St. Paul's/San Pablo Episcopal Church

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

October 25, 2026



St. Paul's Episcopal Mission was born in 1922, and erected in 1924

7843 Park Place Blvd. Houston, TX 77087

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, **9 A.M-2 P.M**

Friday. Closed

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Simón Bautista
Celebrant

Liturgy of the Word

Processional	***"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"***	Hymn 381
Salutation Eucharist Rite II		BCP 355
Gloria		S-280
Collect of the Day		BCP 235
First Reading		Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
Psalm 1		BCP 585
Second Reading		1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Sequence	***"God of mercy, God of grace"***	Hymn 538
The Holy Gospel		Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon		The Rev. Simón Bautista
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form IV		BCP 388
The Confession of Sin		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory	***"Father all-loving, who rules in majesty"***	Hymn 568
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S-129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Communion	***"Take my life, and let it be"***	Hymn 707
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Recessional	***"Rise up, ye saints of God"***	Hymn 551

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in this church.
Please maintain devotional silence during the administration of the Elements

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The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading
Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

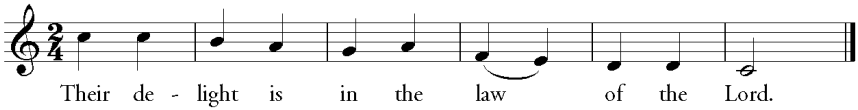
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a

pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel
Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> 'The Lord said to my Lord,
> "Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you Lord Chris**

To those worshiping with us for the first time: Welcome to St. Paul's! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and hope that your experience is rewarding. If there is anything we can do for you, feel free to contact us. We would like to get acquainted with you!

OPEN DOORS – OPEN HEARTS

WE ARE A FAMILY OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Mission Statement of St Paul's/San Pablo:

Our doors and our hearts are open to *everyone* who seeks to know God.

In our prayer this week, let us lift up…

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** – Sarah
- **Our Presiding Bishop** – Sean
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff, Hector, & Brian
- **For our elected officials,** so that, through their leadership, we may lead a peaceful and tranquil life in the service of God and for His honor and glory.
- **Our Church Family** – for those in leadership and for every member of St. Paul's, both present and absent
- **Those who are sick**
- **Those who have died**

Those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Sunday Worship Ministry Schedule
Today's Servers

Role	Names
L.E.M.	**Iris**
Lectors	**Iris & Bernadette**
Ushers	**David**
Oblationers	**Iris & Lamar**
Altar Guild	**Iris, Mo & Shannon**

Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's

Position	Name
Interim Vicar	Rev. Simón Bautista
Vicar Assistant	Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara
Organist	Phil Scoles
Choir Director	Kari Zimmerman
Music	Marco Gutiérrez
Office Administrator	Irene Aguirre González



In Loving Memory

Sue Friend

FAITHFUL SERVANT OF
THE ALTAR GUILD

St. Paul's / San Pablo Episcopal Church
Park Place Blvd, Houston

Heavenly Father,
we give thanks for the life of
Sue Friend, a faithful and devoted
member of the Altar Guild at
St. Paul's/San Pablo Episcopal Church,
who served with dedication,
kindness, and a humble heart
for many years.

Thank You, Lord, for her faithful
service, the quiet acts of love,
and the care she gave in preparing
Your house for worship. May her
devotion be a lasting example
to all of us.

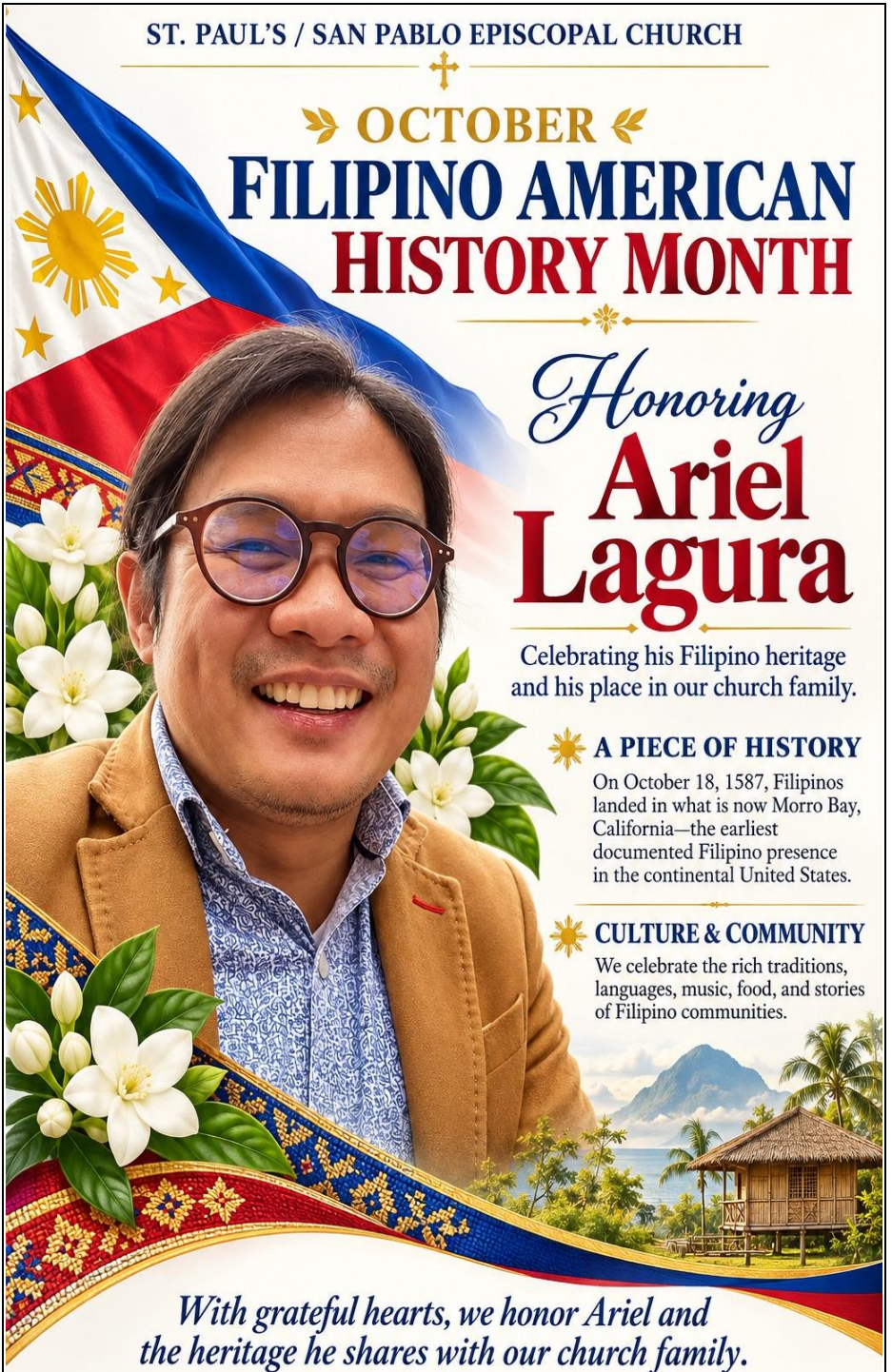
We ask You now to welcome her
into Your eternal peace, to comfort
her son and daughters, her family,
her friends, and our church family,
and to grant them the strength,
hope, and peace that only You can give.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Forever in our prayers
and in our hearts.

ST. PAUL'S / SAN PABLO EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Honoring Ariel Lagura

Celebrating his Filipino heritage and his place in our church family.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

On October 18, 1587, Filipinos landed in what is now Morro Bay, California—the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States.

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

We celebrate the rich traditions, languages, music, food, and stories of Filipino communities.

With grateful hearts, we honor Ariel and the heritage he shares with our church family.

History source: Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS)



Urgent prayers for the sick

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and give strength to your flock in their time of need.

Clint
Tom C.
Sue F.
Betty J.
Don E.
Greg W.
Denise G.
Melissa B.
Gigi K.
Lou F.
Scott A.
Norma M.
Erika O.
Tammy T.
Randy H.
Aaron C.

Peggy F.
Peggy H.
Maury F.
Ray R.
Jenny G.
Carrie L.
Eva Marie V.
Roy R. III
Laura H.
Joey
Christopher M.
Lidia B.
Bill R.
Mary Grace L.
Rose M.

All people suffering from natural disasters.
For all who suffer from acts of Violence.

Worship service

Holy Eucharist

Sunday (*English*) 9:30 AM

Sunday (*Spanish*) 12:00 PM

Wednesday (*Spanish*) 7:00 PM

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