



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS — SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

**Welcome!** Please take a moment to fill out a yellow visitor card.

Please place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we may continue our welcome.

### The Triduum at St. Paul's



The Triduum - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter - is the pinnacle our year at St. Paul's. This year, we are thrilled to welcome The Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, as our guest preacher at all three services during the Great Three Days. Scott is a

much sought after preacher, and a gifted evangelist and advocate for discipleship in The Episcopal Church. Maundy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29) services will begin at 7:00 pm; the Great Vigil of Easter (March 30) will begin at 7:30 pm; we are delighted that the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated at this year's vigil. Make plans to join us! As has been our custom, we'll share a parish Agapé Supper before our Maundy Thursday service, and have a festive reception after the Great Vigil of Easter.

Prayer and worship during the Great Three Days is the single most spiritually significant journey we make during our church year - we hope you make plans to worship and pray with us.



### Easter Flowers

Easter is nearly here and every year St. Paul's fills the front of the sanctuary with beautiful flowers! If you would like to donate to the Easter floral arrangements, please send your offering to the Parish Office or place on offering in the plate on Sunday with a notation of "Easter Flowers". If given in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, please include a note with dedication information. Please have all dedication information to the Parish Office by Tuesday, March 26 if you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletins.

### Palm Sunday is not a tropical holiday

The week that leads up to Easter is filled with liturgical music, altar flowers, vestments and altar cloths that reflect the passion, suffering, mystery and, ultimately, the ecstasy of the Christ and His resurrection.

Palm Sunday starts off with our congregation carrying and waving palm branches in a procession. This feast day commemorates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. The name Palm Sunday originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd and placed in his path to greet and honor Jesus Christ as he entered the city, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

In the Episcopal church the day is officially called *The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*; in practice, though,

it is usually termed *Palm Sunday*. While palm branches are traditional, any local greens native to the area may be used.

More to come about the "garden" for Maundy Thursday and the "bursting blooms of life" for Easter Sunday.



### Godly Play Wednesdays

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, St. Paul's offers opportunities for families and children (roughly from ages 3-9) to explore and wonder about the stories of Christian faith together! We'll provide a simple meal for the family. **Our next gathering will be Wednesday, March 27 at 5:00pm.** Questions? Reach out to Fr. David at [davids@stpaulsww.org](mailto:davids@stpaulsww.org).

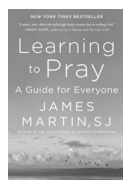
### Lenten Stations of the Cross



During Lent, we offer a lay-led Stations of the Cross. Our final Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday (March 29) at 12pm in the Nave. The Stations of the Cross (or Way of the Cross) is a prayerful devotion that recalls the series of events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and burial. There are 14 traditional stations. Participants will take turns reading the relevant scripture at each station.

### "Learning to Pray" - Shared Formation

Our practice of growing as disciples in a common parish focus is continuing! This time, we'll be considering what it is to pray, and the many ways we learn to pray using the book "Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone" by James Martin, SJ. Small groups are encouraged to begin exploring prayer together once they're ready; our Sunday Forums will resume on Sunday, April 14.



The initial order of 20 copies has arrived in the Parish Office for those who would like to purchase the book at St. Paul's; the recommended donation for the book is \$16.00; kindle, audiobook, and large print editions are also available for ordering online.



### Spring Flowers & Greens Collection

The Flower Guild would like to ask for your help in preparing for our Easter celebrations. Would you be willing to share the spring flowers or leafy green foliage from your yards and gardens with the Flower Guild team during the Easter season? We would love to come harvest them to enhance our Sunday worship. We promise not to leave you with barrenness - we will pick judiciously and leave your yards and gardens still flourishing!



Please speak to Jen King, Kathryn Barron, Margaret Hoglund, or Cheryl Heller we will plan to gently thin your blossoms and greens and turn them into Holy offerings of beauty on the altar.

## Discernment Survey

We have been participating in a process of discernment involving prayer; asking God to lead our St. Paul's community and our individual selves in discerning where God might be calling us for outreach service. As we've prayed, we were asked to observe our community and look for opportunities to serve or where there might be unmet needs. We now wish to determine the capacity of our congregation and collect the opportunities you have noticed for serving. ***Please fill out a survey, located on the table in the back of the nave, and place it in the offering plate or leave it with an usher.***

The Discernment Committee will soon be "morphing" into the Outreach Research Committee. This group will gather all the suggestions from the surveys and present research about each suggestion, including what is already being done in our community, by whom, and to what extent. If you would like to be part of the team, please let Fr. David know.

## St. Paul's Prayer List

Carolyn, Bryant and family, Ben, Anne, Janell, Mary, Sally Ann, Liz, Carol, Jason, Marsha, Nadine, Steve, Don, Fred, Nina, Lisa, Sean, Jim, Carol, Mary, Gene, Kathy, Debbie, Larry, ...

*As we worship, we pray each week for the names that are on our Parish Prayer List—if you have names you would like to add, please contact Tanya in the Parish Office (509/529-1083 or [tanyah@stpaulsw.org](mailto:tanyah@stpaulsw.org)).*



### Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 28

6:00PM - Agapé Supper  
7:00PM - Holy Eucharist, Footwashing & The Stripping of the Altar  
8:30PM-12:00AM - Vigil at the Altar of Repose

### Good Friday—Friday, March 29

12:00PM - Stations of the Cross  
7:00PM - Proper Liturgy of Good Friday

### Holy Saturday—Saturday, March 30

7:30PM - The Great Vigil of Easter

### Easter Day—Sunday, March 31

8:00AM - Holy Eucharist with Hymns  
10:30AM - Choral Holy Eucharist

## Happy Birthday!

St. Paul's celebrates with all our parishioners and friends who have birthdays this week, especially Gene, Fay, and Cormac.

*If your birthday is this week and your name is not included in this list, please let the Parish Office know so we can be sure to celebrate with you.*

## Salvation Army Food Bank Donations

Donations Welcome! If you would like to make food and pantry donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank, there is a collection cooler in the atrium and a collection box in the mailroom. Thank you!

## Betty's Basket

Betty's Baskets is where we collect travel sized toiletries (such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, deodorant, etc.) to donate to the Christian Aid Center and those in need of these basic hygiene essentials. Betty's Baskets are located in the narthex and the mailroom and is a small way to help others that is greatly appreciated.

## Want to meet with the Priest? It's Easy!

Fr. David's calendar is always available for meetings, prayer or planning for parish life.

To schedule, visit <https://calend.ly/fatherdavid> or call the Parish Office 509/529.1083

## St. Paul's Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm  
Friday 9:30am-12noon

Please feel free to reach out during office hours at 509/529.1083 or anytime via email Fr. David at [davids@stpaulsw.org](mailto:davids@stpaulsw.org)  
Tanya at [tanyah@stpaulsw.org](mailto:tanyah@stpaulsw.org)

### Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd David Sibley

### Deacon:

The Rev'd Ann Howard

### Organist:

James French

### Altar Guild:

Sarah Bro, Sandi Blackaby

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00AM—Pam Murray

10:30AM—Cheryl Heller  
Katherine Nordal

### 8:00am Greeter:

Rona Frank

### 10:30am Welcome Team:

Dorso/Luongo Family

## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, 8am  
Choral Eucharist, 10:30am

#### Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, 9am, Choir Room

#### Women's AA

Mondays, 6pm, Guild Room

#### Cub Scouts

Mondays, 6:30pm  
throughout campus

#### Language of the Heart AA

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
12noon-1pm, Guild Room

#### Scouts

Tuesdays, 6pm, Lower Hall

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Men's Propers

Wednesdays, 8am, Guild Room

#### Renovaré

Wednesdays, 1:30pm  
Guild Room

#### Small Group

Thursdays, 4-6pm, Guild Room

#### Experience Strength and Hope Al-Anon

Saturdays, 12noon, Guild Room

#### Saturday Night AA

Saturdays, 7pm, Guild Room

#### Sunday Night Big Book AA

Sundays, 8pm, Guild Room

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### The Benedictine Way

Thursday, April 04  
Thursday, April 18  
1:30pm, Guild Room

#### First Thursday Concert

Thursday, April 04  
12:15pm, Nave

#### Godly Play Wednesdays

*(4th Wednesday of the month)*  
Wednesday, March 27  
5pm, Campbell Hall

#### Vestry meeting

Monday, April 08, 7pm

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Altar Guild Cleaning Day

Saturday, March 30, 9am

#### Parish Office Closed

Easter Monday

Monday, April 01

#### Tanya Out of the Office

Tues, April 02-Fri, April 05

#### WW Civility Project

Sunday, April 14,  
2pm, Guild Room

#### Fr. David @ Regional Clericus

Friday, April 19

### The St. Paul's Calendar is Always Available Online:

*A reminder that a calendar of parish events is always available online at [stpaulsw.org/calendar](http://stpaulsw.org/calendar).*