



# ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit ..."

John 15:5

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## St. Paul's Worship Schedule

Because the rate of Covid-19 infection continues to be high, we will continue to hold all of our worship virtually on Facebook Live. On Sunday mornings we will stream Morning Prayer at 10:00 am each week through at least February 17. If the infection rate falls to a level that I judge to be safe, then we will consider returning to in-person worship in the parish hall. Hopefully we will have an early Spring and will also be able to return to outdoor worship.



# LENT

## The Holy Season of Lent

Lent is a season to prepare for the coming of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day to pray, listen to God and turn away from our sins. It is a time to make a new start in life, committing to let the life and love of God be our guide.

During Lent we take on disciplines or practices that will help us in this journey. The Book of Common Prayer calls us to self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial, and reading and mediating on God's holy Word. The point is not to earn credit for these practices but to allow them to shape our lives more and more in God's image.

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As you can imagine, this year Lent will look different. Because of the current spread of Covid-19, we will not have an in-person Ash Wednesday service. We will however have a virtual service on Facebook Live on February 17 at noon. We will not, however, have the imposition of Ashes. The Prayer book actually makes the imposition optional. But we will hear God's Word and join in prayer together. The service will be streamed at noon but you can watch it at any point after that time.

Beginning February 18, we will have a short service of daily prayers each morning (except Sundays) at 8:30 am on Facebook Live. This will be a short version of Morning Prayer. These prayers will come from the Lent Prayer booklet that we have used in the past. We will have different prayers for each day of the week. These will be led by a variety of people. We will have copies of these prayer booklets for you to use during Lent. You may pick them up at the Church or you can print the electronic version yourself.

Also as part of our Lent Observance we will have a parish wide food collection for the food Bank at the Fort Mill Care Center. Giving to others is a good way to grow closer to God. We will distribute a list of food items to be collected for each day of Lent. We ask that you place the food in the food cart outside the Church on Sunday each week. Then we will take a photo of the food collected that week and post it on Facebook.

## **Shrove Tuesday**

This year, since we cannot gather in person, we will not be able to have our traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. However, we will still find a way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Make pancakes at home. (We will have a recipe available if you need one.) Make funny shapes. Decorate your table with Mardi Gras colors and beads. Take pictures of your feast and post them on St. Paul's Facebook page. If you are not able to access the page you can email the pictures to the church and we will post them on Facebook for you.

## **Parish Family Gatherings**

In the midst of all we have experienced this past year, sometimes we start to feel alone. So during Lent, we're going to have some fun together. This might sound contrary to Lent (it's supposed to be somber), but this year we need the joy of fellowship with God's people! So each Sunday afternoon we'll get together on Zoom at 4:00. One week we'll play a game together. The next week we'll watch a movie together. I hope that you will block out your Sunday afternoons for some fun with your parish family. After all, though we pray and fast during Lent, every Sunday is a "little" Easter and filled with Easter joy! If you have a game that would work for a group, please let me know. I'm looking specifically for Outburst, Taboo, and Scattergories. Also, if you have any DVD movies that you think our whole parish family would enjoy, please let me know. We will start our fun February 21.

# Financial Information

## February Finance Commission Meeting

The monthly Finance Committee meetings will be opened up to anyone interested in St. Paul's finances when it is appropriate to do so. In the interim, if you have any questions about St. Paul's finances, please contact Ed Reuille at 803-547-6559 or [edwardreuille@gmail.com](mailto:edwardreuille@gmail.com).

## Final 2020 Contribution Statements

Final 2020 contribution statements were mailed to 2020 contributors in late January. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Reuille (547-6559 or [edwardreuille@gmail.com](mailto:edwardreuille@gmail.com)).

## 2020 Financials

Included in this Epistle is a 2 page report showing the church's financial results by month for 2020. This is one of the financial reports shared with the Vestry at their monthly meeting. Rev. Sally has some financial comments about 2020 elsewhere in this month's Epistle.

Separately, this month's Epistle includes a summary of giving for 2020 and compares this to both the 2020 Statement of Mission (SOM or budget) and 2019. Giving in 2020 fell short of expectations and what the Vestry anticipated. The coronavirus pandemic clearly had a material impact on planned giving in 2020. On a more positive note, giving was not down significantly from 2019 - less than 2%. As a parish, we were able to maintain giving at a level comparable to 2019 in spite of the pandemic's headwinds. Thanks to any and all who were able to give to support the work of St. Paul's in 2020. Looking ahead, the 2021 Stewardship campaign so far suggests the pandemic may have a more material impact on giving in 2021.

## 2020 Collections & Offerings

	2020 through December		2019 through December
	Actual	Statement of Mission	
Loose Offerings	823.00	4,200.00	4,506.00
Non-Pledging Members & Guests	22,297.00	23,500.00	28,650.00
Members & Guests	175,857.00	191,000.00	169,323.00
Total	198,977.00	218,700.00	202,479.00

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through December 2020

	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	TOTAL
Kitchen Supplies	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Mowing Service	0	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320
Playground	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	18	642	0	65	0	0	0	422	0	0	395	1,053	2,595
<b>Total Building and Grounds Expense</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>10,107</b>
Continuing Education & Sabbath School Expenses	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	624
Total Continuing Education & Sabbath School Expenses	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	624
Episcopal Pledge	578	3,944	2,261	2,261	2,261	2,261	2,261	0	4,522	2,261	2,261	2,263	27,134
Inreach&Worship	0	0	95	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	50	216
Christian Education	0	0	0	70	0	0	70	0	70	0	0	70	280
Elementary Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	91
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>587</b>
Music Supplies&Supply Organist	300	0	0	0	45	77	0	0	0	0	214	0	636
Parish Life	130	-119	0	0	0	0	-250	0	0	0	10	0	-229
<b>Total Inreach&amp;Worship</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>-119</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>994</b>
Outreach & Mission Advertising	42	53	42	42	53	42	-42	0	0	0	0	0	231
<b>Total Outreach &amp; Mission</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231</b>
Personnel Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expenses	96	83	55	0	0	0	481	0	0	124	83	0	921
Nursery Attendant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Education Director	0	0	544	1,088	1,088	1,088	782	1,224	1,224	1,224	1,224	1,224	10,710
Education Director	1,283	1,283	642	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,208
Christian Education Director - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Christian Education Director</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>13,918</b>
Church Secretary	967	1,555	903	702	462	408	828	534	624	606	549	696	8,834
Employer's taxes	270	314	255	182	255	205	251	225	232	240	233	238	2,901
Organist	1,188	1,188	1,188	594	1,781	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	14,250
Payroll Taxes	14	18	13	10	3	3	9	4	4	5	4	5	90
Receptor's FICA Offset	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	4,758
Receptor's Housing & Utilities	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	23,000
Receptor's Pension	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	12,978
Receptor's Stipend	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695	44,340
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>10,908</b>	<b>11,530</b>	<b>10,689</b>	<b>9,665</b>	<b>10,679</b>	<b>9,981</b>	<b>10,628</b>	<b>10,264</b>	<b>10,361</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>10,370</b>	<b>10,439</b>	<b>125,990</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>17,928</b>	<b>19,247</b>	<b>15,173</b>	<b>17,930</b>	<b>16,161</b>	<b>14,945</b>	<b>17,481</b>	<b>13,858</b>	<b>17,169</b>	<b>17,697</b>	<b>17,572</b>	<b>15,887</b>	<b>201,046</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-5,086</b>	<b>-132</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>-2,173</b>	<b>-648</b>	<b>-2,254</b>	<b>9,325</b>	<b>-4,474</b>	<b>-2,548</b>	<b>-4,658</b>	<b>16,666</b>	<b>9,048</b>

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**Profit & Loss**  
January through December 2020

	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>													
<b>Operating Income</b>													
Operating Reserve Transfer	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	6,584
Transfers from Reserve Accounts													
2020 Pledge to Episcopal Pledge	30	60	40	150	0	60	60	60	60	60	60	80	720
Christian Ed Reserve Transfer	321	321	297	221	272	272	196	306	306	306	306	0	3,124
Transfers from Reserve Accounts - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	306	306
<b>Total Transfers from Reserve Accounts</b>	351	381	337	371	272	332	256	366	366	366	366	366	4,150
<b>Collections or Offerings</b>													
Loose Offerings	377	366	35	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	5	0	823
Non Pledging Members	0	4,255	0	850	450	255	325	3,769	165	175	75	0	11,978
Other	0	150	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241
<b>Pledging Members</b>	11,550	13,400	19,020	16,285	12,705	13,149	14,088	18,490	11,585	14,050	11,910	19,625	175,857
<b>Total Collections or Offerings</b>	11,927	18,171	19,055	17,246	13,155	13,404	14,413	22,259	11,770	14,225	11,990	31,603	199,219
<b>Other Income</b>													
Interest Inc	6	6	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	37
Other Income - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total Other Income</b>	6	6	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	42
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	12,841	19,115	19,955	18,178	13,988	14,296	15,227	23,183	12,694	15,149	12,914	32,553	210,094
<b>Total Income</b>	12,841	19,115	19,955	18,178	13,988	14,296	15,227	23,183	12,694	15,149	12,914	32,553	210,094
<b>Gross Profit</b>	12,841	19,115	19,955	18,178	13,988	14,296	15,227	23,183	12,694	15,149	12,914	32,553	210,094
<b>Expense</b>													
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>													
Technology Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	180
Bank Charge	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	0	65	70	312
Office Expenses	509	401	310	447	2,281	748	648	1,007	323	1,106	792	492	9,003
Property & Liability Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	317	0	0	0	0	0	-6	311
Workers Compensation	2,674	0	0	2,674	0	0	2,674	0	0	2,674	0	0	10,694
Commercial Prop Sect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Property &amp; Liability Insurance</b>	2,674	0	0	2,674	0	317	2,674	0	0	2,674	0	-6	11,005
<b>Safe Church Training</b>	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
<b>Utilities</b>													
Internet	85	85	85	85	85	85	105	96	96	96	96	96	1,094
Calling Post	0	40	40	0	0	0	0	40	40	40	0	16	216
Electricity	573	554	512	449	389	365	522	759	660	633	515	448	6,379
Natural Gas	697	845	747	934	0	199	63	49	134	31	418	249	4,366
Telephone	136	140	140	139	139	139	142	142	142	143	142	142	1,685
Water&Sewer	701	89	100	95	78	81	82	77	76	86	81	83	1,628
<b>Total Utilities</b>	2,192	1,752	1,624	1,702	691	869	915	1,161	1,148	1,029	1,251	1,033	15,368
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	5,374	2,263	1,934	4,822	2,972	1,934	4,236	2,168	1,637	4,809	2,049	1,788	35,966
<b>Building and Grounds Expense</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200
<b>Building &amp; Grounds Sinking Fund</b>	426	426	0	852	0	426	426	852	426	-0	852	0	4,686
<b>Cleaning Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	289	0	289
<b>Grounds</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS:  
MISSION AND OUTREACH AT ST. PAUL'S**

At our January 2021 meeting, the Mission and Outreach Committee was delighted to welcome Megan Moore as a new member, joining Ginny Arthur, David Dudley, Ellen Frank, Carolyn Line, Barbara McQueen, and Doug Spreen. If you would like to join us, please contact any one of us, and we will make sure you receive an invitation to participate with us on Zoom. Our next meeting will be February 4, 10:30 a.m.

**Ways to Serve at St. Paul's**

***Men's Shelter Dinner***

Our next dinner is scheduled for February 24. Our menu remains the same as in December: ground beef macaroni casserole, salad, dinner rolls, cupcakes, sweet tea, and lemonade. If you would like to contribute any of these items, please sign up as soon as possible at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FABAB2BA31-mens>

Or contact Ginny Arthur: [ginnyarthur@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnyarthur@yahoo.com). Slots are already filling up so don't wait!

If you have knitted or crocheted scarfs, caps, or mitts to offer, or would like to contribute other needed items (especially men's sweatpants, size medium and large) please drop these off at the church before February 24, and we will deliver them to the shelter along with our meal.

***Fort Mill Care Center***

The Care Center always needs supplies of food, hygiene products, and so on; and our grocery cart at the church office door makes donating easy. Although we are not currently able to gather for worship, please drop off an item or two whenever possible. This month the center is asking for mac n cheese.

***Finally***

Please do remember that cash donations are always welcome at the organizations we help to serve:

<https://bethelmensshelter.org/>

<https://www.fortmillcarecenter.org/monetary-donations/>

[www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org)

[www.SAMS-USA.org](http://www.SAMS-USA.org) (the Vivanco Family)

## *Some More about Paradise . . .*

As we have previously noted, our neighboring community known as Paradise has historic roots, having been founded in 1895 as Fort Mill's first organized Black community. Although it was a thriving working-class neighborhood by 1925, Paradise began to decline when unemployment surged during the recession that accompanied the closing of many of the area textile mills later in the century. Today the Paradise residents continue to be largely African American, and many remain deeply attached to their community. Sadly, however, the neighborhood has for years dealt with conditions related to economic hardship and an aging population such as dilapidated housing and decaying water lines.

As far back as the 1970s, some federal funds and private grants were made available for addressing some of these issues. Habitat for Humanity has also helped with home repairs. But much more is needed.

In 2019, a descendant of one of the freed slaves who founded Paradise, Danielle Watts-Redmond, founded a non-profit organization intended to

- Keep Paradise historically sustainable

- Proactively preserve the people and property of paradise

- Help the neighborhood preserve its cultural identity.

The Foundation has articulated four "pillars" for revitalizing Paradise

- Wellness: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and financial

- Community

- Diet and Nutrition

- Learning/Education

With the help of volunteers and financial grants the Foundation helps with home repairs, provides meals for neighborhood seniors, tutors local children, and maintains a clothing cupboard, among other endeavors. Now the organization has outgrown its space in a local church and is looking for better facilities.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is currently exploring ways in which we might reach out to our Paradise neighbors. Meanwhile we would like to encourage you to go to the Historic Paradise Foundation's Facebook Home page where you can find more information about their activities and ways to help.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is so grateful for the ways in which so many of you have reached out to share God's love with our neighbors, both personally and through St. Paul's outreach initiatives. Like all of you, we look forward to the time when we will be able to work together again in person. Until then, as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions:

[ginnyarthur@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnyarthur@yahoo.com)

*As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions,  
please contact any member of the committee*

## Christian Education - Children & Youth

What is Lent and how do you explain it to children?

For the most part, children are concrete thinkers. Around ten years of age, they begin to grapple with conceptual thinking. The physiological development of the areas of the brain necessary to build conceptual thinking continues to between ages 25-27.

When stimulated, synapses (and other scientific things I cannot spell) will make connections so we can build upon the foundation established and begin a lifetime of expand our conceptual thinking. This takes place during and after physical growth stops.

I liken this process to building highways. Prepping the site to become a roadbed is the first labor intensive job. Containing pre and post water flow is built. Painstaking leveling is next followed by the combination of rebar and concrete to create the highway surface. Lastly the crash guards; directional, informational, and speed limit signs; are installed, the highway dedication takes place and the ribbon is cut.

In the midst of their growing brains come the questions - What is Lent? Do we have to give up something? Where is God in all this? How did Jesus end up on the cross? Who are the apostles? Why don't we say, "Alleluia?"

So, what is Lent? Presence. Presence imbues reassurance, support, confidence, comfort, acceptance ... "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19). We are presence because Jesus was our Presence on Earth.

Lent is about Presence; humans' conditional presence and God's unconditional Presence. God *is* Presence. God doesn't hear; God listens. God is more than sympathy; God is compassion. God is not another "Just Do It," Nike ad; God lets us know we "can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

The Jesus we meet in the Year B – RCL is the tough-love, reality checking Jesus. It's not all the feel good stories with beautiful scenery though the first Sunday in Lent begins with the Baptism of Jesus in all its glory with the voice from heaven and the dove. That; however, quickly becomes Jesus who came to Earth as a man, would suffer like a man, a man who entered the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil, the Jesus who said, "If any of you really want to follow me, you have to put your own wants aside, and walk with me carrying your cross... Don't be ashamed of me and what I've taught you, and I won't be ashamed of you when I return in glory with the angels at the end." This is the Jesus who acknowledged he was a bit unnerved by his looming crucifixion. (quotes from *God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children*, Church Publishing)

I recommend two books for children/youth *and* adults that provide insights into Lent. Please remember that these publications were written prior to COVID-19 so there are sections which show us in church.

***Making Room*** – Paraclete Press, ISBN: 978-1612616593

Lent can be hard for children. It's travels through frightening places, loaded with themes of self-denial and death. How can children approach this season in a way that is meaningful and not frightening? *Make Room* presents Lent as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. *Make Room* uniquely connects its projects to the story of Jesus. Simple and practical activities such as baking bread, having a neighbor over for dinner, uncluttering your room, and watching less TV become acts of justice and kindness, part of a life of following and imitating Christ, and a way to make room for God in our lives and in the world around us.

This unique book integrates themes of hospitality and self-giving that echo Jesus' ministry, Jesus' entire life and invites children to wonder about the story, to encounter Lent with all their senses, and to experience activities in Lent as part of a life of discipleship.

***What We Do in Lent*** - Morehouse Publishing, ISBN: 978-0819222787) Fun activities that teach children and their families about the holy season of Lent. Includes family Lenten devotionals. Suitable for any Christian denomination that follows the liturgical calendar. These fun-filled activities for home, pew, or church school, help children ages 4-7 learn about the seasons of Lent and Easter. This book includes mazes, crossword puzzles, connect the dots, and more. 41 pages of activities and a 4-page parent guide designed to promote parenting in the pews.

To God be the Glory.

Be in Touch. Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries



## February Calendar

February 2- Adult Book Study, *Holy Envy*, at 11am on Zoom

February 3- Parents Time w/Jane at 8:00pm

February 7- **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Morning Prayer Rite II live on Facebook @ 10am

Sunday Thoughts on ZOOM (for those under 18) @ 8:00am

February 9- Adult Book Study, *Holy Envy*, at 11am on Zoom

February 10- Parents Time w/Jane at 8:00pm

February 14- **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

Morning Prayer Rite II live on Facebook @ 10am

Sunday Thoughts on ZOOM (for those under 18) @ 8:00am

February 16- Adult Book Study, *Holy Envy*, at 11am on Zoom

Vestry meeting 7pm

February 17- **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday Service on Facebook Live at 12noon**

**There will be no IN-PERSON SERVICES today**

Parents Time w/Jane at 8:00pm

February 18- [Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live](#)

February 19- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

February 20- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

February 21- **The First Sunday in Lent**

Sunday Thoughts on ZOOM (for those under 18) @ 8:00am

Rite I Morning Prayer Facebook Live at 10am

Parish Wide Family Gathering begins at 4pm on Zoom

February 22- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

February 23- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

Adult Book Study, *Holy Envy*, at 11am on Zoom

February 24- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

Bethel Men's Shelter food is due by 4:15pm

Parents Time w/Jane at 8:00pm

February 25- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

February 26- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

February 27- Daily Prayers for Lent 8:30 am on Facebook Live

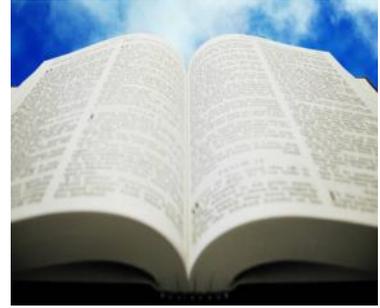
February 28- **The Second Sunday in Lent**

Sunday Thoughts on ZOOM (for those under 18) @ 8:00am

# Collects and Readings for February

## **February 7 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c



### **The Collect**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **February 14 Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9  
Psalm 50:1-6

### **The Collect**

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **February 21 First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15  
Psalm 25:1-9

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

## **February 28 Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38  
Psalm 22:22-30

### **The Collect**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and

# Prayer List & Milestones

## St. Paul's Prayer List

*May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength.  
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His  
heavenly country; where He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

### THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

#### Members and Friends

May Hennessy, Will Close, Gene Meyer, Bill Bates-Congdon, Dick Adkins, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Mark Hawes, Marie Treadwell, Eric Allegretti, Kurt Sellheim, Patrick Kirby, Vicki Hall, Denise Spreen, Jennifer, and Mark

**If you are a member of St. Paul's and have a family member or friend who needs to be added to our Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office so that we may add them to the list. Names of friends and family members currently enlisted and serving in our Armed Forces will gladly be added also.**

## Giving Thanks for Milestones - February



- 5 John Abraham
- Dana Wilcox
- 7 Jenny Reuille
- 8 Brian Weaver
- 10 Mark Keenen
- 11 Purvis Anderson
- 13 William Hage
- Ryan Lawrie
- Robert Munday
- 14 Chris Krafft
- 25 Kyle Vickery



### *Happy Anniversary*

- 14 Joanna & Biff Virkler
- 17 Tiffany & Doug Lawrie

*If you have a milestone which is not listed, please let us know. We wish to celebrate with you.  
Thank you!*

## February EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Every Sunday Morning at 10:00 Join us on Facebook live for Morning Prayer**

### Help with Facebook Live on Sunday Mornings

I still need your help. It would be greatly beneficial for me to have a team of people who would be responsible for the internet set up on Sunday mornings and rotate being present on Sunday mornings to manage the streaming of the liturgy. This would take a great load off my shoulders. Please contact me – Rev. Sally – if you are willing to help.

### Adult Book Study

On **Tuesday's 11am**, Tuesday Book Study we will continue with **Holy Envy** by Episcopal priest, author, and educator **Barbara Brown Taylor**. Download the study guide at [smallgroup-guides.com](http://smallgroup-guides.com) and search *Holy Envy*.

Contact Jane Kilpatrick [stpaulseducator@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulseducator@gmail.com) with questions. We look forward to you joining us.

### Parents Time with Jane

**Parents Time** with Jane will be on Wednesday's at 8:00pm. A Zoom link will go out every Wednesday morning.

### Sunday Thoughts

This is a Zoom gathering for all those under 18 years old that will continue through the month of December. The site will open at 8:005am for supervised chatting amongst the children. How the remaining half hour will be spent will vary week to week. A link will be provided before Sunday morning in an email blast. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

### Vestry Recognition of Ministry

For the month of February, the Vestry is recognizing Jay Allegretti for his service caring for St. Paul's facilities. Our Junior Warden the last couple of years Catherine Lindgren said she was able to fill the role successfully only because of Jay's continued willingness to address problems and concerns as they arose during her tenure as Junior Warden. Jay is a member of St. Paul's who works "behind the scenes." His efforts insure St. Paul's facilities run smoothly for the benefit of the entire congregation. The Vestry extends its thanks to Jay for his service to St. Paul's.



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