

A REQUIEM EUCHARIST and COMMENDATION
in thanksgiving for the life of

Joseph Edward Letzkus

October 20, 1939 – March 3, 2022



April 2, 2022
at ten o'clock in the morning
SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
San Diego, California

A Gentle Reminder about Mask Etiquette

The medical professionals in our congregation want to remind everyone that, while the COVID vaccine is extremely effective, it doesn't 100% prevent infection. For everyone's sake, please observe proper mask etiquette.

Currently, **we wear masks for all indoor activities at St. Paul's**. Masks are available at the entrances to the church, the Great Hall, and the offices. The mask must cover both your nose and your mouth. Please remain masked when you come forward for Communion and do not consume the Host until you have returned to your seat. Sliding the mask down under your chin compromises its effectiveness when you reposition it: we recommend removing it completely by the ear straps for the shortest possible time. Try to touch your mask as little as possible. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!

This message brought to you by your Cathedral Regathering Task Force

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Organ Voluntaries

Improvisation

§ At the tolling of the bell, please stand as you are able and face the cathedral entrance.

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

Reception of the Body

The Dean meets the body at the door of the church and says

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Joe. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that God will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

The Dean asperges the coffin.

Silence may be kept, after which the Dean says

Deliver your servant, Joe, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence may be kept, after which the Dean says

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ Please remain standing as you are able as the procession approaches the Altar

The Presider says the following in procession.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The Presider then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Joe. We thank you for giving him to us, his family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated.*

The Liturgy of the Word

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

read by Brent Hackett

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

From the New Testament

1 John 3:1-2

read by Susan Jester

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

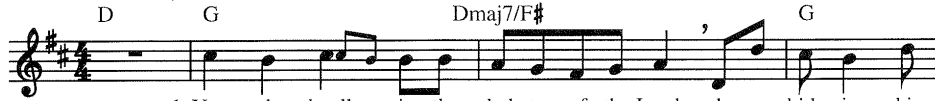
§ *Please stand as you are able and remain masked while singing the following hymn in English.*

Hymn

On eagle's wings

VERSE 1 *Moderately*

D G Dmaj7/F# G



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his
Tú que ha-bi-tas al am-pa-ro del Se-ñor, a la som-bra del


Dmaj7/F# F Dm F Gm Asus4



1. shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
Dios Sal-va-dor, di-le al Se-ñor: "Mi ro-ca, en Ti he de con-fiar".


REFRAIN

Descant A7 D




Melody And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings,
Y Él te lle-va-rá en sus a-las,

Em A7 D D7



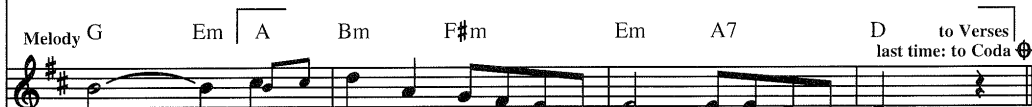
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
con su a-lien-to te a-ni-ma-rá; res-plan-de-cien-te con su

Descant



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
luz, en sus ma-nos el Se-ñor te sos-ten-drá.

Melody G Em A Bm F#m Em A7 D to Verses last time: to Coda



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
luz, en sus ma-nos el Se-ñor te sos-ten-drá.

VERSE 2

D G Dmaj7/F#



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and
El e-ne-mi-go no te de-rro-ta-rá, ni el

Text: Based on Psalm 91 (90); Michael Joncas, b. 1951. Spanish tr. by Pedro Rubalcava, b. 1958, and Juan J. Sosa, Pbro., b. 1947.
Music: Michael Joncas.
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G Dmaj7/F# F

2. fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your
mie - do ven - cer - te po - drá; ba - jo sus a - las

Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

2. ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.
siem - pre un re - fu - gio en - con - tra - rás.

VERSE 3

D G Dmaj7/F# G

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that flies by
No has de te - mer nun - ca a la os - cu - ri - dad ni a la fle - cha que es - tá por vo -

Dmaj7/F# F Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

3. day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.
lar; aun - que cai - gan mil a tu la - do a ti no te al - can - za - rá.

VERSE 4

D G Dmaj7/F#

4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to
Dios a sus án - ge - les ya les or - de - nó que te

G Dmaj7/F# F

4. guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
cui - den en tu ca - mi - nar. Te sos - ten - drán en sus

Gm Am Bb Asus4 D.S. al Coda

4. bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.
ma - nos y tu pie nun - ca ha de tro - pe - zar.

⊕ CODA

D Bm F#m Em7 A D

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.
En sus ma - nos el Se - ñor te sos - ten - drá.

§ Please be seated for the Reflections.

Reflections

The Honorable Todd Gloria, *37th Mayor of San Diego*
Stephen Whitburn, *San Diego City Councilmember*
Judy Bajarano, *Joe's sister*
Big Mike Phillips, *LGBT Community Activist*
Nicole Murray-Ramirez, *City and County Commissioner and*
Queen Mother of the Americas

§ *Please stand as you are able when the Presider stands.*

The Gospel

John 6:37-40
read by The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

§ *Please be seated.*

The Homily

The Very Reverend Penny Bridges

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as you are able for the Apostles' Creed.*

Presider

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Presider and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we entreat you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Joe to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you bestow upon your people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

§ *The People offer each other a socially distanced sign of the Peace.*

§ *Following the Peace, please be seated.*

The Welcome from the Dean

At the Offertory

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

<i>Ave Maria</i>	Hail Mary,
<i>Gratia plena</i>	full of grace,
<i>Maria, gratia plena</i>	Mary, full of grace,
<i>Ave, ave dominus</i>	Hail, the Lord.
<i>Dominus tecum</i>	The Lord is with thee.
<i>Benedicta tu in mulieribus</i>	Blessed art thou
<i>Et benedictus fructus</i>	among women,
<i>Ventris tuae, Jesus.</i>	Blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
<i>Ave Maria</i>	Thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary!

The Holy Communion

§ *Please stand as you are able.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Presider and People*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. ✠ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*Presider and People*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- The Iona Community Worship Book

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations flanking the coffin. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

The consecrated wafers will be distributed by the clergy at the standing stations. Please come forward, keeping your mask on and return to your seat before removing your mask to consume the Host.

We are not administering wine at this time but the full spiritual benefit of the sacrament is contained in the Host, and if you prefer a blessing to the Host, cross your arms at your shoulders as you approach the priest.

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

At the Communion

Panis angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.*

Thus Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

§ *After a moment of silence following the distribution of Communion, please stand as you are able.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

§ *Please be seated.*

You'll Never Walk Alone

The San Diego Gay Men's Chorus

The Commendation

§ *The Presider and other ministers take their places at the body.*

The Presider says

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People **where sorrow and pain are no more
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Presider continues

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Presider censes the coffin as the People say

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Presider, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joe. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

The Presider then blesses the people

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on The Battle Hymn of the Republic

§ *Please follow the Altar Party and Family to the reception in the Great Hall and Fifth Avenue Queen's Courtyard.*

Ministers of the Liturgy

<i>Presider & Homilist</i>	The Very Reverend Penny Bridges, <i>Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Canon Richard Lief, The Reverend Richard Hogue, Jr.
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason
<i>Canon Verger</i>	Canon Lisa Churchill
<i>Pallbearers</i>	Ken Hargrave Joe Letzkus, <i>Joe's nephew</i> John Young Dr. James Verres Matt Gostel Bill Grossnickle
<i>Honorary Pallbearers</i>	Ryan Jory Stephen Whitburn Fernando Guerra Ledesma Jeff Alexander Michael Brent Brent Hackett
<i>Readers</i>	Brent Hackett, Carolyn Lief, Susan Jester
<i>Altar Server</i>	Dan Love
<i>Thurifer</i>	Judy MacDonald
<i>Vergers</i>	Almira Fort, Don Mitchell
<i>Sacristans</i>	Canon Konnie Dadmun, Ellen Hargus, Mary Rathbun
<i>Usher-in-Charge</i>	Lucinda Parsons
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob Oslie, Roxanne Perfect-Knight, John Will
<i>Choir</i>	San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, Members of St Paul's Cathedral Choir
<i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Canon Martin Green
<i>Sub-organist</i>	Gabriel Arregui
<i>Organ Scholar</i>	Jesse Puglia
<i>Audio & Visual Engineers</i>	Jim Langston, Craig Monsell, Mike Thornburgh

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible. Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
 - North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
 - South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
 - Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
 - West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*
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Joe Letzkus
School Teacher, 1973

Joseph Edward Letzkus, the son of Rose (Teresi) and Joseph Letzkus, was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on October 20, 1939.

He was preceded in death by his Sicilian grandparents, Freda and Joseph Teresi. Also, by his sister Barbara Coultas and brother John Letzkus. Left to cherish his memory are his sister Judy Bejarano, many nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

Joe went to Saint Charles Academy, Mission Bay High School, USD and graduated in 1968 from SDSU with an elementary K-8 teaching credential. He began teaching in 1969 in the La Mesa / Spring Valley School District. He retired 20 years later to get his real estate license. He was a member of the greater San Diego Business Association and the Hillcrest Business Association. He volunteered for Chris Kehoe's City Council race from day one to election in 1983. In 1993, he purchased Flick's bar and became an activist in the LGBT community. He served as co-chair for the San Diego LGBT Center's Gala with Chris Shaw. He was inducted into the International Imperial Court by John Laird, Grey Wolf Emperor 21. His investiture was done by Queen Mother of the Americas, Nicole M. Ramirez. Joe traveled to the Vatican with the Mission San Diego Choir at the invitation of Pope John Paul II to sing the Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. He joined St. Paul's Cathedral to become their Convener for the LGBT lay ministry. Joe held forums and workshops to educate members about transgender issues and to have discussion and to bring awareness to school bullying. In June 2019, Joe produced an event at Flick's to remember the third anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shootings. He added a fundraiser for the Matthew Shepard Foundation and raised more than \$2,100 for the event. Joe supported local LGBT candidates running for local and state offices. His 80th birthday was held at Flick's as a fundraiser for Todd Gloria who was running for Mayor of San Diego. The opportunity to give back brought Joe much joy. He will be missed deeply.





Donations may be made to the St Paul's Cathedral Pride ministry:

St Paul's Cathedral
2728 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103

<https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/>

