

THE EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA - A SACRED SPACE FOR YOUR BUSY LIFE

✝ FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends-

The Bishop is coming! Look busy!

On Sunday, December 20th, Bishop Marc Andrus will be with us for his bi-annual visit to St. Paul's. It is always good to personally reconnect with the spiritual leader of Episcopalians in the Bay Area, hear his views on the wider church and share with him the vibrant life of St. Paul's. It will be particularly exciting because in the week before we will finally finish our renovations of Duncan Hall and receive new furniture and decorations. That Sunday will be a celebration.



For me, the most exciting part of the Bishop's visit is the opportunity for people to be confirmed, received and reaffirmed in their Christian faith. At the 10:00 service the Bishop will sit in his special chair placed just behind the Rood Screen as people come up, one by one, to receive his blessing and his prayers. Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation are all opportunities to make a mature, adult affirmation of faith. We do these only with a Bishop because the Bishop represents the wider church and so signifies to us that we are joining a spiritual family that goes far beyond our walls.

We've done this ritual twice at St. Paul's since I have been here, and each time, many come forward for this powerful expression of faith. If you feel moved to take this next public step in your relationship with Jesus, please talk to me. Beginning in November I offer a class called Basic Anglicanism to help prepare people for the Bishop's visit. They are like citizenship classes, teaching and exploring who we are, where we come from, why we do what we do and where we are going. They are offered Sunday mornings at 11:45am, Wednesday mornings at 11:15am and Wednesday evenings at 6:00. Call or email me to find out more.

Finally, as we turn to this busy season, please remember that we are here and are available to you as an island of peace and spiritual nurture. As you attend to the many tasks of the season, remember that God loves you and that you are always invited to come here, to your sacred space, to reconnect with Jesus.

Faithfully,

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Extra! Extra!
Come 2010, the Epistle will be thicker,
but less frequent. The deadline for the next Epistle
is January 1st and it will be mailed January 15th.
The deadline for the following Epistle is March 1st.



FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

I have never actually been surfing. Frankly, I'm not the most graceful of souls; the shower is a dangerous place for me. Trying to stand on a board, shaped like a flattened banana, weaving along under a huge, menacing wave that threatens at any moment to swallow me whole—call me crazy, but this just doesn't sound like very much fun.

If I've never surfed, how come it is the first image that came to me as I contemplated this holiday season? I'm trying to keep my balance, weaving through the jolly list of the season's "to-do"s: decorate the house; help Claire make the gingerbread house; send cards to 80 of our closest friends and family; attend the faculty Christmas party; attend the annual

Lessons and Carols the seminary puts on each Advent; send presents to far-away family; get Claire to her Nutcracker rehearsals and performances; bring holiday hostess gifts to various gatherings. Is this list strange to you? I doubt not.

You know, this little article could go the way many church newsletter articles go this time of year. It could function as a holy finger waving in your face reminding you to **STAY FOCUSED**. Don't get swallowed up by the huge wave of consumerism and parties and expectations and parties and decorating. And did I mention parties and eating yum-mies until your wait buttons burst?? Don't forget what this is all really about!!! But, I'm tired of writing that, and I am darn sure you're tired of reading that.

But the question begs itself: why do we do this? Why is it that a good part of us imagine a Norman Rockwell holiday, complete with the requisite snow falling on Christmas Eve, and having a snidge of a hope that there just might be a surprise for us under the tree in the morning. Something tells me we get caught up in the festivities of the season. The lights in the store windows are really beautiful. Maybe we even peek through the curtains on a particularly frosty morning, wondering if maybe, just maybe, there's a touch of snow on the ground.

What's so wrong with a little magical hope in our days? If the energy of the season cracks our hearts open to be a little more generous this time of year, I say, Amen to that. You go, girl! (Or, if you're not of that gender persuasion: You go, guy!).

So. What's my point? Let go of the guilt that drives you, be it from Mr. Rockwell, or Mr. Churchman. If you're expectations are driving you to distraction, cut them loose. If you're feeling guilty because these sentiments seem somehow not holy enough, sing a carol. That will set you right!

I am hoping your holidays are blessed and indeed, Holy-days!

All my best to all of you!

Julie

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB 2009-2010

St. Paul's Book Club meets on select Friday nights at 7 P.M. in Duncan Hall. The new reading list and schedule is as follows:

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| Nov. 20 | No One You Know, by Michelle Richmond |
| Dec. 18 | Supreme Courtship, by Christopher Buckley |
| Jan. 15 | Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows |
| Feb. 19 | An Irish Country Village by Patrick Taylor |
| Mar. 19 | Sacred Hearts, by Sarah Dunant |
| Apr. 16 | The Soloist: a Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music, by Steve Lopez |



December Calendar of Events and Holiday Schedule

December 13th Fifth Avenue Caroling Tradition
Meet in Duncan Hall ☆ 3:45 pm

Followed by St. Paul's Holiday Party and Pot Luck
Duncan Hall ☆ 5:00 pm

December 17th St. Anne's Annual Holiday Lunch
Duncan Hall ☆ 12 noon

December 20th Greening of the Church & Potluck
Church and Duncan Hall ☆ 3:30 pm See invitation below.



December 24th Christmas Eve Family Service
5:00 pm

December 24th Christmas Eve Late Service
Music at 10:30 pm / 11:00 pm Service

December 25th Christmas Day Service
10:00 am

Followed by Christmas Day Potluck
Duncan Hall

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Please join us on December 20th at 3:30pm as we deck the halls, the window, the Rood Screen and more. Come learn St. Paul's decades-old secrets to hand-crafting the redwood branch garland that drapes the Rood Screen. Festoon our gorgeous window with branches, pine cones and holiday flora. Hands of all sizes are needed and welcome. Be sure to bring redwood branches, garden clippers, and your favorite holiday carols and hymns – singing is sure to break out! Pot luck supper celebration follows. For more information, please contact Susie Quenzer at 415.457.3229 or lsbqzr39@aol.com.



SABBATICAL

By Carolyn Eitel

A standard part of every Rector's contract is that they accrue a month of sabbatical for every year of service. Christopher has been with us for five years – SO - next year Christopher will be taking a sabbatical for four months starting on April 19th and ending in mid-August.

But...but...I thought, the first time I considered this, ..most working people never get to go on sabbatical – I sure never had one - why does he get to go away for four months, leaving us alone to fend for ourselves ??????????????

He gave me a book to read entitled "Clergy Renewal, The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning". (We're going to order another copy and put it in the Duncan Hall library.)

The following paragraph – lifted directly from the book – addresses the question – **WHAT?**

The word sabbatical has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath ("To rest" or "To cease"). Sabbath keeping is setting aside time that God consecrates and makes holy. This is a time for Christopher to shift gears in order to rest, disengage, study, reflect and travel in order to return to minister among us refreshed and renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

WHY? The Alban Institute Guide lists 6 reasons – which follow (I've paraphrased and shortened and my personal comments are in parentheses):

The very nature of being an effective pastor involves continual spiritual growth. Spiritual depth does not happen by accident; it takes hard, intentional work. Trying to do this while working is nearly impossible. Congregations need to provide opportunities for their pastors to get away for extended periods of time dedicated to spiritual development.

Clergy renewal leave can help ensure that we will benefit from the best practices of other congregations by allowing our rector the time and opportunity to visit other congregations.

Without renewal leave there is a stronger chance that clergy will, over time, demonstrate the key characteristics of burnout – namely exhaustion, cynicism, disillusionment, and self-deprecation. It has been documented that people in the helping professions tend to burn-out the fastest, in part because the constant intimate involvement with the emotional freight of other people's lives can be draining. (This point reminds me of Christopher's sermon a few weeks ago when he talked about the "pool of tears" that we all carry with us and frequently share with him).

Another lethal effect of burnout is that it makes a pastor dull, hollow, and uninteresting. (Susie Quenzer once told me that Christopher always arrives at the office cheerful and upbeat. We want to keep him that way.)

Pastors are rarely afforded the luxury of having two consecutive days off every week that most laypeople enjoy.

We need to examine the ways in which congregations become overly dependent upon their clergy. There is something unhealthy about an attitude that says, "We simply couldn't manage without him". (This was my first reaction – but now that I've read the book and thought about it I am thinking of this as an opportunity for us as a congregation to develop self-sufficiency skills.)

In a series of Epistle articles going forward, Christopher, I and your new Vestry will communicate sabbatical plans - how St. Paul's will be cared for - what Christopher will be doing, and then perhaps a wrap-up article to finalize planning and to answer questions that may have arisen.

Let's resolve to embrace this challenge and make Christopher's sabbatical a time of renewal for all.

Carolyn

Love

By Wanda Rice

We read that there are many kinds of love. The Greeks even have several different words for love, the *eros* of lovers, the *philia* of friends and the *agape* of freely giving, which our Christian Bible calls charity. But are there really different kinds of love?

Frederick Buechner in his book called *Wishful Thinking* says that there are three stages of love¹:

The first is to believe that there is only one kind of love;

The middle stage is to believe that there are many kinds of love;

The last stage is to believe that there is only one kind of love.¹

We are born into that first stage of love – the total narcissism of a newborn. We learn little by little through nurture to reach out and are taught that *Jesus Loves Me This I know*.

As we grow in love, we enter into the second stage of love – love for our caregivers, which could still be narcissism as we love them because and so that they will care for us. Then there is *philia* -- the love for and of our friends and mentors. Here we experience the thrill of *eros* -- of “being in love.” “Being in love” eventually fades but we continue to love in a deeper unity that is distinct from “being in love.” This deeper unity is blessed by the grace received from God.

Are we yet ready to “love thy neighbor.” Mr. Buechner says that love is not primarily an emotion, but an act of the will. When Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, he is not telling us to love them with a cozy emotional feeling. He is telling us to love our neighbors in the sense of being willing to work for their well-being.

What if our neighbor is just not lovable. Mr. Lewis says, “don’t waste time bothering whether or not you love your neighbor; just act as if you do and you will find one of the great secrets about love. When you are behaving as if you love someone, you will presently come to love him.” But, he adds, “don’t bother waiting for your neighbor’s gratitude because you will probably be disappointed.” Mr. Lewis sums up this type of love by saying that whenever we do good to another self who is, like you, made by God, we shall have learned to love that self a little more – or at least to dislike it a little less.²

As for enemies, I quote only one comment that Mr. Lewis makes in *Mere Christianity*. “Even while we kill and punish, we must try to feel about the enemy as we feel about ourselves – to wish that he were not bad, to hope that he may, in this world or another, be cured; in fact, to wish his good. That is what is meant in the Bible by loving him: wishing his good, not feeling fond of him nor saying he is nice when he is not.”

Mr. Lewis writes that when Christianity says that God loves man, it means that **God loves man**. God is not just someone who has a rather indifferent concern for our welfare. Nor did He die for man because of some value He perceived in man but, as St. Paul wrote, God loved us not because we were lovable but because **He is Love**. God loves with the consuming fire of HIMSELF – the love that made the worlds -- and we are the objects of his love. This says Lewis, is a burden, but it is a burden of glory way beyond our deserving or even our desiring.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.

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Congratulations to the Alison Blume and David Dean on the birth of their twin daughters Camilla and Hadley.



...and congratulations to The Rev. and Mrs. Rick Luoni.



THE ST. PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM PROJECT

By John McDermott

I'll be honest - the first time I heard the word "Columbarium" when I joined our vestry almost three years ago, I hadn't a clue what one was. So for the uninitiated, a Columbarium is a "structure with recesses in the walls to receive the ashes of the dead". The idea of St. Paul's constructing a place to hold the remains of loved ones has apparently been floating around for a number of years but had never gotten beyond the talking stage.

Once I was educated on the concept, I immediately became a fan. It seemed like a win-win scenario for our church. First - a tastefully designed structure would provide a real service to the community by creating a peaceful and easily accessible location for those who wish to visit with a departed loved one. Second - it would be a deficit neutral activity as the interment fees would both pay for the construction and upkeep of the Columbarium itself and might also produce excess funds that could be used for the beautification and improvement of our campus at large.

Since those who had been nursing the project were in the process of terming out of the vestry, I decided to take up the cause and see if I could push the idea forward. My main goal was to try and create a solid visualization of this project for the congregation to wrap its eyes around.

Step one - choose a location. After several months of poking around and talking to folks - I presented a number of options to the vestry: the redwood grove - "too exposed"; on the outside wall of the sanctuary behind the altar - "too inaccessible"; in the sanctuary basement - "too catacomby". The clear favorite was against the wall of the sanctuary in the niche to the right of the narthex (where the bell is). It's centrally located but can be quite private with mature shrubbery and is currently not a particularly well thought-out space.

Step two - create a presentation. For this I contacted a company which specializes in these types of structures and sent them a few pictures. They sent me back some ideas and a display was put up in Duncan hall. The response was strong and overwhelmingly (if not universally) positive.

Now comes the hard part. At some point in the last six months of attempting to organize a "Columbarium Committee", it dawned on me that I had neither the time nor the social network at St. Paul's that was required to move this idea from concept to reality. I'm almost certain there is someone reading this right now who's also thinking - "wow, what a no brainer of an idea" - who has both of these precious resources in greater supply than I. If you are that person, I strongly encourage you to contact me. I will cheerfully give you all the materials I've accumulated and pass on all the knowledge I have acquired (I will also be the first person to volunteer to serve on your committee).

I remain convinced that a tastefully designed Columbarium would be a tremendous physical and spiritual asset for St. Paul's. A private, peaceful and perpetual place that friends & relatives could visit whenever they wanted. Nestled against our beautiful sanctuary and across the courtyard from the joyous vibrancy of our resident preschoolers, I believe it will provide a wonderful sense of the "cradle to grave" support & love offered by our St. Paul's community - both now and in the years to come.

Respectfully,

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PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

St. Paul's Parish Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 1pm.
The office will be closed on the following days in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

November 26 and 27 v December 24 and 25 v December 31 and January 1

Ana will also be taking some vacation days, but Wendy Olson will be available in the office to answer phones and take messages.

2010

Here are some dates for you to put on your calendar for 2010!

Epiphany Pageant Sunday January 10th

Celebrate the Epiphany with the children at the 10am service as they portray the arrival of the Magi.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 7th

After the 10am service, gather in Duncan Hall for coffee hour and stay for the Annual Meeting. You will receive a packet with reports from different ministries, stewardship and financial reports, and a new Parish Directory. Please check with Ana in the office if you wish to update any of your information.

San Francisco Boys Chorus Performs at St. Paul's Sunday, February 14th

Please welcome the Boys Chorus as they sing at our 10am service.

Ash Wednesday February 17th

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Christopher takes a Sabbatical April 19th through mid-August

Christopher will be taking three months off to travel and continue to write his book.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM UPDATE

The Marin Community School is located on North San Pedro Road –less than a mile from the Civic Center. We work in teams to serve breakfast from 8:30 to 9:15, Monday through Thursday. Generally, one person picks up breakfast food items from church the day prior, and another prepares the main dish. Each team works out what is best for them, be it pancakes, eggs, yogurt, etc. If you are considering volunteering, you are invited to come and observe for a day and see if it would work for you.

And it seems that the breakfast program is working for the kids! They show up like clockwork, get something warm to eat, and go to class with a full tummy ready to learn. On Tuesday, November 3rd, Nancy Dods wanted to reward all of the students who come to school early to receive the breakfast. When she praised the students saying “You kids are so great to get here so early, we should reward you for coming. What can we do for you guys?”

Their response was a unanimous “Breakfast on Friday.”

So – we need four more volunteers! If we can do this, we will be providing food for them 5 days a week. It's a lot of fun, and the kids obviously appreciate our efforts! Please contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015.

St. Paul's actively supports the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room. We gave them \$1500 from our Outreach Fund this year and several parishioners including Christopher, our Rector, volunteer there every week. Steven Boyer wrote the following to us in response to some inquiries.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINING ROOM A HISTORY AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We have been on B Street since at least 1953 when we had two thrift stores here; one next door at 818 B Street and the other at the corner of 3rd Street and B Street where the parking lot is today. We saw a need back in the late 1970's for food in San Rafael. Though we had thrift stores in Novato and at Fair-Anselms shopping center, the San Rafael store that we built in 1965 on Irwin Street was the only location which fielded constant requests for food from those who walked by or who frequented the store. So we started giving out sandwiches and in 1981 decided to find a place for people to come inside, sit down and eat, rather than eat in the parking lot. After we opened our doors of the Free Dining Room in July 1981, the local Safeway store thanked us for opening because its theft rate for their store was drastically reduced. They even offered our staff and volunteers free parking in gratitude.

In 1999, a committee lead by Judge Lynch and comprised of business leaders, community members, city staff and officials met to see if there might be a better location for the Free Dining Room. Their conclusion was that the downtown location was the best location; no other was as practical or had less of an impact on residential neighborhoods. Putting a Free Dining Room in a remote place would result in many, many people having to go without food. We serve up to 400 meals per day.

We welcome any Marin citizen to come visit us, or join their fellow parishioners in a day of volunteering, or meet with the many productive citizens in Marin County who were, at one time or another, recipients of our food and our services. Each day we feed hungry families, senior citizens, the recently unemployed, and many other hardworking people who cannot afford to both eat and pay rent in Marin County. Each year, we help turn around the lives of people with long term drug and alcohol dependency. This takes patience and an inordinate amount of belief in those for whom life has held many, many challenges. No two "life stories" of our diners are the same; most, though, are extremely sad. Many are tragic. Sometimes it takes years for these people to accept that they are loved and valued members of our society. With our intervention, many of our diners have moved on to become college students, teaching assistants, non profit executives and many other productive members of society.

We are proud of the work we do on B Street and feel it is a manifestation of our calling as Christians to be here to help hungry people. We believe that we are helping stem the tide by helping them make ends meet each month. Jesus helped those he came across, taking care of them where he found them. We feel privileged to be able to do the same here in our community of San Rafael, even with some of the inevitable obstacles and challenges that come with such work.

I hope you can share this with your outreach ministry program members and let them know that we are very grateful for all of their support. Thank you for volunteering.

Best regards,
Steven R. Boyer
Executive Director
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Marin County
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"Let us not speak so much of charity - let us rather do it and let us help the poor." - Frederick Ozanam (1883)
Founder, St. Vincent de Paul Society

WENDY OLSON spent the first years of her life on the East Coast. She was born in Baltimore and moved to various East Coast cities as she was growing up. Finally, as a teenager, she found Mill Valley. It has been home ever since. She also found husband Perry in Mill Valley, who shared her love for that charming little city. They met on a sidewalk and “just started talking”, according to Wendy. The result was marriage followed by four lovely children. Such rewards!

Wendy, with her love of children, worked with a daily children’s program at one of the local churches. It was a very happy time, until the staff left. She left also and she and Perry began to look for another church. It was then that Perry suggested St. Paul’s- a church he had visited many years before. Wendy found it a perfect fit. And that is how we snared the Olsons. Lucky us.



Wendy, far right, with her family.

Wendy has given freely of her many gifts. She involves herself with the Sunday morning church school, having already a good bit of experience teaching the younger set. She spends every morning, Tuesday through Friday, at St. Paul’s. She is a member of the Altar Guild, Social Ministries, participates in the small groups, has been recently elected President of St Anne’s and was elected at the annual Meeting to represent our parish at diocesan Convention and at the Deanery meetings. Quite an impressive agenda.

Thank you for all you are, Wendy- and for all you do in the name of the Parish.

PRAYER LIST

+In the Short Term Prayer List:

Colin Ryan
Susie
Joan Adams
Bishop Marc Andrus
The Blume/Dean Family
Helenclare Cox

The Evans Family
Rosie Heilman
Jeanette Hill
Susan Miller & Family
Betsy, Stefan & Mimi Muhle
Pemlo Oppikofer

Bobbie Hanley
Henry Parsons
Howard Sherman
Brian Troxel & Trisha Clayton
Lucia Wade
Mandy Wick

+In the Long Term Prayer List:

Baby Lillian Grace
Ben
Bo
Chuck and Sharon
Pali
Janice Anderson
Joseph Cook

Letty Dell’Era and Family
Alex Elliot
Corinna K.
Alisa Lafferty
Blaine Marshall
Melissa and Sandy Olenik
Kim Pollard

John S.
Claudine Schieflbien
Toni Bowes Seymour
Kim Thornhill
Lloyd Thornhill

- + For those who have died: Carter Evans
- + For those serving in the military: Jason Brooks, Gourley, Geoff McKeel, Alex Rey and Troop 225, Aaron Sova, Scott Hinchee and our friend Brandon.
- + We pray for the other Episcopal Churches in San Rafael: Church of the Nativity and Church of the Redeemer.
- + We pray for the unity of the Anglican Communion worldwide and the Episcopal Church in the United States.

WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAYS:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Family Service
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

CENTERING PRAYER

Rediscover silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. Sessions are on the Second and Fourth Sunday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Upper Room. For more information, leave a message for Chris Olson at the Parish Office 415.456.4842.

Also note the regular service of Centering Prayer every Thursday morning at 7:15 am.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Rector's study is held every Wednesday morning from 10-11:15.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Beverly Armstrong
- 3 Zoe Hauser
- 2 Heidi Allgaier
- 2 Maggie Baxter
- 5 Matt Salmonson
- 6 Garratt Army
- 6 Jay Taggart
- 7 Inés Stark
- 7 Miriam Gortner
- 12 Greg Alexander
- 13 John Garratt
- 14 Panida Puccinelli
- 15 Ember Knowles
- 16 Delia Hitz
- 17 Larry Quenzer
- 17 Luanne Linnard-Palmer
- 19 Ches Coleman
- 22 Lynn Dunn
- 25 Zeyd Grifoni
- 25 John Stevens
- 26 Michael Green
- 26 Marcella Hauser
- 28 Nicholas Vitas
- 30 Carolyn Weicker

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

- 22 Larry & Susie Quenzer

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

After Sunday Services, please join us in Duncan Hall for coffee and treats. We are recruiting for our Hospitality Ministry! If you are interested, please contact Ana Stark in the office.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Aiden Gray
- 2 Greg Mallozzi
- 3 Liam Stone-Grijalva
- 3 Allison Bagby
- 5 Andre Parkinson
- 6 Luca Hines
- 6 Katie Taggart
- 7 Sue Mason
- 10 Andrew Allanson
- 11 John Eitel III
- 12 Lisa Allanson
- 16 Cathy Christie
- 16 Barbara Rokoszak
- 16 Eleanor Errante
- 17 Chris Olson
- 19 Tim Walker
- 25 Bobbie Hanley
- 26 Alex Elliott
- 27 Holly Ptirchard
- 28 Maricella Machado

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

- 6 Alexis Lee & Jorge Melara
- 25 Della & Bobby Holloway
- 31 Nikki & John McDermott



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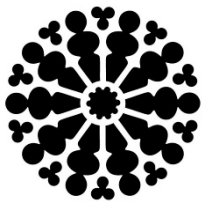
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Each Christmas, the chancel area around the altar is decorated with holiday flowers given by parishioners in memory of, or in thanksgiving for loved ones.



Directions: Please fill out the form below and include your donation of any amount. Place in the Alms Basin, return by mail, or bring to the Parish Office no later than **Friday, December 11th.**

PLEASE PRINT

I am enclosing \$ _____ (donation amount)
for flowers to decorate the chancel area.

Flowers given by: _____
(print your name here)

Given in Memory of: _____

OR

Given in Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to:
ST. PAUL'S, 1123 COURT STREET, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901
Please write *Christmas Memorials Flowers* on the bottom of your check.