



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	The Epiphany MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm <i>Joint Latino/Anglo Mass</i>
Tuesday	Of the Octave MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Of the Octave Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Julia Chester Emery MP 9:00 am HE 10:00am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	William Laud 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 After Christmas January 5, 2020

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

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)
[Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a](#)
[Matthew 2:13-15,19-23](#)
[Luke 2:41-52](#)
[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday

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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At the beginning of the New Year I would like to share some thoughts on why I support the Church and its work, with all that I am and all that I have. It is the one institution I have found in my sixty-four-year pilgrimage that is intentional about bringing together all sorts and conditions of men, women and children. It attempts to include various ages in their search for meaning and value in life. As an Episcopalian I like the fact that we belong to a part of the Church that does not claim to have all the answers or can hand them to people in a nice neat package. Rather I am interested in being part of a faith community which encourages an atmosphere where questions can honestly be faced. I believe that the Episcopal Church and our part of it, St. Paul's, does give my family the opportunity engage in a community of support which is humbly aware of our need to personally and corporately wrestle with questions of meaning and life in order for us to grow in the knowledge and love of God. It is in this wrestling, I believe, that we become the person God intends us to be.

Secondly, I support the Parish Church because it preserves memory and it connects me with people and times beyond my narrow field of experience. Our tradition of poetry and song, worship and theology have a dignity and breadth, a height and depth from which I gain wisdom and against which I can compare my limited experience. In the waters of Baptism, I am declared a Child of God and made part of the Body of Christ - a family which stretches across centuries, cultures, languages and races. It is the liturgy of the Parish Church that reminds me week in and week out that we are bearers of hope, that bread and wine are bearers of divine life, that oil both consecrates and heals, and promises can be made, kept and repaired. In the Parish Church, sickness and health, confession and reconciliation, life and death are the concern of the faithful. It is in the context of the community of faith that success and failure are given their real meaning sometimes to the astonishment of the world and ourselves.

The Parish is the place where the Christian story is told and retold. It is where it becomes part and parcel of our story. It is an absurd story - the creator of the world used a carpenter from Nazareth to live "Love" so loud that we can still hear the echoes down the ages. At the heart of the message is the simple truth that hiding in the darkness that surrounds us are the outstretched arms of a loving God. That nothing can stop the victory which has been won by the outstretched arms of Jesus and we are called to live the story by picking up our cross daily and following in the Way. Sometimes, we forget eternal reality and I want to be part of and support those portions of the Church that remember the inherent hope of the Resurrection and are willing to tell the ancient story again and again in ways that are fresh and full of life.

Finally, I love being associated with the voice of Christian prophecy. Our heritage of giving strength to those who are weak. The cultivation of the deep inner voice which disturbs and judges, that hauls us up out of our indifference, blindness and selfishness is a great strength. I do not want to be part of an institution which only comforts me and never challenges me. I want to support an institution which spends its moral and monetary capital supporting the aspirations of those less fortunate than I am because I need to learn to trust more in God and less in my material and intellectual strengths. In the end I want be part of a reconciling voice in the world even though that activity may disturb and challenge me. I am willing to support with my treasure, time and talent the one institution I know that attempts to make these important demands on my life. **WWIII**

Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music January 5th, 2020

Hymns:
102, 83, 124, 109, 277

Anthems:
Christmas Anthems

Christmas Flower Donation Additions

The following donations were inadvertently left off of the December 29th bulletin:

In Memory Of: Oscar and Nedra Welde and Powell Gahagan Jr., given by Deacon Sue Gahagan

For Many Blessings given by Robert and Linda Delano

Thank You!

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who contributed their time, talent and treasure to make our church welcoming and beautiful during the Christmas season!

Coffee Hour:

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for **January** is now available on Sign-up Genius (Copy and paste this link to sign up):

www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ca5a923a5fc1-coffee

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Food Collection This Sunday!

On the first Sunday of the month, the St. Thomas Food Pantry asks for donations of food. Please bring your canned goods to the church on Sunday. Collection baskets are located in the Narthex.

Daughters of the King Meeting Saturday

The Daughters of the King, a women's service organization, **will meet this Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the parish hall. The Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters.

Chair Yoga

Heather Downs leads a chair yoga group in the Parish Hall every Monday at 10:30 am. If you are interested, just bring your mat and show up! For further questions, please contact Heather 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 01-05-2020

8 am

Ellen Hammond (LEM)
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

10am

Br. Nicholas (Sub Deacon)
Steven Curler-Bangs (Lector)

Acolytes

Craig Hopkins
Jackson Whalen
Palmer Walker
Quinn Scott

Head Usher

Steven Curler-Bangs

Year-To-Date

Inflows October 2019
\$358,052.00

Outflows October 2019
\$358,568.59

Balance (-\$516.59)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering 12-29-2019

\$4,484.00

Restricted 12-29-2019

\$925.00

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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

Are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving by the parish.

Virgin Altar Flowers

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Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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Virgin Altar Lamp

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Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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