

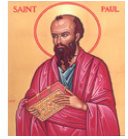
**COLLECT:** Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-18** (NKJV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.



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Sunday December 30th, 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**Birthday: January 1<sup>st</sup> = Maribel Ycoy**

Be persistent, don't give up, continue to pray for healing and good continued health for Ralph Kalian, Elton Blair, Jack Gilmour, Bill Ruth, Pat Bird, Kevin Helms, and Bettye Gilmour. Bettye is at home & on the mend from surgery.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas ornament exchange will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 11:00AM till 1:00PM at the home of Pat Jacobs, 4750 Rockvale Dr. Las Vegas 89103

**Please join us every Wednesday night for a mid-week refreshing time of worship and Bible study. 7:00 PM**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013** will be our monthly Pot Trust, please sign up on the board in the Narthex.

**Feel free to join in ministry to Gay Haven on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.**

**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. WE WILL DISCUSS THE VISION AND FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH - RIGHT AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE.**

**Check out the new Diocese site: [www.CECWEST.ORG](http://www.CECWEST.ORG)**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

**62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

<sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**THE PSALM 47:13-20 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.

**\*<sup>14</sup> He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.**

<sup>15</sup> He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

**\*<sup>16</sup> He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.**

<sup>17</sup> He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast?

**\*<sup>18</sup> He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.**

<sup>19</sup> He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel.

**\*<sup>20</sup> He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD.**

**SECOND READING Galatians 3:23-25 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. <sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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RECTOR'S COUNCIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>.

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MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. Feliz' año nuevo