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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



Many years ago a member of a parish in which I served indicated to a group of gathered clergy: Prayer works. I have always found this to be a warm memory of

my time with that congregation and its interesting individual members. This encounter was during the Christmas season of 2002 and over the years I would like to believe that my theology of prayer has evolved significantly, though I still strongly agree that it does indeed work.

The biblical references to prayer are almost innumerable, or at least to many to want to spend time counting. Not only the use of the word prayer, but rather the act itself. If prayer is defined as a conversation with God, we then have to begin with Adam in Genesis through John in Revelation. My most inspiring reference to prayer is Jesus in

the Garden of Gethsemane. In one of the most desperate moments of his life Jesus speaks and pleads to God: *Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. (Luke 22:42 NRSV)* Like any of us, he asks God to remove a great burden from his shoulders. In his humanity Jesus understands that there is great pain, suffering and humiliation ahead. He doesn't want it and would prefer it to pass from him. We have all been there at some time or another. We know it is coming and what it might look like and how it may feel. So we pray to God, and we ask for the burden to be removed, for the suffering and pain not to happen.

Here's where 'the rubber meets the road.' What happens when the burden is not removed? When after intense and sincere praying the suffering still envelopes us. Many end up angry and disillusioned with God. They say that God doesn't love us or doesn't care.

In the second part of his words to God

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Upcoming Youth Events @ St. Paul's!

If you and/or your children are interested of being part of this new ministry, please contact Jose Daniel Pinell, our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries by simply replying to this email! You can also send him an email at youth@stpaulsoakland.org

Movie at Grand Lake During Homecoming! - September 15th After Service

Youth Afternoon at Boomers! - October 26th

Harry Potter Day at Grace Cathedral! - November 16th 10 am - 3:30 pm

Milk Sleepover at Grace Cathedral - January 19th - January 20th

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MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry.

The process of restocking the inventory is on the way and for the month of September and November we are hoping to receive your donations of strawberry or grape jelly and juice.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Sunday, September 1

Sven Olbash, organist

Guilmant, *Prelude in E-flat*

Guilmant, *March in F*

Sunday, September 8

Elgar, *Allegretto pensoso*

Thompson, *My shepherd will supply my need*

Willan, *O Sacred Feast*

Bach, *Fantasie in C*

Sunday, September 15

Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* (BWV 865)

Byrd, *Sing joyfully*

Mozart, *Laudate Dominum*

Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in A Mino* (BWV 551)

Sunday, September 22

Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in B Mino* (BWV 867)

Dawson, *Ain'-a That Good News*



Monteverdi, *Adoramus te, Christe*

Bach, *Fantasia and Imitation in B Mino* (BWV 563)

Sunday, September 29

Michael Page, organist

Sowerby, *Meditation on "Picardy"*

Hairston, *Poor Man Lazarus*

Roem, *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

Murrill, *Postlude on a Ground*

COMPLINE

Sunday, September 28th

Since October of 2002 the choir of St. Paul's has sung Compline on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8:00 pm. The transcendent quality of the Gregorian Chant, along with the beauty of St. Paul's Church bathed in candlelight, has made the service an oasis of peace in the lives of

those who attend, both Christians and Non-Christians. The candles are lit at 7:50 and the church remains open for a half hour after the service ends (usually around 8.40). With St. Paul's Compline Choir. Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital offering to St. Paul's Church. Your donation will be processed through SPEC's PayPal account.





SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

5:00PM – 10:00PM

As we kick-off our sesquicentennial anniversary celebration with a Mardi-Gras themed Fundraising Gala Dinner dance.

Details forthcoming, including other activities that lead up to our January, 2021 anniversary date.



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2019 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*
Irene Plunkett
Senior Warden
Will Cowart
Junior Warden
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Clerk
Saundra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2019

Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020

Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg
Bill Davis

Class of 2021

Madyé Parrish
Sergio Prieto
Erica Terry-Derryck

Future meetings:

September 24
October 22
November 26

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Melanie Blake
James Kadleck
Tom McGarrell

Alternates

To Be Appointed



It's Homecoming!

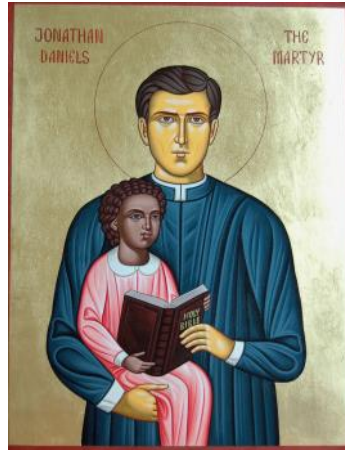
The choir is back as we celebrate a reunion for St. Paul's with a Potluck on Sunday, September 15 after the 10:00 am service.

Please bring a dish to share.

The vestry will be supplying dessert, but we can use a few gluten-free dessert contributions. Otherwise, please bring a main dish or a side. See you there!

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Jonathan Myrick Daniels



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 25th of the month previous to publication.

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

Jonathan Myrick Daniels was born in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1939. He was shot and killed by an unemployed highway worker in Hayneville, Alabama, August 14, 1965. From high school in Keene to graduate school at Harvard, Jonathan wrestled with the meaning of life and death and vocation. Attracted to medicine, the ordained ministry, law and writing, he found himself close to a loss of faith when his search was resolved by a profound conversion on Easter Day 1962 at the Church of the Advent in Boston. Jonathan then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In March 1965, the televised appeal of Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Selma to secure for all citizens the right to vote drew Jonathan to a time and place where the nation's racism and the Episcopal Church's share in that inheritance were exposed. He returned to seminary and asked leave to work in Selma where he would be sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. Conviction of his calling was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of

the Magnificat: "He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things.' I knew that I must go to Selma. The Virgin's song was to grow more and more dear to me in the weeks ahead." Jailed on August 14 for joining a picket line, Jonathan and his companions were unexpectedly released. Aware that they were in danger, four of them walked to a small store. As sixteen-year-old Ruby Sales reached the top step of the entrance, a man with a gun appeared, cursing her. Jonathan pulled her to one side to shield her from the unexpected threats. As a result, he was killed by a blast from the 12-gauge gun. The letters and papers Jonathan left bear eloquent witness to the profound effect Selma had upon him. He writes, "The doctrine of the creeds, the enacted faith of the sacraments, were the essential preconditions of the experience itself. The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed: it has grown ... I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection ... with them, the black men and white men, with all life, in him whose Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout ... We are indelibly and unspeakably one."

St. Paul's Church Fundraising this Autumn: A Pop-Up Garage Sale!

**"Sell your possessions and give alms"
Luke 12:13**

Yep, it's time for some garage sale fundraising at St. Paul's!

The date is Saturday Sept. 28.

The proceeds of the garage sales will be applied to our parish ministries

The sale will be in the side courtyard facing Grand Ave. The set up for the sale will be between 7:30am and 9am. The sale will be between 9am and 2:30pm or so. No early bird buyers please, but early bird volunteers will be cheerfully welcomed.

The sale will have seven available booths. Each booth will be sponsored by a family or a parishioner or two. Each booth will be responsible for its set up, delivery of its goods for sale, sale of the goods, and removal of unsold goods at the end of the day. Volunteers will assist. Each booth should have at least \$200 worth of goods for sale.

The proceeds of each booth's sales will be donated to St. Paul's at the end of the day. A receipt will be given and the amounts will be reflected on the parishioner's annual statement.

And at each sale we will endeavor to keep the "fun" in fundraising.

**For additional information and to reserve a booth contact:
Tom McGarrell at tgmccgarrell@aol.com or at (267) 808 1921.**



Join us for Oakland Pride's 10th Anniversary
Parade + Festival on Sunday, September
8th, 2019!

11:00AM-7:00PM

Parade Start: Broadway & 14th Street (10:30am)
Parade Finish: Broadway & 20th Street

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.

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

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.



**WARRIORS FOR PEACE
IN OAKLAND
AWARDS**

**SEPT 21 ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4:00PM 114 MONTECITO, OAKLAND**

Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/SavePeace> info@save-oakland.com

Youth Advocate Zimbabwe Davis	Youth Programs Cathy De Forest	Mother For Peace Leslie Bell Harding	Stalwart Warrior Lawrence Edmond
			
Violence Intervention Melvin Cowan	Violence Intervention Almaz Yhidego	Violence Intervention Antoine Towers	
			

Special Community Service Award: VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S THIS FALL

September 15: Homecoming Celebration
 September 21: Beloved Community Training Day
 September 21: S.A.V.E. Peace Awards Reception
 October 6: Episcopal Schools Celebration
 October 13: Blessing of the Animals
 October 27: Youth Sunday
 November 2: Diocesan General Confirmation

Upcoming Youth Events

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Confirmation at St. Paul's - November 2nd

Sunday, September 8: God, Jesus, Joseph and Mary

Saturday, September 14: Why Episcopal?

Saturday, September 28: How did everything get made?

Saturday, October 5: Worship: Yes or No?

Saturday, October 12: Who's in charge at Church?

Sunday, October 20: Do I want to be Confirmed?

Please let us know if you are interested in receiving this sacrament!



Save the Date: Beloved Community Training Day in the East Bay

This fall St. Paul's Oakland will host a Beloved Community Training day on Saturday, September 21.

The day will include required training sessions for Eucharistic Visitors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Whole & Healthy Church Training, along with an array of workshops for lay leaders in all areas of ministry.

Registration will open in late-summer.

When: Saturday, September 21

Where: St. Paul's, Oakland, 114 Montecito Avenue

Contact: Amy Cook, Working Group Head for Faith Formation, amyc@diocal.org

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

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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)

Jesus says: *Yet, not my will but yours be done.* These are the words that have transformed me most deeply. Jesus does not only ask God to do something for him, but he opens the way to hear what God has in store and how God is going to respond. The easiest thing for us to do is to blurt out the many different things that we want God to do for us: die old, have money, no sickness and others. The most difficult thing is to stay silent and receive God's response.

I believe that when we pray to God, God prays back to us, letting us know the ways in which our requests and petitions will be addressed. It is not going to be according to what we desire, but if we were to listen closely to God's prayer, the heart and love of God

might become clearer. Though, like Jesus, we might still experience suffering and pain, like Jesus, we can attain to deeper connection with our humanity and divinity.

So when you pray: ***Lord hear our prayer,*** maybe you should add: ***and help hear yours.***