



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Feria MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Thomas Gallaudet Henry Winter Syle MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
Wednesday	Augustine Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Beheading of St. John the Baptist MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Charles Chapman Grafton Lauds 6:45am HE 7:00am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 25, 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*

The Propers

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)
[Psalm 103:1-8](#)
[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)
[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday
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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Augustine appreciated the additional problem that the option of evil must exist for humanity to choose it over good. Put another way how could humanity choose evil, if there was no evil to choose? For Augustine the origin of evil which humanity was to choose over good was to be found in the satanic temptation. By choosing the tempter's invitation to disobey God's command and eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve guaranteed that all humanity participates in rebellion against God, therefore evil continues as we choose our will over that of God's. (Nature of Good, against the Manichaens, vol.IV Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, p. 358)

The question persists, where did Satan and his attachment to evil originate? Augustine traced the origin of evil back to the fall of Satan. Originally created good Satan rebelled against God with the intent of assuming ultimate authority. It was this desire and act of rebellion which found entrance into the world through Satan's luring Adam and Eve from obedience to their creator. This still left the question of how a good angel turned from a life of obedience to the way of rebellion. Unfortunately, St. Augustine is silent in the face of this last question.

Latter in the history of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas will describe such destructive encounters as the privation of Good. Aquinas held that the ontological character of evil is wholly negative, and it cannot possess independent being from God. This is because God is holy, and everything created has its being from God. Evil is the absence of the good and the holy, therefore it must be a defect. Strictly speaking evil does not exist in and of itself but is the absence of Good. Just as blindness is lack of sight, so vice is the lack of virtue. In both cases for Aquinas the human agent fails to actualize the nature inherent from creation and achieve its good.

It is important to keep two distinctions in mind when considering Aquinas approach to evil. While he asserted that evil is wholly negative and is devoid of positive existence, he did not assert that evil is unreal. For Aquinas evil is a true privation which has real effect. Furthermore, he emphasized the difference between an act that is evil in itself and the effects which its evil character produces. In other words, the effect of the evil action sets in motion events which are experienced as real and positively harmful, but the nature of the act is contrary to that which is creative and good.

The merit of Aquinas theory of evil promotes two discernable insights into the phenomenon of evil. It supports Plato's and St. Paul's contention that sin, the handmaid of evil, corrupts and distorts the soul at the center of its being. It also explains why we include both moral and non-moral ills as components of the one category, evil. It is because both distort reality and create harm, a degeneration from the good in who's image the created is made and thereby a distortion of the perfect, loving will of the Creator.

(Dictionary of Christian Ethic, J. Macquarrie, ed. p. 121)

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Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music: The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

9, 368, 567, Doxology, 493

Coffee Hour:

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for **August and September** is now available on Sign-up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EAEA62CA4FF2-august>

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Acolyte Festival

Acolyte Festival is set for Saturday, **August 24 through services on Sunday, August 25** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta. There will be multiple workshops led by local leaders for acolytes of every age from grade 3 through 12.

Mother Lauren to Teach Sunday School

Sunday school for all youth age groups will start on September 8th around 11:30am (between 10am mass and 12:15pm mass). Children ages 10 and under will meet in the Godly Play room on the 2nd floor. Children over 10 years of age will gather on the playground to assist with the Thomas Park Food Pantry. Contact Sarah Ward at 912-596-4240 if you are interested in assisting.

Youth Event: New Beginnings

New Beginnings will be held **September 6 through 8, 2019** at Honey Creek Camp and Conference Center for youth in Grades 7-9. Contact the Rev. Joshua Varner at jvarner@gaepiscopal.org or 336-317-0371 for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunity: St. Paul's Food Pantry

For over 30 years, St. Paul's has been distributing food for those in need. We are in need of assistance with packing the bags to be distributed. Food is distributed on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of every month. If you can help with packing the bags, your help would be needed on the **Saturday prior to the Tuesday distribution**. Meet at the Food Pantry, which is located behind the house at the corner of 34th and Lincoln. Your help is needed from 10am until about 11am. If you would like to help with the distribution, be at the Food Pantry building at 7am (2nd and 4th Tuesday); the time commitment is from 7am-8:30am. For more information, please contact Kris Lee at 912-704-3332 or Heather Downs at 912-507-4218.

Needed: Men's Pants and T-Shirts

The Community of St. Joseph, an diocesan outreach ministry to the homeless, is in desperate need of men's pants (not dress pants) and men's t-shirts. If you have some pants and t-shirts that you aren't wearing, or if you could purchase some, please **bring your items to the church this weekend**. A collection basket will be outside of Deacon Sue's office (located off of the Parish Hall). Your help is greatly appreciated!

Chair Yoga

Heather Downs leads a chair yoga group in the Parish Hall every **Monday at 10:30am**. If you are interested, just bring your mat and show up! If you have any questions, you may call Heather at 912-507-4218.

Lay Ministers 8-25-2019

8 am

Richelle Southwick(LEM)
Paul Hammond (Lector)

10am

Ed Minor (Sub Deacon)
Omelia Donahoo (Lector)

Acolytes

Craig Hopkins
Jackson Whalen
Palmer Walker
Quinn Scott

Head Ushers

Carl Pruetz

Year-To-Date

Inflows June, 2019
\$217,538.97
Outflows June, 2019
\$218,808.27
Balance (-\$1,269.30)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering
\$9,500.00

Restricted Offering
\$100.00

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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 Leonel Polanco
Latino Missioner

The Rev. Lauren Flowers Byrd
Assisting Priest

The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon

The Reverend Sara Zevallos, Deacon
Robert McDowell Fogle III
Music Director & Administrator

Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean
Joe Daniels, Sexton

Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant
Colleen Willoughby
Convo Coordinator

Grace Downs, Children's Ministries
& Children's Choir

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

The High Altar Flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by Christina Chancey

Virgin Altar Flowers

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If you wish to give flowers or candles in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the forms located on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Expectant Mothers

Karen Lorelli

Departed

Herbert H. Hubbard (18)
John Frank Kuller (18)
Maude Elizabeth Weber (21)
Rosemary Towers (21)
Caroline Lewis Lovett (22)
Eddie Walton (24)
Robert Edward Carlyle (24)