



# Spiritus Gladius

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

## The Weekday Kalendar

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cyril of Jerusalem</b> MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH</b> MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Cuthbert of Lindisfarne</b> Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thomas Ken</b> MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>James DeKoven</b> Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6PM

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

## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 <sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month

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The Propers  
[Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#)  
[Psalm 27](#)  
[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)  
[Luke 13:31-35](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
10 am - 1 pm / closed on Friday  
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## Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During the holy season of Lent we take up many practices intended to deepen our relationship with God. We've marked our foreheads with ashes and held our mortality before us. We engage in prayer and fasting, Bible Study and spiritual reading, and almsgiving and works of charity. We have covered up much of the beauty in our church building to help us turn our attention to those things that are essential. But why do we do these things? Why are they important? Why do they matter? Are we somehow "saved" by these things we do? Do they keep us out of the flames of hell? Do they magically appease an angry God who is keeping track of our sinfulness? The answer to these questions, quite simply, is "NO" because they engage the spiritual disciplines from the wrong way 'round.

On the first Sunday in Lent we heard from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul was addressing a dispute where the Jewish Christians were requiring Gentile converts to follow the full requirements of the law. What Paul arrived at was that we are "justified" or "saved" by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through God's mercy and faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice of himself we are reconciled. So what are all our spiritual practices for? It's about our growth in holiness, our journey to sanctification; growing in our relationship with God.

It reminds me of that line of Jack Nicholson to Helen Hunt in "As Good As It Gets": "You make me want to be a better person." At heart, our spiritual disciplines are about recognizing the profound gift of love which we have been given by our Creator and wanting to live more fully into the life God imagines for us. Because we have been loved so greatly, we want to be better people.

Seen in this light, our Lenten discipline is focused less on what we're running from and more on what we're running toward – we're running toward God, toward his love, grace, mercy and compassion. We're running toward a world shaped and formed by goodness and justice for all people. We're running toward a life-giving relationship with others. We're running toward care of nature and sustainable practices that will create a better world for our children and our children's children. We're running toward the day when we meet God face to face and when he looks deeply into our hearts, what he finds there is a reflection of himself.

May this Lent be a holy time where we make use of the spiritual disciplines to guide us along the path of Jesus, and may we make the best of them – not grudgingly letting go of what we're leaving behind, but joyfully running toward the God who is waiting to meet us with open arms.

**Fr. Charles**

# Parish News and Events

## Hymns & Music for this Sunday, March 17

The Great Litany

**Gradual Hymn:** 401 The God of Abraham Praise

**Tract:** Commovisti

**Anthem:** Lord For Thy Tender Mercies Sake (Farrant)

**Offertory Hymn:** 488 Be Thou My Vision

**Communion Voluntary:** "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß" J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn:** 495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

## Vestry Meeting

The vestry will meet on Monday evening beginning with Mass at 6:00pm.

## Confirmation/Reception

Are you interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? If so, please speak with Fr. Willoughby. Preparation is happening on Sunday mornings at 9:15am and at Wonderful Wednesdays at 6:00pm. The book for Wonderful Wednesdays is Walk in Love by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Books are available from Fr. Willoughby.

## Stations of the Cross

will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent.

## Lenten Fish Fry

There will be 3 Lenten Fish Fries this year: March 22, March 29, and April 5 following Stations of the Cross.

## 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/yb8aclr8>. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

## One Book, One Diocese

The Diocese of Georgia encourages individuals and congregations to read the book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson during Lent.

In this coming of age memoir, Stevenson recounts his early career and the cases that led him to found the Equal Justice Initiative. He worked through the United States Supreme Court to prohibit sentencing children

under 18 to death or to life imprisonment without parole.

Stevenson has assisted in cases that have saved dozens of prisoners from the death penalty, advocated for poor people, and developed community-based reform litigation aimed at improving the administration of criminal justice.

The book is available in paperback and as an audiobook read by the author. (Fr. Charles highly recommends the audio book!)

## Listening Session for XI Bishop Search

A listening session for the search for the XI Bishop of Georgia will be held for the Savannah Convocation at St. Paul's at 3 PM, Sunday, March 31.

The Search Committee has designed a survey for the XI Bishop Search that includes the questions that are also asked at the Diocesan Listening Sessions. To take the survey go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5FNRY3>

## Parish Clean-up Day for Easter

We will have a parish clean-up day on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00am until noon. We really need everyone to give us a hand getting the Church ready for Easter. Please consider joining us for this clean-up day, even if you can only give an hour - every little bit helps!!

## Women's Mid-Life Yoga Retreat at Honey Creek

Women in mid-life across the Diocese of Georgia, including all who are new to yoga and those who have been practicing for awhile, are invited to settle their souls at the newest event at Honey Creek, a Mid Life Women's Yoga Retreat. Hosted by Yogi Gabriele Stauf, this two-day event (arrive Friday evening) will include yoga, mindfulness, a look at the spiritual yoga practice and end with a Eucharist. Optional massages and one on one yoga instruction are also available. Space is limited so sign up soon! To register go to: [http://honeycreek.org/?event\\_listing=womens-life-reset-2019](http://honeycreek.org/?event_listing=womens-life-reset-2019)

## Annual Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am until noon. If you have plants that need dividing or repotting, garden accessories, plastic pots or garden related items, you may bring them to the church and leave them between the chapel and the elevator shaft. You may also call Lily Wong at 355-3397 or Ellen Wyatt at 695-1819 if you have questions. If you would like to contribute to the Bake Sale please contact Sarah Ward at 596-4240. Volunteers are welcome!!

## Lay Ministers

### 8am

David Saussy (LEM)  
Paul Hammond (Lector)

### 10am

Katie Easterlin (Subdeacon)  
Steven Curler-Bangs (Lector)

### Acolytes

Roy Morris  
Zachary Morris  
Collin Parker  
Garrett Shoemake  
Olive Ward  
Wyeth Ward

### Head Usher

Volunteer needed this week!

## Year-To-Date

Inflows Jan 2019  
\$29,155.93  
Outflows Jan 2019  
\$32,729.04  
Balance (-\$3,573.11)

Budget needed each week  
\$8,567.00

Offering  
\$9,257.00  
Restricted Offering  
\$85.00

## St Paul's Collegiate Church

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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

### Staff

The Very Rev. Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ  
Rector & Dean of Savannah  
The Reverend Charles E. Todd, ECSB  
Vicar & Administrator  
The Reverend Michael J. Chaney,  
Associate & College Missioner  
The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB  
Deacon  
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

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### Birthdays

William Willoughby IV  
(19)  
Judy Naylor-Johnson (20)  
Dr. Stuart Scott (22)  
Steven Bangs (22)

### Anniversaries

Elsie and Ronnie Clark  
(22)

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### Collect for Lent 2

O God, whose glory it is  
always to have mercy: Be  
gracious to all who have gone  
astray from your ways, and  
bring them again with  
penitent hearts and steadfast  
faith to embrace and hold fast  
the unchangeable truth of  
your Word, Jesus Christ your  
Son; who with you and the  
Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.