Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355 - (209) 522-3267 www.saintpaulsmodesto.org The Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024



3rd 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

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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work-you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in vour towns.¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, *
- and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard, ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world. ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults. ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #89 My Jesus, I love thee

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13;22

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then

said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Dondi

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;

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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

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 #455 O love of God, how strong and true



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:

Sanctus



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.

Agnus Dei



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 Levas #152 Let us break bread together

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 #495 Hail thou once despised Jesus

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

All: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

	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	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Steph G Ann M	Rex A Steph HW	Linda L Christine J	Steph G Ismael H	Barbara V Alex S
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Ushers	David L Phil M	Phil M Claudine R		Phil M Carolyn L	David L Claudine R
Vestry Rep	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L

March Ministry Schedule



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24 Good Friday, March 29 Easter Vigil, March 30 Easter, March 31

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Kathie Maundy Thurs & Agape Meal, March 28 6:00 p.m. - Rev. Lyn Noon and 7:00 p.m. - Dcn. Greg, Rev. Kathie St. Francis, Turlock 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Lyn

Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock

We were invited to join a Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock by Padre Toni Alvarez. The Lenten Book Study will begin Wednesday, 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@diosanjoaquin.org. It is very important that if you plan to attend you remember to RSVP to assist with the planning of their space.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone 209-402-3017, text or email: mzgilmer@att.net.

- Stephanie Gilmer



Easter Cards for Ukraine Aid

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 soun and broad and a



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



Chrism Mass & Renewal of Vows

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 yow of obedience to the Diocesan Bish-

op 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





Sunday School has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.

So **Tuesday Noon Day Prayer** in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.

Source If you are interested in joining the **Altar Guild** please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.

So Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.

See If you are interested in playing **hand bells**, contact Judy Teter.

- Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- So The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail for **The Stanislaus Food Initiative** (formerly Interfaith Ministries).
- Shere 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.
- So If you are interested in helping with **Salvation Army** dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- If you are interested in joining Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy. They will be meeting the *3rd Tuesday* of the month at 1 pm in the youth room of the Parish Hall. This years charity is the Seaman's Institute. They are making scarfs, hats, socks etc. Note the new day!
- So 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 <u>jthork2404@aol.com</u>
- Shere 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.

Prayer and Praise as of 2-23-2024

Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Claudine Romegialli 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 Enrique Perez (student of Danielle Verges) Mary Su's mother Ismael Huggins Kristina & Rozy Frias Ken & Trish Hart

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- See Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.
- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Shifting Frias, for success in her job search.
- 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.
- See 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.

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