Christine J
Ushers	Phil M		Phil M	David L
Vestry Rep	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B

## ***Sunday School is Starting Again In Person***

Starting Sunday, September 10th, in-person Sunday school for our youth, elementary through high School will resume. The youth are invited to gather in the Sunday School room, inside the main sanctuary after the processional hymn. They will return to the regular service during the offertory hymn.



We will need two adult volunteers to lead the Sunday School each week. Please let Chuck Sheaffer know if you are willing to help. You can call at 209-765-1214 or email [cbshea@pacbell.net](mailto:cbshea@pacbell.net). All volunteers will be required to take the safeguarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions.



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, <https://www.diosanjoaquin.org>. The "Friday Reflection" is available through the "News and Resources" link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your inbox, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.



## *Prayer and Praise* as of 8-22-2023

☞ Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Celina Bridges (friend of Sarah Hartman, Joyce & Ellen Bell), Stephanie Gilmer, Al Spina (Nell Gerber's son-in-law), Ulli (friend of Doug & Allison Cox), Theresa Norling-Doede (George & Paige's g-grandson's mother), Neil (Rev. Lyn's brother), Roxie Bavaria (Anita Machado's brother), Bonnie Palmer, Linda Lowe's Aunt Mudge, Louise McCoskey, Sam Burton (Bonnie Palmer's brother), Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law, Carol Collier, Darla, Theresa Grieshaber, Christine Judd, Robin Magenot (George & Paige Cano's daughter), Sarah Manfredoni (George & Paige Cano's great-grandson's mother), Suzy Cano, Joan Miller, Susan Sell, Ann Mootz's sister-in-law, Elaine Paradis and Bishop Michael Curry.

☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for the following people:

Paige Cano, The Munroe's, James Himes (Christine Jayne's son), Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother) and Craig Persons

☞ Please pray for the country of Ukraine and all the residents for peace and healing.

☞ Please pray for the state of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui. See info under Meetings, News and Needs for how you can help.

☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

### *Recycling at St. Paul's*

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.



## *Meetings, News and Needs*

- ☞ If you feel called to give to the crisis in Maui, we have put the Episcopal Relief Fund information on our website, [saintpaulsmodesto.org](http://saintpaulsmodesto.org). Please pray for the survivors, families that have lost loved ones, for the rescue workers and all involved in this tragedy!
- ☞ The Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's will be on Saturday, Sept 9. If you are interested in participating or supporting, please contact Linda Lowe for information
- ☞ Rev. Kathie Galicia has offered to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Day of Discernment.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for ***the Shower Shuttle***, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- ☞ Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.
- ☞ There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson [jthork2404@aol.com](mailto:jthork2404@aol.com)

# ***Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Commission on Ministry, Day of Discernment Saturday, Sept 9, 2023***



Have you ever wondered what the Church means when she speaks about discernment? As a Christian, do you reflect on how you might be called to serve God's kingdom and his people? Do you have questions about ordination, what it means and how it happens? If so, the *Day of Discernment* is for you. This event is sponsored annually by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and is a time to explore and reflect on these questions. Also, if you are discerning a vocation to the ordained ministry, the *Day of Discernment* is the first official step in the process of discernment.

The next Day of Discernment is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 9th, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. We will meet at St. James' Cathedral (4147 E. Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726) and all participants will need to register by Sept 1. You may register by emailing Fr. Luis Rodriguez at [frluis@stpaulsbak.org](mailto:frluis@stpaulsbak.org). He will get back to you with further details. You may also contact him if you have any questions.

## ***Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's 2023***

The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at Modesto's Graceada Park. Registration will begin at 8 am, Opening Ceremony at 9 am, with the Walk starting at 9:30. The 1-mile circuit goes around Graceada and Ensen Parks. The 3-mile circuit starts along the parks, goes out the Virginia Corridor to Roseburg Square and back to Graceada Park.

The Walk is a free event but also a fundraiser. Funds are used to assist persons experiencing dementia, their caregivers, and the research needed to find better treatments and the cure for Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia. Donations to the "Stan Seniors and Lady's Friends" Team may be made through this link:

[2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Modesto, CA: Ms. Linda Lowe | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

While supplies last, a 16 oz. jar of Linda's Mixed Berry Jam is available for a donation of \$10. Cash and checks made to the Alzheimer's Association accepted for jam and to support the Modesto Walk.

For more information, contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937, or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com).

# ***St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

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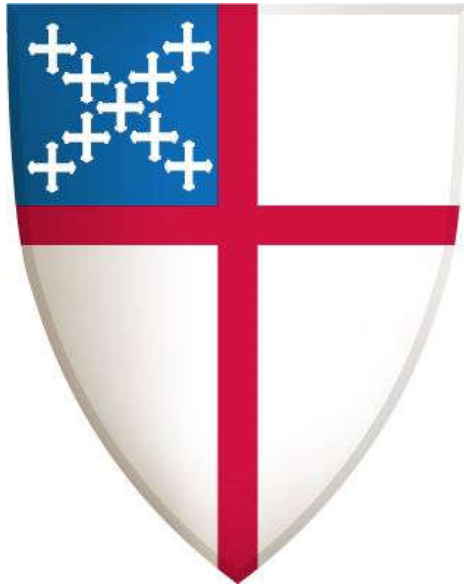
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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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