



Spiritus Gladius

The Weekly News Letter of the Collegiate Church of
Saint Paul the Apostle, Savannah

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	ST. MATTHIAS MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Feria MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
Wednesday	George Herbert Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Oswald of York MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	David of Menevia Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

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
12:15 p.m.	Misa en Español
5:30 p.m.	Evensong (weekly) & Benediction (4 th Sunday)
6:30 p.m.	Evening 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

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

[Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42](#)

[I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
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Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The season of Light is drawing to a close and Lent is looming closely on the horizon. As this shift happens there has also been a change in focus with our readings at Mass. A theme that ran through our readings last Sunday was the heart. Jeremiah says: “The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it?” (Jer 17:8) In the next verse God says “I test the mind and search the heart.” At Mass this morning we heard part of the story of Noah at the end of the flood in Genesis 8 and God said that the human heart contrives evil from infancy.

It is, unfortunately, true that we constantly seem to be chasing after things that we think will bring us ultimate joy and peace and happiness, yet they only bring momentary pleasure and ultimately only promise emptiness. The invitation of this time in the Church year is to begin examining what’s really in our hearts. What are the things which keep us from really engaging with God’s invitation to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with him? What momentary pleasures, transient joys and fleeting happiness are we chasing after in place of the God who wants to make his dwelling in our hearts and to abide with us always?

The collect at Mass this morning was very striking to me. It says: “O God, you teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling place pleasing to you...” This moment at the end of Epiphany and just before Lent are about taking a quiet moment to do some soul-searching, to see what things we are loving in place of God, and to open our hearts and minds to the transforming power of God’s grace. What in your own heart needs the power of that healing transformation?

From here forward we will be looking at how the transformation of our hearts leads us into a deeper life of discipleship. This Sunday Jesus will challenge us to a radical, world changing love. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This is not a cheap, easy love...merely loving those who we already love or who are easy to love. This is a radical love that calls us to the transformation of our communities, our society and our world. It is a love that goes against the teaching of popular culture and calls us to love those we do not love, those whom we find difficult to love; a love that challenges us to give without counting the cost. This challenges us to a much more profound way of engaging with God, with others, with ourselves, and with all of creation.

As we prepare for Lent and the disciplines in which we engage during that holy season, may we take some time apart to search our hearts, to offer what we find there to the transforming and healing power of God’s love. And may our Lenten disciplines lead us more deeply into the practice of true discipleship...a discipleship which isn’t afraid to take up the cross in order to allow the riches of God’s love and grace to shape and inform our daily practice.

Fr. Charles

Parish News and Events

Music for this Sunday, February 24th

Hymns:

390, 609, Doxology, 669, 657

Anthem:

“Seek Ye First” (Claudio Casciolini, 1697-1760)

Youth Scholarship Fundraiser

Brunch:

Sunday, March 3rd following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Adults \$10 and Kids under 12 \$6

Shrove Tuesday:

March 5th, there will be a Mass at 6:00 pm with a Spaghetti Dinner to follow. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday:

March 6th We will offer Mass and Imposition of Ashes at three times- 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent beginning March 8th

Chair Yoga Class

Heather Downs is offering a Chair Yoga class for all ages. It meets in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 10:30am.

Coffee Hour Hosts

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for January through March is now available on Sign-up Genius. You may use this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/>

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Quiet Day

Please mark your calendars for the Quiet Day to be held on Saturday, March 2nd, led by Fr. Charles.. The theme is “I am yours and you are mine.”

The Cost of Discipleship...

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor executed by the Nazi's, wrote eloquently about the cost of discipleship: “Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye that causes him to stumble...Such grace is *costly* because it calls us to follow, and it is *grace* because it calls us to follow *Jesus Christ*. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son. ...Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, trans. R.H. Fuller (New York: Macmillan, 1963), 47-48.

Lay Ministers

8am

Katie Willoughby (LEM)
Bonnie Riley (Lector)

10am

David Saussy (Subdeacon)
Elizabeth Wells (Lector)

Acolytes

Craig Hopkins
Jackson Whalen
Palmer Walker
Sophia Breton
Quinn Scott

Head Usher

Carl Pruetz

Year-To-Date

Inflows Jan -Dec 2018

\$442,039.31

Outflows Jan -Dec.2018

\$441,956.07

Balance \$83.24

Budget needed each week

\$8,567.00

Offering

\$8917.00.00

Restricted Offering

\$855.00

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The Episcopate

The Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase, D.D.

Bishop of Georgia

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, D.D.

Primate, Episcopal Church, USA

The Most Rev & Rt Hon Justin Welby, D.D.

Archbishop of Canterbury

Honorary Assistant Clergy

Canon J. Robert Carter. PhD

Fr. George B Salley, Jr

The Rev. John G Anderson

Lutheran Pastor in Residence

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The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB

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The Reverend Sara Zevallos, Deacon

Robert M. Fogle Music Director

Joe Daniels, Sexton

Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant

Colleen Willoughby, Youth Minister

The Vestry

Sarah Ward, Senior Warden, '22

Mark Frissell, Junior Warden, '21

Heather Downs, Clerk, '21

Jim Burch '20, Cuffy Sullivan, '20

Marsha Tolbert, '20, Dan Porter, '20,

Kris Lee, '21, Jerry Riley, '21

Ana Carter, '22, John Ely, '22

Lorna Smith, '22

Carl Pruetz Treasurer

Thanksgivings & Memorials

High Altar Flowers

Are given by to the greater glory of God by Ethel and Leigh Witsell.

Birthdays

Phyllis Boulton (26)

Christopher Shoemake
(28)

Junior Vega (1)

Lois Purvis (1)

Departed

Philip Joseph D'Arcy (24)

Richard Edward Witt (25)

Fr. Roger Jack Bunday
(26)

Katherine Metts Collins
(26)
