Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent Feb 25, 2024



2nd Sunday in LENT

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.

Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

Enter in silence

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

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Deacon or Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the

Lord your God.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not steal.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your

neighbor.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews* 4:14,16

Celebrant or Deacon: 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: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All: Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

4"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 22:22-30

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them: *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for

our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #88 My faith looks up to thee

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Deacon Greg Masztal

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

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 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 servants, that *their* weakness may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that *their* health being renewed, *they* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the Election of a Minister

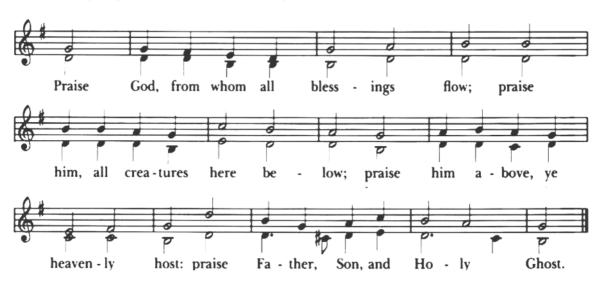
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

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Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians5:2 (or other sentence)*

Offertory Hymn WLP #757 Will you come and follow me (next page)





The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

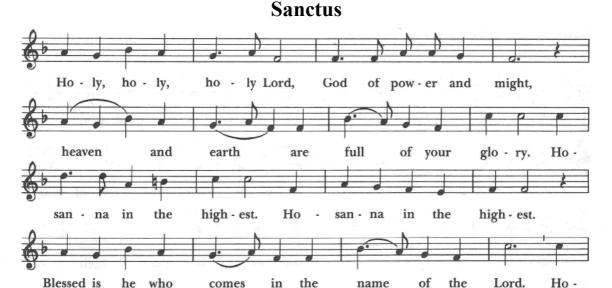
People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

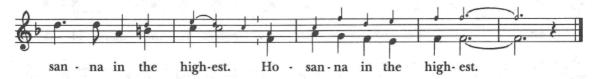
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast, so that in fervent prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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

Celebrant: All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen

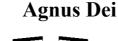
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

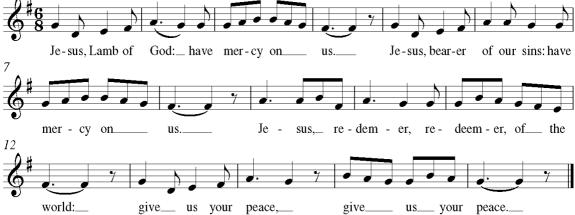
The Lord's Prayer



Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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





Celebrant: Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request. Please let one of the ushers know if you'd like to receive gluten-free bread.

Communion Hymn #707 Take my life and let it be

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people. Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to who with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All: Amen

Recessional Hymn #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Celebrant: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer

Prayer and Praise as of 2-9-2024

Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

David West

Theresa Grieshaber

Pam & Mike Cox

Suzy Cano

Elaine Paradis

Linda's Aunt Mudge

Deacon George

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

Michael Thorington

Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law

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Enrique Perez (student of Danielle

Verges)

Mary Su's mother

Ismael Huggins

Kristina & Rozy Frias

Ken & Trish Hart

Sishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.

- Sulia West, Pastor Kathleen's daughter, on the passing of her father, Ira
- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.
- Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui.
- Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.
- Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.
- Please pray for all travelers as journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

(Some of these people have been on our prayer list a long time, that is because they are in need of long term prayer. The list is updated every week)

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

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





On March 6, 7, and 14th, we will meet in the Parish Hall to write Easter Cards to members of the US House of Representatives. The evenings will start at 6PM with



a simple Ukrainian soup and bread and a scripture reading and prayer. At 6:30 we will begin working on the cards

which will each have a short note thanking the congressperson for their support of Ukraine in 2023, and requesting they remember the people of Ukraine in 2024. It is free to participate and kids are welcome. If you would like to not participate in the short meal, you are welcome to come at 6:30 PM. We will wrap up each evening at 8:30 with prayer for the people around the world who suffer from violence and war through no fault of their own. - Rex Adamson.

Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock

We were invited to join a Lenten Book Study at St. Lenten Book Study Francis in Turlock by Padre Toni Alvarez. The Len-



ten Book Study will begin February 21, 2024 at 5:30p.m. for Evening Prayer in the Chapel. The Book Study begins at 6:00 pm. Evening Prayer is separate, you are welcome to join both the service and the book study.

We are very grateful to Padre Toni for his generous offer of hospitality. We are one Beloved Community.

The Book chosen is Inwardly Digest, The Prayer Book As Guide To A Spiritual Life, author: Derek Olsen. Padre Toni encourages participants to read chapter 1 prior to the study.

Please email Padre Toni with an RSVP if you plan to attend, Padre Toni's email: padretoni@diosanjoaguin.org. It is very important that if you plan to attend you remember to RSVP to assist with the planning of their space.

St. Francis Episcopal Church at 915 E. Main St., Turlock, California 95380 If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone 209-402-3017, text or email: mzgilmer@att.net.

Faithfully Yours, Stephanie Gilmer

February Ministry Schedule

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Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg			
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Anthony M	Annamary P Jim P	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M			
Lectors	Rex A Steph G	Barbara V Alex S	Steph HW Ishmael H	Ann M Christine J			
Intercessor	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B			
Greeters	Christine J David L	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L Christine J	Phil M Ismael H			
Ushers	David L Phil M	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L David L	Phil M Ismael H			
Vestry Rep	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B			



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Kathie

Maundy Thurs & Agape Meal, March 28 6:00 p.m. - Rev. Lyn

Good Friday, March 29 Noon and 7:00 p.m. - Dcn. Greg, Rev. Kathie

Easter Vigil, March 30 St. Francis, Turlock Easter, March 31 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Lyn



Sunday School

Sunday School has started again. The classes start at the Old Testament reading during our service. The class is held in the glassed in room at the back of the church. Please come and join the group.



March 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m. St. James Cathedral, Fresno During this liturgy, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

This liturgy is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests and deacons is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the priests and deacons of the diocese renew their vow of obedience to the Diocesan Bishop and their commitment to serve all God's people.

At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to the congregations of the diocese for use in the coming year.

RSVP to: cannonanna@diosanjoaquin.org

All Laity are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

You are invited to bring a potluck dish to share for lunch following the service.

Clergy: alb & red stoles

March Ministry Schedule

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Clergy Homily		Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Steph G Ann M	Rex A Steph HW		Steph G Ismael H	Barbara V Alex S
Intercessor	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L
Greeters	Christine J Phil M	William S Claudine R	Ismael H Christine J	Phil M William S	Linda L Claudine R
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Lora Burnett, Sarah Hartmann, Ismael Huggins, Linda Lowe, Luis Martinez,

Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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