

# THE EPISTLE

*OUR MISSION... is to understand and celebrate God's dream for the world,  
to be transformed in Jesus' love and to use our gifts to make a difference for others.*

*OUR VISION... is a world in which God's embracing love is joyfully shared by all people.*

## A Monthly Newsletter

March 2011

### From the Rector's Desk...

#### Invitation to a Holy Lent

*God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance, and the heaven rending words of the Spirit. Amen* (from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers).

On the cusp of Lent, as I write this article, North Africa is aflame. In some places it is aflame literally, and in other places a people are afire with a desire for liberty. Tyrants fall, blood is spilt, and a new way of living is dawning in a part of the world. It is inspiring to see such courage in the midst of struggle.

The season of Lent is all about freedom and the fall of tyrants. In this case though the freedom is within us, and the tyrants that need to fall may not be so visible. Our tyrants are those ideas and ways of living that promise us life, but in the end deliver only death.

What, or who, are you afraid of? What is it that you count on to keep you safe or comfortable? Whose approval do you need to feel worthwhile? When we depend on these things too much, they become tyrants in our lives. Lent invites us to consider the places where the tyrants that promise life and security, are unmasked as imposters. Only God, who is perfect love, can rule our hearts in a way that brings life.

And so that is our task in Lent, to unmask the tyrants. And the tools we are given are the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. In prayer we face our fears by inviting the love of God to stand with us. In fasting, we free ourselves from all the ways we feed our insecurity. In alms-giving we remind ourselves that we are judged worthwhile content for our compassion.

The tyrants that bind us will not go easily, but we are not alone. The one who faced the ultimate tyrant of death has gone before us, and shown us that life awaits on the other side.

Blessings,  
Thomas ☩

#### Upcoming Events

- March 1 Altar Guild Meeting
- March 5 Choir School Concert
- March 6 Nursery Extra Fun Day
- March 6 Rite 13 Service
- March 6 St. Paul's Knitting Group
- March 7 Circle Meeting
- March 8 Shrove Tues Pancake Supper
- March 9 Ash Wednesday
- March 12 Chancel Choir Retreat
- March 13 - Daylight Savings
- March 13 Family Fast-ival
- March 14 Vestry Meeting
- March 15 Outreach Commission Meeting
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 17 MOMs on a Mission
- March 20-27 Home & Hope
- March 20 Choral Evensong at Grace
- March 21 Tea 'n Talk
- March 26 Good-Timers Dinner
- March 31 MOMs on a Mission

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

One of the hallmarks of our community is a love of celebration. Just as our worship is a joy-filled thanksgiving for the blessings of this life, our shared life is a spirited celebration of our relationship with each other. So, come celebrate with us and enjoy pancakes (with a variety of toppings), sausage, and eggs, at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8th from 6 p.m. til 7:15 p.m. Activities for the children will add to the festivities. The children will make an Alleluia banner to bury, have games to play, and end with making ashes for the next day's Ash Wednesday service.

It's a Fat-Tuesday celebration! Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Come one, come all!



And, you can help out with clean up for this event too. If you are able to help with clean up, contact Thomas Skillings. If you are able to help the guys cook the pancakes, please contact Pete Caraher.

## Ash Wednesday Invites Us to a Transformative Lent and Easter

Wednesday, March 9th

12:15, 4:30 (children and families) and 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the great Lenten journey. We are invited to come together at one of three celebrations on this day. We gather in humility to make a right beginning as we begin the journey. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday is a moving and meaningful way to experience God's grace and commit ourselves to a holy struggle throughout the great 40 days of Lent.

- The mid-day service will be a simple service of Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes.
- At 4:30 a special service offered with children and families in mind, and supported by the music of the choristers is offered.
- The 7:30 service is supported by our chancel choir.

## Rummage Time Again

The Circle is once again busy preparing for the May Sale. Our garages and closets are overflowing with treasures. Mark your calendars for May 6th and May 7th, 2011. The sale is 9:30-4pm on Friday and 9:30 - 2pm on Saturday. Volunteers are **always needed** for a few hours at a time. If you can help, please contact Suzanne Abold at 650-697-7544.



## Good Timers Dinner & St. Paul's Comedy Hour

Have some good jokes to tell? Do you love to laugh? Want to eat wonderful food with wonderful people for St. Paul's? If the answer is "yes" then please join us for the annual Good Timers Dinner & St. Paul's Comedy Hour! This evening is a special treat for adults twenty-one to one hundred.

Mark your calendars for FUN, LAUGHTER, and GOOD FOOD as the "Good Timers Dinner and St. Paul's Comedy Hour" returns on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The dinner will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. No host cocktails begin the evening, with a three-course dinner to follow. During the dessert course is when we catch some of the best stand-up comedy on the Peninsula! All diners are invited to come prepared to stand up and share a humorous story, tell a joke, and just generally try their best to get a chuckle or two from the audience!

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with No Host Cocktails. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

A peek at the menu:

Salmon with Champagne Sauce	\$33.50
Breast of Chicken Chasseur	\$27.25
Vegetarian Pasta	\$21.50

*All dinners include soup, salad, main course and dessert.*

The Basque Cultural Center is located at:  
599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco

Hope you can join us! Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 26th. **Reservations are due no later than Sunday, March 13th.**



Reservation Forms can be found in the church office or in the back of the church.

## Gratitude Sunday - March 6, 2011 8:00 & 10:00 Services

On Sunday, March 6 following both services the Stewardship Team would like to express our gratitude for a wonderful Stewardship drive this past winter. The Stewardship Team will be hosting both coffee hours and there will be a surprise treat for everyone in attendance that day. We are so grateful for the wonderful response to this year's pledge drive. Once again we would like to thank the following parishioners who have made a financial commitment to St. Paul's for the coming year.

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## Moving into Lent

After an exciting series on Art in the Church – with Craig McJunkin leading us in looking at faith expressed in paintings of scenes depicting Old Testament scripture lessons, and Michael Kimball helping us to examine faith expressed through some of our major poets – the Adult Christian Formation Team looks forward to moving into Lent and the scripture lessons of the season.

There is a tendency in our society to try to avoid unpleasantness, to hide our sins and mistakes. At some point in my teaching, I remember noting the change in vocabulary used by public school officials so that no student made mistakes or had failures or weaknesses anymore. Rather, they had “challenges.” That view is not totally inaccurate, of course. We do indeed have challenges. And one of the challenges facing us is the ability to honestly take on the struggles before us: to see things as they are, rather than looking for the sugar coating; to deal with the hard questions, rather than just making things nice and comfortable.

Lent is a time of holy struggle. Join us as we see how the biblical characters in our Lenten scripture lessons struggled with their attachment to the world and their thirst for the living Christ.

## St. Paul's Nursery Thanks You!

Thank you to our March volunteers:

March 6 - Volunteer Needed  
 March 13 - Katharine Wilson  
 March 20 - Carrie Rice  
 March 27 - Andrea Vanderlugt



### We still need volunteers in the nursery!

It's easy to sign up to volunteer in the nursery. Just go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and type in Julie Graham's email address which is [jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org) and click on the link for Nursery Care. Thanks in advance!

- Katharine Wilson and Julie Graham

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

*Seeking our children's engagement with a faith journey rather than a behavior.*

In our crazy busy lives here in the Bay Area; basketball on Sunday morning, business trips, kids who “don't want to get dressed,” who get sick, coming to the beauty and stillness of worship at 10am is a precious hour in our lives. Just to “sit with our partners, or with ourselves” for an hour, to reflect, to feed our souls with the sacrament, to pray to our God... it is a rare opportunity for us. Worshipping together as a family is a memory building time that can feed and grow our souls and the souls of our children. For some of us, however, sitting with our children through the readings and the sermon is not so good for the soul! These children's souls are better fed with guitar music from Janet Laurie and Gospel stories and teachings in a context that allows for talking, wiggling and giggling. We acknowledge the unique person God has made in each child.

So, just about every Sunday you see, The Rev. Julie Graham, follow the crucifer out to the parish hall, up to Sunday Journey room “C” for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Most Sundays, Janet Laurie is waiting there to help and lead music. A parent or two comes along as well to keep our kids safe on their trek from the church up to the class room, helping with behavior, drinks of water, bathroom, etc. and down the street back to the church to rejoin their families for communion.

Thank you to the following parents:

*Megan & John Dyer, Lisa Borgeson, Greg Dias, Sandy & Mark Moore, Cara & Bryce Dakin, Liz Horner, Tina & Phil Dur, Carolyn and Pehr Luedtke, Vanessa and Steve Lo, Mark Simonton, Christina and Rich Millane, Karen McCormick and Jessica Sobolik Willey for all your help with this worship ministry!*

### The Lenten Journey at St. Paul's



There's so much more to Lent than giving up chocolate or TV! Like Advent, the penitential season of Lent offers families rich opportunity to "pay attention" – to prepare our hearts and lives for the miracle of Easter. St. Paul's offers these stepping stones for your family's journey:

#### Tuesday, March 8th - *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 6pm*

Enjoy a festive dinner "out" in Foote Hall. Historically, this tradition was an opportunity for households to use up all milk, eggs, and fat to prepare for the strict fasting of Lent. In addition to pancakes, children and their families are invited to join the Rev. Julie Graham in crafting an Alleluia banner and then bury that "Alleluia" for Lent. (Church custom is to not speak or sing "Alleluia" during Lent.) Watch for the return of the "Alleluia" at Easter!

#### Wednesday, March 9th - *Ash Wednesday Service at 4:30pm*

Begin Lent at this family-friendly service with a blessing of ashes and the gentle reminder that we are dust, and to dust we return. The service lasts approximately 30-40 minutes.

#### Sunday, March 13th - *Family "Fast-ival" at 9am*

Join your children for a special Sunday Journey class in Foote Hall. Together, your family will create a prayer cloth to use during Lent. Talk about prayer and why it is important to put aside busy thoughts to make room in our minds and hearts for God. With fabric-markers and decorations, highlight with your children the wonderful gifts God wants for us – peace, joy, light, forgiveness, compassion, kindness, healing, happiness. Use the process to help focus your family on struggles you might tackle together this Lent. Hung or draped across the dining table, your family prayer cloth can serve as a reminder of this season of introspection and of your family's priorities.

#### Thursday, March 17th - *MOMs Meeting 9:30-11:30*

Join mothers on a mission to discuss C.S.Lewis's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and how this powerful story can be used with children of all ages to introduce and discuss the nature of Christ's sacrifice. Meet in Coxhead Conference Room. Childcare is planned.

The 40 days of Lent continue until Easter. Look to the Sunday Bulletin and April Epistle for more information on the family Palm Festival on April 17th, and Holy Week events.

### A Note From the Compassionate Kids Team

Thanks to all who joined us for the last parent coffee on February 6 where we viewed the DVD "**Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know.**" If you weren't able to join us and would like to view the DVD, please contact Julie to check out the DVD. Julie also has handouts on the topic.

We'll be scheduling more get togethers soon on this and similar topics for both adults and children. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Compassionate Kids team, please contact:

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### M.O.M.S (Moms on a Mission) Lent, Children, Husbands and Faith

**LENT and children...** Advent is easy for children to understand but how do we help them *get at* the meaning of Lent? Lent is about preparing to be made new - about emptying yourself and allowing God to come into you. For kids, the message includes listening more to God, depending more on God, and living more like Jesus. How do we work ourselves into this? It's a struggle. Lent is about doing the hard work. For families, it might be more about focus than fasting.

Given all this, we wondered: Is men's spirituality the same as ours? Are they more likely to be seekers in themselves rather than part of a community of seekers? With the emphasis on high-pressured jobs and sports, do guys get a "bye" on going to church? Or, is it all a part of the struggle of "giving God the day" that has always been there.

How about those who do go on Sundays – who "check the box" regularly but don't live their faith much the rest of the week? Is that any better?

**Dads and the Church:** an example for us all.

We found ourselves having a very personal and powerful conversation. Here were some observations: Each of us had a different story.

There were dads who were the ones leading the family to church and dads who had very wounded experiences of church while growing up and so were reticent to try it again.

A large struggle for attending church as a family was for couples with dads and moms raised in different denominations and different faiths. We also speculated on whether society allows men to have spirituality... do we raise our boys to be spiritual or only competitive? Aren't boys more than their testosterone?

In this very pluralistic world we live in, there isn't necessarily the local societal support for families to go to church together.

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Dads (and moms) are now having business trips all over the world and find themselves on planes on Sunday morning. Or people plan birthday parties at 10am on Sundays.

And, a loud lament for the MOMS was sports on Sunday mornings! When we could at least count on Sundays being free for families, at least until the afternoon, now with a growing population and field space at a minimum, even Sunday morning is no longer sacred... as one mom noted, "the business world won't call you on Sunday morning, they consider that off limits" unfortunately, the recreational sports world for kids no longer considers it as such.

In the end, we found dads struggling to make time for their spirituality just like moms and kids. It was a matter of knowing our priorities as a family and striving to make choices with our time that spoke to our values. Further, if mom and dad were approaching a spirituality differently it was important to have open dialogues with our children as to why one parent was a church goer while another stayed home.

Along with open dialogue, guidance and a teaching of faith and spirituality was necessary for our children. "Letting them choose" only burdens a child, leaving them with "nothing" to hold onto. It is important to develop a commonality of belief around which the family can unite so as not to be confusing to our children.

#### ***Mom's and dads both struggle with busy-ness...***

Are we too busy to "go deep?" (And when do men get a chance to sit and doodle on a cloth as we're doing this morning?) Perhaps with our gadgets and activities, we've grown addicted to being busy, and to more shallow thinking and interaction. And maybe at times we cultivate that excuse of busy-ness so that we don't have to engage.

Also, we have become a society bred on immediate gratification. "Life is the process," said one Mom, "Being in the moment is what's most important." What does this mean for our children? Julie noted that effective prayer and faith formation is 10% method and 90% desire.

Attending church is key to helping kids develop their religious/spiritual intelligence. Will they be able to articulate their faith as adults? "In the end, my child will be okay if he doesn't learn to play soccer," said one Mom. Success means that going to church – faith-formation – needs to be an established family value, a goal, a mission.

Also key is an understanding that life with God is work. Kids especially need to know that it is not always fun (sometimes it is boring!) and parents shouldn't fear their kids not being entertained. Our children will grow up to make their own choices, but unless we educate them in our faith, they won't be equipped to make informed choices.

Want to join the conversation? Come to our next M.O.M.s! March 17th 9:30-11:30 at St. Paul's! Child Care is provided.

## Saint Paul's Celebrates Rite 13 Sunday, March 6th at 10am

On Sunday March 6th at the 10 am Eucharist we will celebrate our young people who have recently, or will soon, turn 13. At a Rite 13 we celebrate the wonderful work God is doing in the lives of our youth as they are growing up. We also pray for parents who are both guiding and letting go in this important time of life. As a parish we pledge to support these young people as they journey through their teen years.

Look in the weekly bulletin for the names of those celebrating their Rite 13, and be sure to stop by at coffee hour on February 27th to sign the words of wisdom journal for each of our celebrities.



## Appalachian Journey 2011 Summer Youth Work Project

### Introductory Info Meeting

June 12-19, 2011

Sunday, March 6th at 5pm

St. Matthew's Parish Hall

Our third annual youth work project will take us to Eastern Kentucky to learn about the struggles of this historically impoverished area, and to work on the rehabilitation of homes in the area. To travel to a place with a different culture, and to live and work among the people there is a powerful and transformative experience.

Youth and parents are invited to join us for an informational meeting on March 6th at 5pm in the parish hall at St. Matthew's San Mateo. All youth who are graduating from the 8th grade this spring are invited to join us!

## Youth Architects Begin Work

The first meeting of the Saint Paul's youth architects met on February 15th. Saint Paul's/Saint Matthew's youth architects are a team of adults who are studying, praying and thinking about ways that our parishes can become places for youth. The key words for the YA's are sustainability and effectiveness, and we will be exploring what kinds of resources in terms of staff, volunteers and structure create a place that helps our youth live out and grow in their faith.

As a guide we are using Mark DeVries' book **Sustainable Youth Ministry**. Please pray for us as we do this important work. At our first meeting we discussed the dangers of thinking that there is some easy solution. That it will take more than hiring a superstar, rather it will take and concerted investment time and energy. There is no "easy button." Please keep us in your prayers as we begin our work.

*Dawn Mulliken, Karl Breice, Denora Dyer, Tom Doherty, Linda Doherty, Janine Gerzanic, Eric Hinds, Gia Hayes-Martin, Thomas Skillings*

## Inaugural Choir School Concert Saturday, March 5 at 4pm

You are invited to come and delight in the abundant musical talents of the 31 boys and girls of our Choir School as they join to perform St. Paul's *very first* Choir School Concert at 4pm on Saturday, March 5th in the church. Between performances by the choirs of the Choir School - St. Cecilia Choir, St. Nicolas Choir and Choristers – boys and girls from the Choir School will perform vocal and instrumental solos. The one-hour program will be followed by a reception in Foote Hall. A free-will donation will benefit the St. Paul's Choir School, now celebrating its fourth year.

Choral pieces on Choir School Concert Program:

- Canon, *Dona nobis pacem* (*Grant us peace*)
- Simon Lindley, *O God, my heart is ready*
- Swedish folk song, *Thy holy wings*
- Johann Sebastian Bach, *Jesus bleibet meine Freude / Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
- Jean Langlais, *Agnus Dei* (from **Missa in simplicitate**)
- Andrew Carter, *Badgers & hedgehogs* (from **Bless the Lord**)
- John Rutter, *Look at the World*
- Spiritual, arr. Caldwell/Ivory, *Go where I send thee!*

## St. Paul's Choirs Sing Choral Evensong at Grace Cathedral Sunday, March 21 at 3pm

Join us for Sunday Choral Evensong at your cathedral in San Francisco. The St. Paul's Choristers and Chancel Choir have been invited to return to Grace Cathedral as the choir at the 3pm Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 21st in the Quire. Choral music will include: Herbert Brewer, *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in D*; Barry Smith, *The African Versicles and Responses*; Samuel Barber, *Agnus Dei*; and an Anglican Chant by our very own Chris McCrum, setting *Psalm 84*.

## 10am Choral Eucharist on March 27 sung by Choir School: *Jean Langlais Missa in Simplicitate*

On the Third Sunday in Lent, the boys and girls of the St. Nicolas Choir and Choristers will sing the *Kyrie* (Lord have mercy), *Sanctus* (Holy, holy, holy), and *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) from the hauntingly beautiful *Missa in Simplicitate* by the French composer and organist Jean Langlais (1907-1991). Blind from the age of two, Langlais' *oeuvre* comprises 254 compositions, including 13 choral masses of which the *Missa in Simplicitate* (1952) for unison treble voices and *Messe Solennelle* (1949) for mixed choir (sung at St. Paul's by

Chancel Choir for Last Sunday after Epiphany & Pentecost in 2008) are most well-known. All children of the Choir School will also sing Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and the anonymous canon *Dona nobis pacem*. At the end of the service, the Chancel Choir will join the Choir School in John Rutter's *The Lord bless you and keep you*, dedicated to the Reverend Sally on her last Sunday at St. Paul's.

## Choir School Creates New Assistant Position / Yumi Thomas

In February 2011, the first assistant position in the Choir School was created with underwriting from savings in the Choir School restricted funds.

Yumi Thomas has agreed to serve as our first assistant in the Choir School from February 1 through April 24, 2011 (Easter Day), in addition to her ongoing responsibilities as alto section leader in the Chancel Choir. During these three months, her responsibilities will include weekly general assistance to the Director of Music with the Choir School, with particular focus on directing the St. Cecilia Choirs and on vocal training for all of the boys and girls of the Choir School. She will be present six hours weekly for the St. Cecilia Girls and St. Nicolas rehearsals on Tuesdays, and on Thursdays for all Choir School rehearsals, including the St. Cecilia Boys rehearsal and full Chorister rehearsal.

With this good news, comes the sad news that Yumi will be moving back to NYC after Easter Day (April 24) to pursue a very promising career as a professional singer. We are so blessed to have her among us at St. Paul's these next three months, and the experience of the girls and the boys in the Choir School has already been greatly enriched by Yumi's truly wonderful teaching.

Mezzo-soprano Yumi Thomas sang at St. Paul's as soprano section leader during the 2008-2009 choir season, and after a year studying and working in New York City, she returned as our alto section leader for the 2010-11 season. Yumi received her Bachelor's in English with honors from UC Berkeley and her Master's in Voice from the Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA. A highly experienced and versatile performer, Yumi has also worked as an assistant director with the San Francisco Girls Chorus, of which she is an alumna, and greatly enjoys working with young singers.

With blessings to all in your journey through this Lenten season~

*Susan*

Susan Jane Matthews, DMA  
Director of Music



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The Rev. Sally Boelter, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Julie Graham, Associate Rector  
Dr. Susan Matthews, Director of Music & Choir Director

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday: 8am** - Eucharist in Chapel

**Sunday: 10am** - Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday: 11am** - Eucharist and Healing

#### **Tongan Service:**

2nd & 3rd Sundays - 2pm - Prayer Service

1st & 4th Sundays - 2pm - Anglican Eucharist

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