



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

August 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 3
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Sam French

AUGUST 10
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. Harv Sanders
Lay Reader - Kate French

AUGUST 17
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

AUGUST 24
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter

AUGUST 31
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. Mark McGuire
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

A Message from the Bishop's Warden



Dear Friends in Christ,

This month I am going to share a reflection from d365, a short meditation I use to begin my morning. It has a scripture and then a reflection.

Galatians 5:1, 13-14:

"Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again. You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters: only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Reflection by Pastor Wilfredo Mercado Reyes of the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico:

"It feels good to say, "I'm free!" when I've taken an exam I've been preparing for, or when I've completed that paper I worked so hard to finish. I am thrilled and even try to reward myself. We all love to be free from what oppresses us. I find it curious that most of the time when we use the word 'oppression,' we associate it with something that victimizes us. I recognize that procrastination may be the main factor in my feeling oppressed. When I choose to procrastinate and not prepare diligently, stress

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stress makes me feel like its servant. That uncomfortable feeling seems to be the culprit, but I'm the one who decided to put myself in that situation.

"Paul affirms in Galatians that our freedom come from Christ. He also emphasized that we are called to be free, avoiding giving power to our way of doing or reacting. He exhorts us to avoid forms of life that, although they appear to be freedom, end up enslaving us. Let us always remember that Jesus came to set captives free."

In Romans 7:15, St. Paul talks about his internal struggle: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." We can all identify with what St. Paul says. We all fall into our habits or desires from which we wish to be free and feel enslaved to, and we all fall short of living into Christ's words as we wish we could.

So the passage from Galatians spoke to me. Especially its last line: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* Love of ourselves and others, Christ's command, leads us to where we need to be.

I hope this reflection speaks to you in some way, also.

Love in Christ,

Kate

CHURCH NEWS:

Fr. Mike: Please keep Fr. Mike in your prayers as his ankle continues to heal. We will be using supply clergy, and it may not be ready as we go to print. I will send texts.

Repairs: We have had service on our cooling/heating systems. In addition to maintenance costs, we have \$1500 in repairs which the Bishop's Committee has approved.

Energy Assessment: Everygy will be coming to see if there are ways to reduce out energy costs.

Back to School Fair: Thank you to all who signed up for this event. Don Kiefer was

also there, but missed the photo. It is a wonderful volunteer opportunity.



Book Buddies: We are moving forward with book buddies!

Prayer List:

Healing: Fr. Mike, Augustus Hockaday, Kitty, Tina, KathySteve Sheline, Kirsten, Tom

Cancer: Christy, Pat, Micheal, Cindy McAvoy, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M. Suzanne, Ruane, David Scott, Diane, Sylvia, Don

For Comfort, Strength, and Peace: Gail Cloutte, Pat Decker, Ruth Kindall, Doug Johnson, Kathy and Mike, Connie and David Scott, Zaha, Steve Sheline, Becky Tarver, Marie Hopkins, Lois Hamblin and family, Linda C., Laurisa, Rick, Janelle Allred, Craig and Cam Dobereiner

The Departed: Harding Brawn, Mary Kampling, Victoria(Mother Anne's sister), Ray Hamblin, Kerry Dobereiner, Therse Hopkins

Others: Peace in the world, those devastated by natural disasters, especially in Texas, those facing job loss and personal challenges

Thanksgiving: Family and friends, God's many blessings

BIRTHDAYS

21-Lila Foster.

24-Mike Ballou

ANNIVERSARIES

7-Sam & Kate French