



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 Antony, Abbot

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

Wednesday The Confession of St. Peter, the Apostle

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

Wonderful Wednesday to follow

Thursday Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester

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

Friday Fabian, Bishop & Martyr

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

MP - Morning Prayer HS - Healing Service
HE - Holy Eucharist EP - Evening Prayer

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 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 (4th 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
2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

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The Propers

The Lesson – I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
The Epistle – Corinthians :12-20
Gospel - John 1: 43-51

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
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Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Keeping the Liturgical year is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves because it is the means to mining a rich store of grace and truth. The drama which is part and parcel of the yearly liturgical cycle might be described as operating on three distinct planes:

1. The Historical Plane - Every liturgy re-presents events from history in ways that make them part of what is happening today. Through the ministry of the written word scenes unfold before us from both the Old and New Testaments. The brilliant legacy of the Church is that She has made historic and revealing connections from Her earliest days which break open the mind and will of God for every generation to see. For Christians Jesus personifies this dynamic throughout His birth and baptism, His earthly ministry of healing and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, and His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. Time and again Jesus shines a light on the historic witness and provides new meaning to the treasure resident in the Law and the Prophets. Every liturgy has the potential to draw us into place where the Holy Spirit can do the same in our own time and place. The liturgy of the Christmas Vigil and the Midnight Mass both puts the birth in its historical context while leading us in the spirit to Bethlehem itself. It encourages us to approach the crib with childlike longing so that we might adore the newborn Son of God. As the liturgy allows us to approach this historic moment we are encouraged to consider our new birth in the flesh because of our union with the Word made Flesh through the mystery of Baptism and this leads us to consider another plane of operation:

2. The Plane of Grace - Activity on this plane, as it pertains to us, takes place in the present. The object of the liturgy on this plane is to produce and nurture God's life in us. The historical plane is the communal and contextual framework in which grace is realized in us and the Church, but it is more, it is our pledge of future glory - our eschatological hope. In the plane of grace the Sacrifice of the holy Mass is paramount. The historic formularies of the Mass which are guided and governed by cycles of the liturgical year are intertwined with the grace-filled and universal mystery of bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ. At times God's message and his meaning ring clear and unmistakable, yet often we are left to contemplate and meditate on the wonder of it all. Ultimately the liturgy attempts to intimate the depth and wealth of the Mystery revealed in Christ Jesus, clothed in the garments of History as experienced by a variety of communities living as the Body of Christ in ways which point beyond time and space. This brings us to:

3. The Eschatological Plane - Where like a golden thread the Liturgical Year's concern with the End of Time as we know it, lurks in the warp and weft of the liturgy. As a vehicle of the Kingdom the Liturgy is concerned with ultimate things - things of heaven and hell - things which we often have a hard time considering. The Eschaton is the purpose which underlies revelation both historical and personal. In the end it is the consummation of the other two planes of liturgical activity, the end for which they exist and were providentially planned by God.

Advent and Lent afford a striking example of the interplay of these three planes. The liturgical texts of the seasons give evidence of the historical longing for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. The grace which was experienced by the Disciples and the Early Church through its intimate encounter of Jesus coming in the flesh can be accessed by us here and now in the mystery of the Mass. Finally, the eschatological hope which is ours in Christ is the ultimate reference point of both seasons with their emphasis on the reign of Christ, accomplished by Jesus death on the Cross. It is this and similar tensions which gives life and heart to the drama of the liturgy and the liturgical year. All three planes, the historical, the grace filled, and the eschatological have as their object the desire to bring us deeper into the divine life here and now.

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Parish News and Events

Gallery News

There are openings in the 2012 exhibition schedule. If you know of an artist or arts organization who would like to exhibit, please have them contact Judy Naylor-Johnson @ jnaylor@gmail.com, or at 228.1643. There are opportunities to volunteer with the gallery. Please watch for the volunteer sign-up sheets posted in the gallery.

Annual Parish Meeting

For all members of St. Paul's, especially those who have been confirmed as Episcopalians and have established themselves as members of this parish—don't miss the annual meeting, which will be held after the **9:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2012.** (there will be one Mass that morning). Our meeting will be held after Mass and will be followed by a covered dish luncheon. At this meeting you will hear from wardens and vestry members as well as the Dean to learn about the business of the parish. We will also hear about the budget and how our contributions support the parish. This is also when the Vestry is elected.

A request

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

Please Call

Please call St. Paul's if a loved one is in the hospital. Because of government privacy regulations, local hospital will not advise us when parishioners are admitted.

Notice

Anyone who is not currently being emailed the St. Paul's weekly bulletin who would like to be, should email Richelle Southwick at richellenscott@mindspring.com to be added to the email distribution. The bulletin can also be accessed directly from the St. Paul's website at: <http://www.stpaulsavannah.org>.

MLK Parade—January 16th

Cheryl Parris, the Rector of St Matthew's has arranged for the Episcopal Church to have the lead float in this year's MLK parade on January 16th.. There are usually about 250 floats in the parade and to be first is indeed an honor. A committee of about 20 members of the convocation has been making preparations for the event. Our delegation will meet at St Matthews on MLK at 9:30 am with the parade beginning at 10 am. You are asked to wear sweat shirts or jackets in red, white or blue to go with the colors on the Episcopal shield. Gabriel Lawrence, the choir director of St. Paul's, is coordinating the choir participation and there are 27 seats on the float for choir members. As usual there will be an overnight for the young people on Sunday January 15th at St. Matthews on MLK. and special parade t-shirts will be given to the first 75 parade participants. Roger Moss, the founder and director of the Savannah Children's choir will serve as soloist for some of the songs. If you have any questions please contact your parish representative on the committee. We hope you will plan to join the Bishop and the other members of the convocation for this important event. The committee has worked hard to make this a significant convocation event. Thank you for helping. See you on the 16th. For more information speak to Nichole Breton or the Dean

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Lay Ministers

8 am

Sam Bignault
Tony Joiner Lector)

10 am

David Saussy (Sub Deacon)
Mary Willoughby (Lector)
Rachel Robinson (MC)

Acolytes

Craig Hopkins
Alexander Naylor-Johnson
Avery Naylor-Johnson
Zachary Morris

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bonnie and Sean Kane

Usher

Vicki Minor

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 1/8/12

\$7,618.00

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,

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 by Richelle Southwick in loving memory of her Father, Richard Barksdale.

Virgin Altar Flowers

The Virgin Altar flowers are given by Brenda Gilchrist in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Martinique Gilchrist.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in honor of the birthday of Lillian Weeks, by Elouise Tate.



Birthdays

Roy Morris 17

Marion Paquin 18

Tony Joiner 19