# 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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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 in English on the first Wednesday of the month

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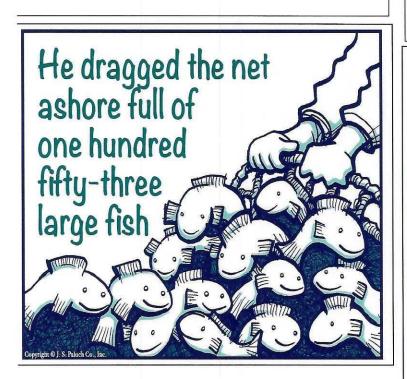
Marriage Preparation, contact Fr. Mario Farana at least six (6) months in advance

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

# May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter

#### GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Monday:

Jn 6:22-29

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14 Tuesday: Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;

Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

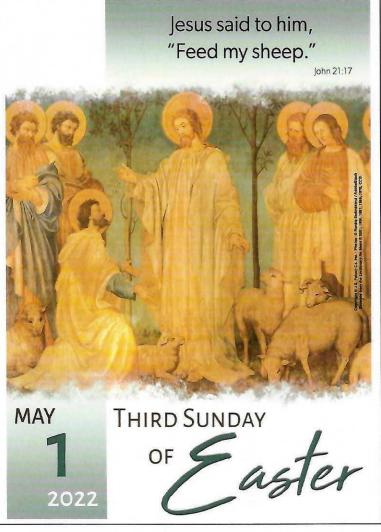
#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### **NECESSARY**

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it.



#### Calendar of the Week

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. MOSP Dinner Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday: May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gospel Sharing Class 9:30am in the Rectory

Wednesday May 4th. Baptism Class 7pm

Thursday: May 5<sup>th</sup>. Friday: May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday: May 7th. CCD – 9:30am to 11am

St. Paul's School First Communion 1pm
Sundav: May 8th. Coffee and Donuts following 9:15am mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection April 24th. Easter Collection \$2,826.94
E-Contributions for March 2022 \$10,757.00
2022 Annual Appeal Goal \$83,431.00
Collected as of March 20, 2022, \$9,509.00
Balance Still Remaining for the 2022 Appeal \$73,922.00

St. Paul's big <u>GALA DINNER-DANCE & AUCTION</u> returns on Saturday, May 14! The Gala is our primary fun- and fund-raising social event to support key projects in both the parish and school. This year's Gala adapts the theme of San Francisco's springtime multicultural "CARNAVAL" and is a celebration of the diversity and resilience of our community. We mailed out printed invitations, but the FASTEST way to RSVP is to go online to see details, buy dinner tickets, and preview the Auction Catalog. Get the CARNAVAL website in today's bulletin or check the announcements board in front of the church!

**NEXT WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY.** This second collection on Mother's Day weekend May 7-8, 2022 is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to help support low-income mothers who are forced to make difficult choices between daily essentials such as housing, food, medicine, and childcare. With your help, Catholic Charities provides life-affirming services so mothers and their families can flourish. Please give generously and dedicate your Mother's Day donation to at-risk mothers seeking hope and support.

You can text MothersHope to 50155 or visit donate.catholiccharitiessf.org/mothershope to donate online]. For more information, contact Sunil Prasad at sprasad@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Mother's Day Cards are available for Mary's Altar. This is a nice way to honor our Mother's

Carol Warner A Memorial Mass will be held for Carol Warner Fridav Mav 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in St. Paul's Church



Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>
The St. Paul's Grammar School
Will make their Frist Holy Communion
1pm

#### St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School

St. Paul's Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year for grades Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you know of anyone looking for a new school, please send them our way. Application packets can be found on the school website at <a href="https://www.stpaulsf.org">www.stpaulsf.org</a> or call the school at 415-648-2055 for more information.

Why Send you child to a Catholic School?

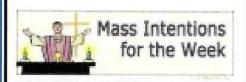
They get a great education, and they have religion every day.

Please pray for those who are sick and those who have died in our Parish Family.

Sick:, Stephanie Gordon-Rugg, Danny Manoos, Laura Crotty, Marang Virar, Leslie McLoughlin, Lilia Cardenas, Fr. Bill McCain

We Pray for our loved ones who have died. Deceased: Jim Deignan, Rachel Aviles

The breaking bread books are now back on the shelves in the vestibules. Please return your books at the end of mass to the book shelves. Thank you.



Saturday Mass 4:30pm Eduardo Escobar(D) Jose Pilar Marquez (D) Sunday Mass 8:00 am Altar Society (L&D) Sunday Mass 9:30 am Lucy Vigna (D) James Deignan (D)

Monday 8:30 am

People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Tuesday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Wednesday 8:30 am
Ada Lacayo (D)
Thursday 8:30am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Friday 8:30am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Saturday AM prayer service 8:30am

Saturday Mass 4:30pm
Mother's of St. Paul's (L&D)
Kathleen & Michael McNally (D)
Sunday Mass 8:00 am
Mother's of St. Paul's (L&D)
Sergio Gonzalez (D)
Sunday Mass 9:30 am
Mother's of St. Paul's (L&D)



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Mass Times Saturday, 4:30 p.m. **Sunday, 8:00** and 9:15 a.m.

Spiritual Journey 9:30 a.m. in the Rectory

Baptism Class 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory

Religious **Education Classes** 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the School St. Paul's School **First Communion** 1:00 p.m.

Mothers

ion Class 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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Religious Education Class 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. First Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. in Church "CARNIVAL" Silent **Auction Dinner** 

on Covenant Liturgy at the 9:15 a.m.



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st Class for Religious Education Mass and Awards 9:30 a.m. in Church

Communion for Religious **Education** at the 9:15 a.m. 23

ion Class 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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Anniversary to Fr. Mario, a priest for 51 years

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24 25 26 27 28 29 30

June

# Partners in SAIFI

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2022

St. Paul's Church

Dorothy Vigna, Director of Religious Education



#### Talk about God

Children are naturally curious about God. Discuss your child's concept of Him. Does he see God as a loving parent or a harsh police officer, for example. Children are more likely to want to spend time with someone who is kind. Remind them that Jesus wants us to know God as our Father who loves and accepts each of us unconditionally.

#### A family novena

Introduce your children to the power of the novena. Together choose an intention and spend the next nine days praying about it. You can pray the Rosary for nine days, recite the Divine Mercy chaplet, or even write a novena service of your own. Even better, find out if your parish has a novena service you can attend as a family.

"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart"

(Luke 2:51).



# Help children love the Mass

At each Catholic Mass, Jesus Christ becomes sacramentally present among us, feeding us with the fullness of love. Helping children know and love the Mass will help them experience His love throughout their lives.

Prioritize. A busy family can have competing activities throughout a weekend. Yet, going to church together sends a strong message to children that Mass is more important than any of them. Don't

miss Mass on

Sunday or Holy

Days. If you know you'll be traveling for vacation, research nearby Catholic churches and Mass times beforehand.

Prepare. Discuss the Gospel before Mass and read Scripture together often. Help children perform a daily

examination of conscience and go to Confession regularly to ensure everyone eligible can receive Communion.

**Pray.** Praying as a family is one of the ways to activate the graces we receive through the Sacraments. Start with

a decade of the Rosary or traditional prayers before meals or bedtime. Our sacramental life

sanctifies our everyday life.
Sing. Children (of all ages) can connect with the celebration of Mass through the hymns. See

who can sing the loudest.

Celebrate! The Sacraments are channels of God's life, love, and grace. Write a special family prayer you can pray together to thank God for His many gifts after Mass. Afterwards, celebrate with a special dessert or fun family activity.

# Why Do Catholics Do That

## Why do Christians pray?

The world's religions bear witness to the truth that God's children yearn for the One who created us. In turn, He draws us to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

Prayer is the raising of our minds and hearts to God, or the petition of good things



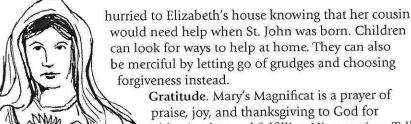
from Him that are in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father, with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit. It's how we stay connected with the One who loves us most.

# Encourage children to embrace Mary's virtues

May is a month in which we honor our Blessed Mother in gratitude for leading us to her Son. She shows us how to follow Him by sharing the practice of virtues, such as:

Humility. Even when Mary learned she would be the mother of the Savior, she still considered herself a "lowly handmaid" (Luke 1:48). She surrendered to God's will. Children can practice humility by doing what they're asked willingly and quickly, and by waiting their turns patiently.

Generosity. After the Annunciation, Mary



blessing her and fulfilling His promises. Tell children to say "thank you" when someone does something nice for them. Encourage them to look for ways to share their gifts with others in need.



### Luke 24:46-53, Know Him, love like Him

spinning. Jesus reminded them that His suffering, death and Resurrection had been part of God's plan and that they should tell everyone about it and invite them to repent. Then, He ascended and was taken from their sight.

As they stood staring at the heavens, two angels appeared to clarify matters for them. Jesus was enthroned in Heaven, but He had left them with a mission. They had to build up and maintain the Church and tell everyone the Good News. The blessings of

The disciples' heads had to have been the New Covenant come through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments that were entrusted to the Church. Salvation now extends beyond Israel to encompass all nations. Then other generations 2\_ after them would encounter Christ and

What can a parent do?

believe in Him.

Tell children about Jesus and how He wants us to live. Tell them His story, spend time with Him in prayer, and receive the Sacraments regularly. Then people will know we belong to Christ if we treat them like He did.



May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, and asked that they pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 19 - St. Celestine V (1296). Born in Italy, Peter di Morrone was a monk and hermit who founded the order of the Celestines as a branch of the Benedictine order. He was elected pope and accepted because the papacy had been vacant for two years. He resigned to return to his humble, pre-papal life but was imprisoned by his successor and died in prison.

May 30 - St. Joan of Arc (1431). Patron of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year's War against England. She was captured and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



It is important to me that we eat

together as a family but every night I had to call Tobin three or four times for dinner. The food would get cold and my temper hot while we waited for him to join us. Finally, I decided to try something new.

The next night I announced that I would ring a bell at 6:00pm each night when dinner was ready. Whoever wanted to eat was welcome. An hour later, dinner would be over and the kitchen would close until breakfast the next day.

The next night I rang the bell and everyone came ... except Tobin. We said grace and enjoyed a nice, hot meal.

An hour later, Tobin came down looking for supper, puzzled that I didn't call him again. I reminded him that dinner was at 6:00pm and he missed it. "But I'm hungry," he said. "Then you'll really enjoy breakfast. We're having pancakes," I replied calmly and walked away. He was never late again.

#### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children Success Publishing & Media, LLC Publishers of Growing in Faith™ and Partners in Faith™ (540)662-7844 (540) 662-7847 fax www.partnersinfaith.com (Unless noted, Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and New American Bible (Rev.).)

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## ST. PAUL'S: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

The windows project which began early in 2019 is progressing well. Only 10 windows are left to be restored. Thanks to your generosity to the Windows Project and the Preservation Fund, we have money available to complete the project by the end of 2023.

The following windows are available for full or partial sponsorship (some are in the process of, or have been restored)

<b>Presentation of Jesus in the Temple</b>	-	\$29,070.00
The Flight into Egypt	-	\$29,070.00
Jesus is Found in the Temple	-	\$29,070.00
Holy Family in Nazareth	-	\$29,070.00
Jesus Raises the daughter of Jairus	-	\$29,070.00
The Sermon on the Mount	-	\$29,070.00
Agony in the Garden at Gethseman	2 -	\$29,070.00
<b>Decorative Window work sacristy</b>	-	\$ 4,275.00
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If you are interested about sponsorship, please let Fr. Mario know.



Our Gala Dinner-Dance & Auction adapts the multicultural springtime theme of San Francisco CARNAVAL!

It's the premier fun- and fund-raising event for St. Paul's Parish and School.

Here are three great ways that you can participate and build another successful Gala.

#### Attend

Printed invitations will be mailed soon – but you can RSVP and signup online NOW.

stpaulsf.org/CARNAVAL2022



What if you cannot attend? Buy a "CARNAVAL-at-Home" gift basket and virtually join the celebration!

#### Contribute / Donate

Contribute online to help meet our "Fund-a-Dream" goals, or buy raffle tickets.

Donate items for our silent and live auctions. People love:

- Sports and theatre tickets
- Gift cards
- Restaurant certificates
- Vacation getaway cabins

You can enter donations as well through the event website. Got an idea? Send it to auction@stpaulsf.net

#### Volunteer

Share your time and talent to help organize or carry out event tasks.

#### Perhaps you can:

- Help with decorations, from securing thematic items now to building balloon arches onsite
- Run the computers at event check-in/out
- Sell raffle tickets on May 14

Ready to help? Send your contact details to <u>auction@stpaulsf.net</u>

Gala co-chairs: Joseph Heinen (parish), Michelle Gaggero-Chamorro (school)