

Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor
Noe Valley Parishes
St. Paul's Catholic Church

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 Mass

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass and Devotions

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

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Grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September - May

Confirmation Preparation for High School Teens

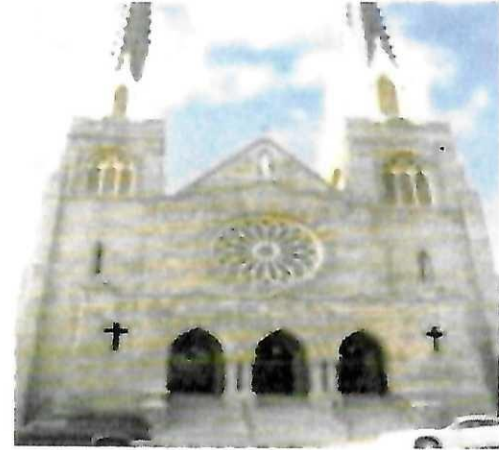
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Chapel

Baptismal Catechesis Class - by appointment only

English on the first Wednesday of the month

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, program runs September through May

Marriage Preparation, contact Fr. Mario Farana at least six (6) months in advance



Rev. Mario P. Farana,
Pastor

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Deacon Bill McLoughlin

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St. Paul's: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow + serving Noe Valley over 140 years

December 11th Third Sunday of Advent

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; **Mt**
1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing; God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

December 11th Third Sunday of Advent

For all victims of human trafficking: That they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners; We pray to the Lord:

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY of Advent

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Jesus said,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Matthew 11:4-5

Calendar of the Week

Monday	Dec. 12 th .	
Tuesday:	Dec. 13 th .	WOSP Christmas Potluck and Mass 6pm
Wednesday	Dec. 14 th .	School Christmas Concert 6:30pm in the Church
Thursday	Dec. 15 th .	
Friday:	Dec. 16 th .	
Saturday:	Dec. 17 th .	Pageant Rehearsal 9:30am Church Decorating and cleaning 10:00am
Sunday:	Dec. 18 th .	MOSP Pancake Breakfast, following 8am & 9:15am Visit with Santa WOSP Christmas Boutique

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection Dec 4 th , 2022	\$ 3,255.50
Second Collection for Preservation Fund	& 4,035.25
E-Contributions for November 2022	\$ 10,903.00
2022 Annual Appeal Goal	\$ 83,431.00
Collected as of October 2022	\$ 57,723.00
Balance Still Remaining for the 2022 Appeal	\$ 25,708.00

The St. Paul's Community Outreach Program Annual Giving Tree will begin the weekend of Nov 26th. & 27th. Please take an ornament for a Child or Senior and return it with your gift. Gifts for teens/pre-teen are most needed. As always, your generosity and prayers are always appreciated



2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal update

Thank you for your response to Father Mario's latest letter about the 2022 *Archdiocesan Annual Appeal*. Our Parish is now only \$25,708 from our assigned goal. We remind you again that the Parish will have to pay the Archdiocese \$25,708 from our operating account if donations do not pick up. We know all things are possible with God. Please donate any amount you can for the good of St. Paul's Parish.

The Women of St. Paul's Christmas Mass at Potluck is scheduled in the Rectory (221 Valley Street) for Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 PM. It will be an evening prayer, Christmas spirit and sisterhood. Please bring a dish to share and a layette item for newborns. Mass begins promptly at 6:00 PM. All women of the parish are invited.

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Because of the combined generosity St. Paul's parishioners and the elementary school and Littlest Angels preschool communities, the San Francisco Food Bank received \$2,512 in online donations. Thanks to all.

Lectors, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers, The Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Mass sign up sheet is in the Sacristy. Please add your name to the list as soon as possible

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Please make note that the regular 9:15 am mass will change to 9:30am on Christmas Day, December 25th.

We have a new look

Come see our newly updated Web page.

www.stpaulsf.org

Follow us on Facebook at

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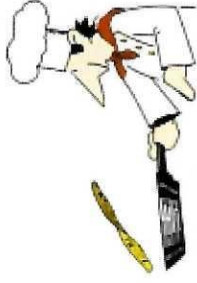
Saturday Mass 4:30pm
Josephine and Jack Shea (D)
Juanita Lagarda Callejas (D)
Sunday Mass 8:00 am
Frank Venturini Jr. (D)
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)
Rev. Michael Kotlanger (D)
Sunday Mass 9:15 am
Nick Fesunoff (D)
Sr. Joan Derry (D)

Monday 8:30 am
Sr. Joan Derry (D)
Alberto Soon Dr.
Tuesday 8:30 am
Alma Ruth Vargas AP (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am
Sr. Joan Derry (D)
Thursday 8:30am
Benedict Eder (L)
Laura Colabianchi (D)
Friday 8:30am
Sr. Joan Derry (D)

Saturday Mass 4:30pm
William Hanlon (D)
Fermina Morales
Sunday Mass 8:00 am
Amulio & Paolina Petrini (D)
Aurita Halaguena Norcon (D)
Sunday Mass 9:15 am
Harvey Anderson (D)
Sr. Joan Derry (D)



**WOMEN'S CLUB
CHRISTMAS
BOOTHIQUE!**



**PICTURES
WITH
SANTA!**

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S

CHRISTMAS TIME

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 18
After the 8:00 & 9:15 Masses
Adults: \$5, Kids: Free!

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Athletic Board!

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Our readings tell us today that:

ISAIAH 35: 1-6, 10: The desert will bloom

PSALM 146: "Lord, come and save us"

JAMES 5: 7-10: Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.

MATTHEW 11: 2-11: In prison, John received word of the coming of Christ.

What can we see with eyes of faith? Isaiah saw a field of abundant flowers where others saw a parched desert. James saw an urgency to prepare for the coming of the Lord where others focused on its delay. John the Baptist could no longer see what he'd seen in the desert and needed Jesus to remind him of what his disciples were seeing all along: the poor fed, the dead raised, the deaf hearing, and yes, the blind seeing. With eyes of faith, we see past the bleak onset of winter. We see the coming of the Lord on the horizon.

Our question for the week:

Have others recognized Christ's presence in me? What can I do during Advent and Christmas to witness to Christ's presence in the world?



St. Paul's Christmas Eve Family Mass

Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30p.m.

Children are invited to take part in the NATIVITY PAGEANT at this Mass!

Needed are: Preschool age to 3rd Grade children from the Parish Community, Littlest Angel Preparatory Preschool, St. Paul School of Religion, and Kindergarten through 3rd Grade at St. Paul's School.
Costumes are provided and these are non-speaking roles!



Mary (3rd)



Joseph (3rd)



Angel Gabriel (3rd)



Innkeepers (1st-3rd)



Wise Kids (1st-3rd)



Shepherds (Kinder - 3rd)



Angels (Preschool - 3rd)



Sheep (Preschool - 3rd)



and a Star (Kinder - 1st)

Where: St. Paul's Church (Parents must attend the practices with their children)

When: Saturday, December 10th - 11:15a.m.-12:30p.m. for Casting/
First Practice (Angels do not need to attend casting/first practice on 12/10.)

Saturday, December 17th from 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m. for Second Practice
(All children, including Angels, must attend second practice on 12/17.)

Saturday, December 24th - all must arrive by 4:00p.m.

**YOU MUST
ATTEND IN
ORDER TO BE
CHOSEN FOR
A PART IN THE
PAGEANT!**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING 2022



This year we will be decorating on Saturday:

Saturday December 17, 2022

10:00am

We will be doing some cleaning and **Tree Fluffing!!**  along with placing all the flowers around the Altar and putting the finishing touches on our Christmas decorating.

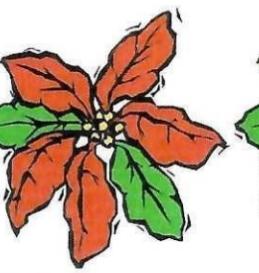
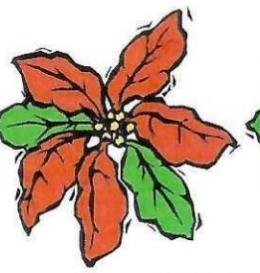
We know this is a busy time for all of you but we hope you can take a little time out of your schedule and join us for our Church decorating this Christmas Season...

Lunch will be provided

DONATIONS WELCOME

**Donations of Poinsettia's for the Christmas Season
would be appreciated. Please bring your
donations to the Rectory beginning
Friday, December 16th.**





**ST. PAUL'S
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**St. Paul's Parish Community warmly invites you,
your family and friends to share with us
this season of love that is Christmas.**

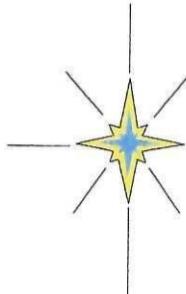


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2022
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:30 P.M. FAMILY MASS WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT




MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022




8:00 A.M. IN ENGLISH
9:30 A.M., IN ENGLISH



NEW YEAR'S EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
WE WILL HAVE THE 4:30 P.M. MASS
AND
ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023



8:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH FROM 11:00 - 12 NOON
OR
BY APPOINTMENT



Dear St. Paul's,

On behalf of all of the volunteers at Urban Angels SF, thank you and the Saint Paul's community for all of the holiday gifts that you donated today.

Tomorrow they will bring joy when we deliver them to homeless children living in San Francisco shelters.

A special thanks too from all of the children who will never meet their donors but who will know that someone out there cares about them.

Grateful to be in Service,

Urban Angels SF

5228 Diamond Heights Blvd. SF 94131 (2nd floor in Diamond Heights Shopping Center)

415-952-0711

www.UrbanAngelsSF.org

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"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." Maya Angelou

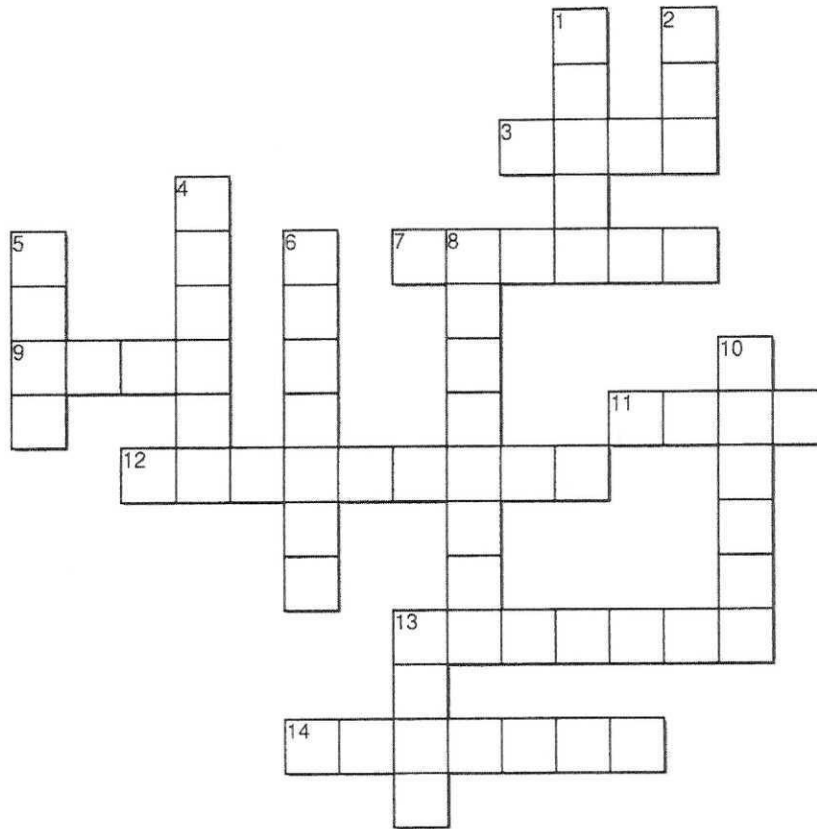
"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Mother Teresa



Name: _____

ADVENT

Complete the crossword below



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PINK JANUARY PURPLE DECEMBER ADVENT CHRISTMAS JOSEPH HOLY

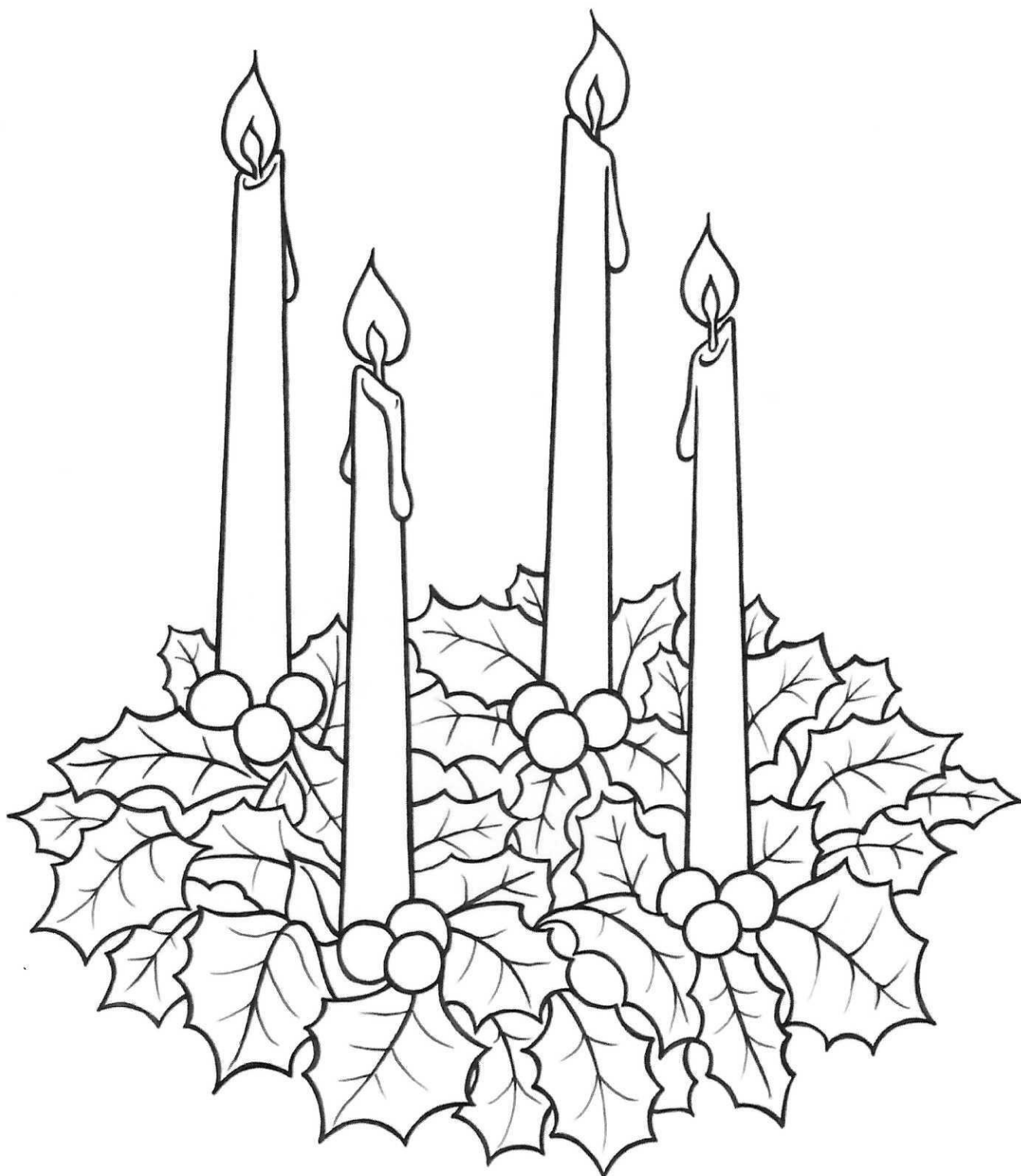
FOUR PREPARE WAITING PEACE MARY JOY LOVE

Horizontal

- 3. Jesus' mother
- 7. means waiting
- 9. an emotion that shows positive feelings
- 11. number of candles on an advent wreath
- 12. Jesus' birthday
- 13. what we do with our hearts during Advent
- 14. the month the Christmas Season takes place

Vertical

- 1. without war
- 2. an emotion of elation
- 4. Jesus' earthly father
- 5. filled with holiness
- 6. what we do during Advent
- 8. the month advent takes place
- 10. the major color of advent
- 13. the other color of advent



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