



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Conception/BVM	
	MP	9:00 am
	HE	12:15 pm
	EP	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Thomas Merton	
	MP	9:00 am
	EP	5:30 pm
	HE/HS	6:00pm
Wednesday	Feria	
	Lauds	6:45 am
	HE	7:00 am
	MP	9:00 am
	EP	5:30 pm
Thursday	Our Lady, Guadalupe	
	HE	6:00 am
		<i>en Español</i>
	MP	9:00 am
	HE	10:00am
Friday	Lucia, Martyr	
	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

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Early 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 11:1-10](#)
[Romans 15:4-13](#)
[Matthew 3:1-12](#)
[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Too many members of Parishes around the globe come to Church to be ministered to and not to learn how to or be empowered to minister the saving grace of God. In other words, they come to get and not to give. What these people do not know is the inherent thrill of the Gospel life, is experienced when we are willing to give of ourselves for its spread and proclamation. Furthermore, when people lose interest in God and the lively expression of the Faith it is often because they have not been working to make it part of theirs and other people's lives. Boredom, stagnation and dullness are the result of such disinterest. The Church can be a powerful place where we can reorder our lives to focus on the essentials.

All the tools for prioritizing and transforming our lives amid an insatiable culture are present in the ancient rhythms of the Church. Involvement on a practical level often introduces us to the great spiritual riches of Christianity. Most Choir members and Altar Servers will tell you that the opportunity to serve the Liturgies often provides a deeper experience of the holy. Others have a great facility for the organization of events and the marshaling of the myriad details which are involved in the production of an event. Every institution needs people with such skills, but the Church would be remiss if it did not insist that all are called to cultivate space, silence and holiness in our lives. Teaching is another aspect of Christian living which all of us can be involved in on some level. Those unfamiliar with our expression of the faith are often more impressed with what a member of the laity has to say about Christianity than by what a priest says.

Each of these suggestions implies curiosity and a willingness to serve the one who came to serve, Jesus. One essential condition must be struggled with by all of us and that is to grow in the knowledge and love of God and the faith which is ours through Jesus Christ. Practically speaking most of us need to make a physical or social connection with those things that are of God and the holiness of creation. While some do have the ability to make this connection from the abstract, for most of us the way forward is by doing. For the majority it is by doing that we learn both from our mistakes as well as our successes. It is when we are no longer willing to risk mistakes that a kind of death of self begins and we short circuit those opportunities to grow in grace.

Our call is to be engaged with each other in community and with the community beyond the Church. We need each other and the encouragement of the sacraments to do our primary job - make the good news of God's love in Christ known. There is always plenty of work for everyone to do. And the Church needs the talents of all its members, because the work of the Church will never be more than a portion of its potential without the willing participation of all. Key to this whole dynamic is the work of prayer. It has the power to strengthen, encourage and change lives. If you are at a loss as to what you might do, bring it to prayer and ask someone to be your prayer partner. God has a way of amazing us in fruitful and practical ways if we provide the space. **WWIII**

Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music:

Hymns: 67, 65, 60, 59
Anthem: *Maria Walks Amid the Thorn*
Schweitzer/German Carol

Repose of the Soul of Sandy Battise

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of parishioner Sandy Battise, who passed away on Saturday, November 30th, 2019. Her Requiem Mass was held on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 pm. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Bake Sale Today!

Today our youth will be holding a bake sale, with proceeds benefiting the EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) Conference, held every three years for all active Episcopal youth involved in ministry in the church.

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. Donation bins are located under the stairs in the office vestibule.

Toys For Tots Drive

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!

Christmas Flower Gifts

Donation forms for our seasonal Christmas decorations can be found on the information tables in the church vestibule 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.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity:

St. Paul's Food Pantry

For over 30 years, St. Paul's has been distributing food for those in need. 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. The Food Pantry is located behind the parish house at the corner of 34th and Lincoln. For more information, please contact Kris Lee at 912-704-3332 or Heather Downs at 912-507-4218.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Willoughby will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land—February 16-24, 2020. If you or someone you know are interested please send him an email at frwwiii@gmail.com for more information.

Lay Ministers 12-8-2019

8 am

Br. Nicholas (LEM)
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

10am

Katie Easterlin (Sub Deacon)
James Weaver (Lector)

Acolytes

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

Head Usher

Stewart Ford

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 12-1-2019

\$5,556.00

Restricted 12-1-2019

\$592.00

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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 by the parish.

Sanctuary Lamp

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Birthdays

Jewel Lang (12)
Rashawn Donahoo (12)
Dorie Hopkins (13)

Departed

Sandy Battise (Nov 30)
Carrie Lee Chancey (8)
William Thomas Hodges (11)
Patricia Seawright Watkins (13)

