



# Spiritus Gladius

The Weekly News Letter of the Parish of  
Saint Paul the Apostle, Savannah  
Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

## The Weekday Kalendar

### Monday Feria

MP 9:00 am  
HE 12:15 pm  
EP 5:30 pm

### Tuesday Feria

MP 9:00 am  
EP 5:30 pm  
HE/HS 6:00 pm

### Wednesday Feria

MP 6:45 am  
HE 7:00 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
EP 5:30 pm  
HE 6:00 pm

### Wonderful Wednesday to follow

### Thursday Vigil of the Epiphany

MP 9:00 am  
HE 10:00 am  
EP 5:30 pm  
HE 6:00 pm

### Men's Club Dinner

### Friday The Epiphany

MP 6:45 am  
HE 7:00 am  
EP 5:30 pm

MP - Morning Prayer  
HE - Holy Eucharist

HS - Healing Service  
EP - Evening Prayer

## The Most Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ January 1, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
9:15 a.m. Christian Education  
9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass  
11:45 a.m. Church School (September–May)  
12:15 p.m. Misa en Español  
5:30 p.m. Evensong (weekly)  
& Benediction (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
6:30 p.m. Celtic Mass

There is a 3 pm Mass at St. Bartholomew's,  
Chevis Road at Wild Heron Road on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month

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The Propers

The Lesson –Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

The Epistle – Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel - Luke 2:15-21

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

9 am-3 pm / closed on Friday

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# Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Because none of us live in a vacuum the craziness and commercialism of the consumption driven Christmases of our time infects our daily life. Taking some time to consider how to observe the full season of Christmas can be our Armor of light at this time of the year. Taking time to read the Daily Office, to attend a weekday Mass, to sit in quiet contemplation is the best gift which we can give ourselves in the face of mass manipulation and all the attendant devices of the season. The gift of time is important. In our culture it is the currency of most value.

Christmas can be the context in which we consider how we are going to use our time for the building up of our relationship with God and each other for the coming New Year. This precious currency when used wisely can make the difference between feelings of emptiness and fulfillment. Instead of scurrying about returning gifts, attending and planning parties, dinners and shows which fill various social obligations, why not spend some time with an elder, or plan an adventure with a child in the woods or on the river. It is important to be intentional in seasons like this; otherwise we will get caught in its own demands and objectives. The humble effort to bring light and comfort into someone else's life is at the heart of the doctrine of the incarnation. The Blessed One was born as a vulnerable child to show us the power and purpose of living in the world so that through us He might be born anew in our time and place and we might be Christ for those amongst us.

The key to this time of the year lies in our hearts. All of us hunger for stories which offer vision, hope and heroism. Courage, sacrifice, honor and glory are all part of the Story of which we are a part - the Gospel. Taking time to ponder the story, to share the story and to live the story with intention makes us co-creators with God in the work of the Kingdom. Teaching each other to be expectant, hope-filled and joyful are some of the most important gifts which we can give each other. Christmas is the season when the Church reminds all Her children of the power we possess in acts of sacrificial giving and that we always gain more in this exchange than we give. We are the beloved Children of God, live like it! In so doing your story of hope and expectation will draw others to The Story which inspires yours.

The clever religiosity of the phrase, "Jesus is the reason for the season," can never convey the flesh and blood of St. John's insight - "the word became flesh, and dwelt among us." That Word is working in us, dwelling in our hearts, urging us to establish the reign of God on earth. Use Christmas to form the patterns by which you will live each day of the year. Pray and work to be a more intentional conveyor of love and mercy. In this way we will cooperate with the Holy Spirit, who is forming those who are willing to become the same gift to the world that Jesus is to His Church. **WWIII**

# Parish News and Events

## In January

**January 5th**, the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany, two Masses that day, 10 am and 6 pm. The Men's Club Dinner will follow the 6pm Mass.

## **January 14**

The ECW will meet at 10 am. All ladies are welcome.

## **January 29th**

Our Annual Parish Meeting following the 9:30 am Mass. (We will have only one morning Mass that day.)

## A Note from the Financial Assistants

The 2012 offering envelopes should be in place on the West Wall of the Church by January 1st. For those who use envelopes, some of the numbers may have changed, but this will not affect the postings. We, therefore, ask that you use only the 2012 envelopes for your offering for that year, and mark any offering you wish posted for 2011, in order that correct information will be accorded you. If you have any questions, please call Peter Paar (351.4586) or Marjory Stephens (355.4393). Thank you.

## A request

It is time for the reports from the Junior and Senior Wardens and committees or organizations. The deadline is January 18th.

## Flower Chart

The 2012 Flower Chart has been posted in the parish hall. Remembered loved ones and special times in your life are reasons to give thanks with a votive offering of flowers or a lamp at one of the Shrines.

## Calendars

The 2012 Ordo Calendars are here. They are \$3.00 each and may be purchased from the Gift Shop or the parish office. Be sure you get one soon

## Food Ingathering

This Sunday, being the first Sunday of the Month, we will have a Food Ingathering for the Common Pantry. Please bring canned food, soup, boxed food, bags of rice, and other easily stored food stuffs. Food suitable for small children is especially welcome.

There will be baskets at the rear of the Church at all Masses to receive your gifts of food for those in need.

Please contribute generously to this important outreach ministry of the Parish.

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## Lay Ministers

### 8 am

David Saussy  
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

### 10 am

Jim Weathers (Sub Deacon)  
Marsha Tolbert (Lector)  
Rebecca Chancey (MC)

### Acolytes

Eric Nowicki  
Fiona Sullivan  
Avery Naylor-Johnson  
Alex Naylor-Johnson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Ellen Wyatt Hammond and  
Mary Hoyt Minor

### Usher

Alan Boulton

### Year-To-Date

Inflows 10.31.11 \$300,036.  
Outflows 10.31.11 \$306,616.  
Balance - \$6,580.  
Budget needed each week  
\$7,524.00  
Offering 12/11/11  
\$5,885.00  
Capital Campaign to date  
\$453,717.18

## Saint Paul's Church

1802 Abercorn Street - Savannah, GA 31401

### The Episcopate

The Rt Rev Scott A. Benhase, D. Min., D.D.  
Bishop of Georgia  
The Most Rev Katharine Jefferts Shori, Ph.D.  
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA  
The Most Rev & Rt Hon. Rowan Williams, D.D.  
Archbishop of Canterbury

### Clergy

Canon J. Robert Carter Jr., Ph.D.  
Father George M. Maxwell  
Father George B. Salley  
The Rev. Dr. Elena Thompson O.P.A.  
The Rev. John G. Anderson  
Lutheran Pastor in Residence  
The Reverend Charles Castles  
Deacon for St. Bartholomew's  
The Right Reverend H. W. Shipps, D.D.  
Bishop in Residence  
The Very Reverend Wm Willoughby III, Ed.D.  
Rector & Dean of Savannah  
The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, Deacon

### Staff

Tony Chancey, Music Director  
Gabriel Lawrence, Choir Director  
Kay Saussy, Parish Secretary  
Joe Daniels, Sexton  
Rebecca Alt, Youth Minister  
Charles Todd, Hispanic Missioner  
Michael Chaney Seminarian

### The Vestry

Marsha Tolbert, Senior Warden, '12  
Eric Nowicki, Junior Warden, '12  
Richelle Southwick Clerk, '12  
August Breton, '14, Susie Clinard '14  
Deanna Cross, '13, Amy Ford '14,  
Ben Head, '13, Tony Joiner, '13,  
Audrey Lang, '13, Larry Robinson, '12,  
Scott Singeisen, '14

Jill Lockwood, Treasurer

## Thanksgivings & Memorials

### High Altar Flowers

The High Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for the Birth of His Son by Parishioners and Friends of St. Paul's

### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in Memory of Pauline Graviano by her granddaughter Jen Singisen

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Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Walsingham Shrine

The flowers at the Walsingham Shrine are given by Shirley and Bill Weaver in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Leslie.



### Birthdays

Shirley Weaver 1  
Grace Downs 3  
Patsi Smith 3