



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Frederick Denison Maurice MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	James Lloyd Breck MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
Wednesday	Richard of Chichester Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Isidore of Seville MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Vincent Ferrer Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6PM Followed by a Fish Fry

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 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
[Joshua 5:9-12](#)
[Psalm 32](#)
[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)
[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
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Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The landscape of Lent is filled with signs and symbols that are meant to enable us to go deeper in our life with Christ Jesus. The wilderness, of course, is a central image of these forty days and it should and does bring to mind the forty years in the desert that the Israelites wandered in the desert. During that time the people known as the Hebrews were forged into a nation. Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to become that which we are called to be from the moment of our rebirth into the Body of Christ at Baptism. Wilderness is always lurking amid our experience, both individually and corporately. It is the place where we experience isolation and the sense of being alone. Sometimes in our lives that loneliness is boring and at other times it can be terrifying.

The wilderness of Lent offers the opportunity to clear the decks of our lives both individually and as a parish. It demands that we pay attention to those experiences that all of us have but are so good at avoiding. The reality of interior loneliness finds a place in the life and experience of Christ Jesus because it is an intimate and necessary part of being human. Jesus enters this place where few of us dare to go and embraces the various temptations that present themselves so that we might be enabled and built up. We are told that the very Spirit of God forced Jesus into the wilderness. St. Mark puts it even more forcefully by saying that Jesus was “thrown out” into the wilderness. Scripture, therefore, is witnessing to the fact that the very same Spirit, which testified to the nature and person of Jesus, is convincing him that the proclamation of the Kingdom of God is rooted in the experience of wilderness.

Lent and the wilderness experience remind us that to feel isolated and incapable for the time being to establish communion is part of our formation. To attempt to close our eyes and ears to the challenge of loneliness and impaired human relationships is as problematic as trying to rigidly exclude the experience of temptation from our lives. As I have said at other times, this was the solution of Odysseus in Homer’s *Odyssey* to the challenge of the Sirens, whose seductive songs lured many a sailor to their deaths. This approach often blinds and deafens us to the truly subtle wiles of Satan, whereby we are tempted to give up and to despair. Temptations such as cynicism and cruelty born of impotence, too often keep us from helping others or ourselves when we know that we can, because, we think, “what’s the use?” Behind these and many similar temptations is the refusal to embrace the wilderness and the opportunity to discover, as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams has put so poignantly, that “God loves us as God loves God’s self.”

Temptation is the inevitable concomitant of our true life in God. It is the place where we must wrestle with disbelief in what we are, loved by God. Satan is the father of lies and the biggest lie that Satan welds is that God does not love us. He is the source of that little voice which says that if God really knew me God would not love me. Jesus tells us that God does know us and God loves us. This is the beginning of the song of the Spirit, a song of the divine. Lent is an opportunity to learn not only its melodies but also the various harmonies, which make each of us unique. Remember the solution of Orpheus to the problem of the Sirens, how he sang a song of his own that was so beautiful and divine that his sailors did not listen to the Sirens music. During the season of Lent the Church invites her children to learn the music that undermines the real temptations of this life – the temptation to disbelieve in what we are and deny that it is the Spirit of God, which bears witness with our spirit – that is God in us.

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Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music for this Sunday, March 31

The Great Litany

Gradual Hymn: 411 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Tract: Qui confidunt

Anthem: My Song is Love Unknown (arr. Kirby)

Offertory Hymn:620. Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Communion Voluntary: “Ich ruf zu dir” J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn: 690 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Coffee Hour: The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for January through March is now available on Sign-up Genius. <https://tinyurl.com/v5ekbvlb> . Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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.

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!!

ECM Fundraiser Brunch: Fr. Charles’ Episcopal Campus Ministry at Georgia Southern will be hosting a brunch after Mass on Sunday, April 7th. They will be accepting donations to help fund their participation in the 2019 Episcopal and Lutheran Young Adult and Campus Ministry Leadership Conference. This experience will allow them to gain valuable leadership skills that will support their education, career goals, and ministry. As bright young college students, they are eager to continue sharing God’s love throughout Georgia Southern’s campus and the world.

Youth - Convo: Convo will be held on Sunday, April 7th at St. Peter’s on Skidaway Island from 6-8pm. The theme will be “Quiet Day”.

Palm Crosses: We will make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 13th from 11am until noon following the ECW Meeting.

Maundy Thursday Watch: April 18th, 2019 – sign up for time slots is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall or online <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EAEA62CA4FF2-maundy>

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!!

Recycle your plastic bags

Do you have plastic grocery bags piling up at your house? Please bring them to the church and recycle them by placing them in the container outside Deacon Sue’s office. We need them for many things including Back-pack Buddies.

EASTER FLOWERS

The donation for Easter Flowers this year is \$16.

IN MEMORY:

IN THANKSGIVING:

Given by: _____

Lay Ministers

8am

Br. Nicholas Thirkettle (LEM)
Lorna Smith (Lector)

10am

Jim Weathers (Subdeacon)
Amy Ford (Lector)

Acolytes

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

Head Usher

Alan Boulton

Year-To-Date

Inflows Jan 2019

\$61,686.43

Outflows Jan 2019

\$71,094.86

Balance (-\$9,408.43)

Budget needed each week

\$8,567.00

Offering

\$9,350.00

Restricted Offering

\$825.00

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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

Staff

The Very Rev. Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OSTJ
Rector & Dean of Savannah

The Reverend Charles E. Todd, ECSB
Vicar & Administrator

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

Birthdays

Harvey Ferrelle III (2)

Wyeth Levy Ward (2)

Fiona Sullivan (4)

Verity Sullivan (4)

Darrell Naylor-Johnson

(6)

Heather Downs (6)

Anniversaries

Amy and Stewart Ford (5)

Departed

David Bloom (5)

Helen Sharpe Kane (6)

Whalen Steve Cross (6)

Collect for Lent 4

Gracious Father, whose
blessed Son Jesus Christ came
down from heaven to be the
true bread which gives life to
the world: Evermore give us
this bread, that he may live in
us, and we in him; who lives
and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen.