



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Channing Williams
MP	9:00 am
HE	12:15 pm
EP	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Francis Xavier
MP	9:00 am
EP	5:30 pm
HE/HS	6:00pm
Wednesday	John of Damascus
Lauds	6:45 am
HE	7:00 am
MP	9:00 am
EP	5:30 pm
Thursday	Clement of Alexandria
MP	9:00 am
HE	10:00am
EP	5:30 pm
Friday	Nicholas
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

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 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 (4th 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 2:1-5](#)
[Romans 13:11-14](#)
[Matthew 24:36-44](#)
[Psalm 122](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ:

As we jump into Advent, the beginning of the Christian Year, it is good to take a moment to consider the cycle which we follow year in and year out as defined by the lectionary and the Liturgical Calendar. The first thing to bear in mind is that the "Liturgical Year" is an important component of the Church's liturgy. It reveals great versatility in the presentation of content. On the one hand it provides texts that reflect the purely historical. It does this in a manner that makes the events conveyed in scripture entirely current. At other times our actions as worshipers pertain solely to the present. The Liturgy and the dynamics of the calendar make us aware of our need to both petition for and proclaim God's grace. Furthermore, the liturgy, which is our communal spiritual work, is always infused with the vision of our future in Christ Jesus. So, in various ways the Liturgical Year keeps our sights lifted high, to the End Times and to heaven and judgment, reminding us that for God the past, the present and the future are all one.

In each season liturgical themes leap directly from one area of reference to another, even within the same sentence. We may at times be left to wonder how we are to absorb and profitably employ the lively variation in perspective which the liturgy and the liturgical year give us. Ultimately, we might ask what Mother Church when it commends this variety in the liturgy expects of us. Does she wish us to recall the story of salvation? Is she offering us grace in the present? Or is she perhaps seeking to prepare us for the life to come? The short answer of course is that the Church expects the liturgy to convey all three at the same time. For us to profit from the rich nature of each Liturgical Year we must first grasp the dramatic nature of Catholic Worship and the fact that each new year is in conversation with our experiences from previous years. It is also incumbent on us to strive to make the insights of our worship part of our daily life.

This means that while the Liturgical Year and the liturgies associated with it reveal a great versatility in form and substance our worship as a community should never be faddish. And while it is important that the entire action pertain to the present it should never become enslaved to the moment. Rather it should be an experience of heart, mind and body which opens to us the mysteries of God, in time and out of time, as well as our own human hearts. It should expose the longings of women, men and children of all sorts and kinds and invite us into the world of Godly desire. A World which cries for Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, showing its solidarity for the poor and the oppressed, rejoices in the vision of inventors and poets and is profoundly moved by the music of Mozart and Palestrina when aware of God's design.

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Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music:

Hymns: 57, 61, Doxology, 600, 68
Anthem: Lord, Make Me Know (Byrd)

Donations for the Homeless Drive

The Sullivan/Lizr Children are holding a drive to support the Community of St. Joseph. There is a critical need for men's pants, size 32-38, men's shoes size 11 and above, warm socks, men's coats, hats, scarves, mittens and of course warm blankets. The Sullivan/Lizr children have placed a donation bin under the stairs in the vestibule, and it will be there until Sunday, December 22. You may also show your support by putting a check in the plate made out to St. Paul's, with "St. Joseph" in the memo field. Thank you!

Church Refresh Day Next Saturday!

St. Paul's is hosting a clean-up event on Saturday, December 7th, from 9am-1pm. All help is needed, both inside and outside! Supplies will be provided! Mark your calendar and share on social media. Let's make our church look extra welcoming for Christmas!

Bake Sale Next Sunday!

On Sunday December 8th, our youth will be holding a bake sale, with proceeds benefitting the EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) Conference, held every three years for all active Episcopal youth involved in ministry in the church.

Christmas Flower Gifts

Your Altar and Flower Guilds are busily planning for the Advent and Christmas season. As in years past, the congregation is invited to honor or remember loved ones, while at the same time supporting the beautiful display of seasonal flowers and greenery that will decorate the church during the Christmas season. Donation forms can be found on the information tables in the church ves-

tibule and in the Parish Hall. Forms and checks must be received no later than December 23, 2019, and donations will be recognized in the bulletin on Sunday December 29th. As always, the Altar and Flower Guilds are thankful for the many ways in which St. Paul's parishioners contribute to meaningful worship, both at Advent and throughout the church year.

St. Paul's Trolley Sing!

All are invited to attend the annual St. Paul's Christmas Trolley Sing on December 19th. Meet in the parking lot at 5:30, boarding at 6:00 p.m. Sign ups are available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or contact Grace Downs (656-4720, grace00downs@gmail.com) or just show up! We The trolley will make stops at various locations in the historic district and then cross the bridge to the Westin on Hutchinson Island for a tour of their Gingerbread House Display. We will arrive back at the church at 7:30pm, where we will enjoy Hot Chocolate and Cookies in the parish hall. All are asked to bring \$2.00 to cover the tip for the driver. Plan to attend this traditional holiday event!

Toys for Tots: During December, St. Paul's delivers toys to children with life threatening illnesses. Toys are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House and the children's cancer units at various local hospitals. Please bring your wrapped toy(s), marked "boy or girl" to church no later than December 23rd. Toys are needed for ages 3-10. Thank you!

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Lay Ministers 12-1-2019

8 am

Richelle Southwick (LEM)
Bonnie Tyler (Lector)

10am

Alan Boulton (Sub Deacon)
Bill Weaver (Lector)

Acolytes

Craig Hopkins
Jackson Whalen
Palmer Walker
Quinn Scott

Head Usher

Frank Hodges

Year-To-Date

Inflows August, 2019
\$284,528.20

Outflows August, 2019
\$288,455.21

Balance (-\$3,927.01)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering 11-24-2019
\$2,318.00

Restricted 11-24-2019
\$560.00

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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

Altar Flowers

During the season of Advent, floral decoration of the altars and the shrine is discouraged, so that we may anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Altar Lamp

Is given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Laarnie Morris.

Sanctuary Lamp

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Birthdays

Betty Hopkins (1)
Br. Nicholas Thirkettle (2)
Eleanor Parker (3)
Elouise Tate (4)
Kay Tucker (5)
Laarnie Morris (6)

Anniversaries

Shirley and Bill Weaver (3)

Departed

+William Hampton Brady
Carl Eglebert Walker
Charles W. Westerfield, Jr.
Edward F. Sutton
Ethel May Mosure
Olive Louise Hopkins Parker
Percy Clark
Francis Edward Heidt, Sr. (7)