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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

20 YEARS A PRIEST

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

"Therefore, Father, through your son Jesus Christ, pour your Holy Spirit upon Mauricio; fill him with your grace and power and make him a priest in your Church."

On May 17, 1997, the Eve of Pentecost, my father and Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Cornelius J. Wilson laid his hands upon me and said these words (in Spanish) from the liturgy for the ordination and consecration of a priest, along with the presbyters of the diocese whose hands were also on me, he welcomed me into an old but for me new calling and vocation in ministry. I find it very difficult, if not impossible to explain the sense of transformation that happened to me at that moment and I would like to assume that my colleagues in ministry share this sentiment. I was still me, but I wasn't me anymore. I didn't become the brightest bulb in the room but my light could not be hidden.

It has now been 20 years since that wonderful day. There has been significant change in my personal, professional and vocational life. I left Costa Rica, I am married to a different

person, I no longer practice accounting professionally and I am actually living in Oakland, California (earthquakes are not my favorite). Though

I can happily say that my life is in a wonderful place at this moment, I must admit that nothing is what I imagined it was going to be; except for one thing: my fierce commitment to love God and to serve God faithfully in Christ's body until I breathe my last.

One of the things that continues to amaze me, as I think about this hallmark anniversary in my life and journey with God and God's Church, is the realization that my life of ministry changed twenty years ago. However, it truly started fifty one years ago on the very same date, May 17, 1966 (the Day of Pentecost) when I was carried to the baptismal font, washed in the name of the Trinity and marked by the Holy Spirit as Christ's own forever.

This continues being a blessed and grace filled journey for me. I've had



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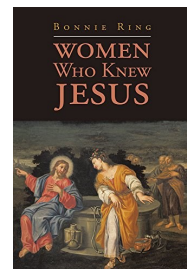
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WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet Tuesday, May 16. Join us for a time of meditation on scripture followed by lively conversation. It's never too late to learn and reflect on the women who knew Jesus! Dinner in the Chapter Room at 6:00 p.m. offers the opportunity to get to know each other better. We will be finished by 8:00. If you have questions, email annehj@aol.com.



EASTER 2017

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

May

Bottles of juice

June

Bottles of juice

July

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!





2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer
Senior Warden
William (Bill) Davis
Junior Warden
James Kadleck
Clerk
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2017
William (Bill) Davis
James Kadleck
Yuri Sikkema

Class of 2018
Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Saundra Anderson

Class of 2019
Mel Behrendt
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Izabella (Bella) Sempari
Pam Buckingham

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN MAY

Sunday, May 7

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Installation of New Music Director
10:00 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Thompson, *My shepherd will supply my need*; Vaughan Williams, *O taste and see*; Bach, *Christ lag in Todesbanden*; Krebs, *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat*.

Christopher Kula, Music Director and Organist; Paco, Bell Choir Director.

4:00 p.m., Evensong

Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys, Christopher Kula, Director.

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy.

Sunday, May 14

**The Fifth Sunday Easter
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Harris, *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*; Harris, *Behold, the Tabernacle of God*; Clerambault, *Basse et Dessus*; Vaughan Williams, *Hyfrydol*.

St. Paul's Choir and St. Paul's Bell Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and Organist; Paco, Bell Choir Director.

Saturday, May 20, 3:00 p.m.

Concert: East Bay Harmony Chorus *Annual Friends & Family Concert* (Toddler and baby-friendly). Mark Bernfield, Music Director. In the Parish Hall.

We'll be singing an eclectic, a cappella set of songs by the Beatles, Coldplay, Bruno Mars, and more. You'll hear favorites made famous by everyone from Fats Waller to Fleet Foxes. Each concert followed by a food and wine reception. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth & seniors. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any chorus member, or at the door. More info [here](#).



Sunday, May 21

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
20th Anniversary Celebration of
Rector's Ordination**

10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

John Mudd, *O God, who hast prepared*; Tallis, *If ye love me*; Stanley, *Trumpet Tune*; Bach, *In dir ist Freude*. Christopher Kula, Music Director and Organist; Paco, Bell Choir Director.

Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 15th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

3:00 p.m.

Concert: San Francisco Girls Chorus School

Lisa Bielawa, Artistic Director;
Valérie Sainte-Agathe, Music
Director and Principal Conductor;
Anne Hege, Level IV Director.
More info [here](#).

**Monday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.**

Concert: East Bay Harmony Chorus
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Parish Hall.

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or at the door. More info [here](#).

Sunday, May 28**The Seventh Sunday of Easter****10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Weelkes, *All people, clap your
Hands*; Handl, *Ascendens Christus*;
Alain, *Variations*; Alain, *Litanies*.
Christopher Kula, Music
Director and Organist; Paco, Bell
Choir Director.

8 p.m., Compline

Gregorian chant, polyphony, and
candlelight, in the church. Music of
Byrd, Tallis, Victoria. Compline, a
service of psalms and prayers, has
been sung 'at the close of day' in
monasteries, convents and churches
for many centuries, and is one of the
best-loved services of the Church. It
has been re-instituted in response to
the renewed interest in plainsong
(Gregorian Chant) and
contemplative
prayer. There is no sermon. With St.
Paul's Choir. Christopher Kula,
Music Director.



**SAVE Stands-Ins
against gun
violence**

SAVE (Soldiers Against
Violence Everywhere)
Oakland is taking a non-
violent stand against the
rampant murders in our
community by having
"Stand-Ins" from 11a.m. –
noon near where a person
was recently killed. Please
contact Paula Hawthorn,
510-601-8388, if you would
like to participate.
Upcoming dates and
locations are:

- 5/13/17
Foothill & Seminary
- 6/9/17
MacArthur & 73rd
- 7/8/17
Foothill & 14th

Contact [Save@Truevine-
Ministries.com](mailto:Save@Truevine-Ministries.com) to be put
on the email list for future
Stand-Ins.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On May 21, we will gather to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Father Mauricio Wilson's ordination to the priesthood. Please join us on this joyous occasion to give thanks and honor our rector for his years of service to the Church. There will be a festive reception following the 10 a.m. service.



WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR



Please join us on Sunday, May 7, at the 10 a.m. service for the installation of Christopher Kula as St. Paul's Episcopal Church's music director (with the removal of the word "interim" from his title).

MEN WHO WANDER

Men who Wander will gather on Tuesday, May 16. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city's pubs and microbreweries. This month we will be meeting at Woods Bar & Brewery located at 1701 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94612.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DEACON DOES IN THE CHURCH ?

I have been wondering lately, do people really know what it means to be a deacon in the church? I want you to think about this question and send your answers to me at cbolton@jtm-esc.org.

Do you consider yourself a deacon?



LOOK! WE'RE MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

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SANTIAGO/ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

is starting a
Community Garden!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP US PLAN,
PREPARE, PLANT AND REAP THE HARVEST
OF THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT.

SATURDAY, MAY 6,
8:30AM TO 1:00PM
FREE LUNCH AT NOON



**BRING GARDENING GLOVES
IF YOU HAVE THEM!**

¡La Iglesia Episcopal Santiago / St. James está comenzando un Jardín Comunitario!
Todos están invitados a ayudarnos a planificar, preparar, plantar y cosechar este proyecto co-
munitario.

Sábado, 6 de mayo, de 8:30 am a 1:00 pm
El almuerzo gratuito se servirá al mediodía
¡Trae guantes de jardinería si los tienes!

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico m.ridlon@comcast.net

聖地亞哥／聖詹姆斯聖公會教堂即將要開始共同體花園！
邀請大家來參加我們共同體的項目，讓我們一起企劃，準備，種植和收割！
5月6日，星期六上午8:30點到下午1:00點
中午提供免費午餐。
如果家裏有園藝手套，請自帶好手套！
有關詳情，請發送電子郵件到m.ridlon@comcast.net。

Dear Readers:

In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don't get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

4 p.m. *Evensong*
(First Sundays, Oct.-June)

8 p.m. *Compline*
(4th Sundays only)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(with Healing prayer on
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

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my “moments of battle” with God and with God’s people. I have spilled the blood of Christ more than once, by accident. I have probably misused or misquoted the Scriptures as well as the canons and traditions of the Church more than I would want to admit, but as the saying goes, if I had to do it all over again, I would do the same.

I am deeply grateful to all of God’s saints who have walked with me throughout these many years, from St. Mary’s Church where I was baptized to the Church of the Good Shepherd where I was confirmed, ordained and served in many capacities from

Sunday school student to priest in charge, to the many congregations that have welcomed me in some ministerial capacity. Some of these saints I must mention by name: Eulalia and Cornelius, my parents, Eleonora, Cornelius, Marcelo and Verny, my siblings, Karla, my wife, and Kimaura and Kiandra, my daughters. They are strong representatives of a great clouds of witnesses and for them and each of you I’m eternally grateful.

On to the next 20!