



# Spiritus Gladius

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

## The Weekday Kalendar

### Monday in Easter Week

**MP** 9:00 am  
**HE** 12:15 pm  
**EP** 5:30 pm

### Tuesday in Easter Week

**MP** 9:00 am  
**EP** 5:30 pm  
**HE** 6:00 pm

### Wednesday in Easter Week

**Lauds** 6:45 am  
**HE** 7:00 am,  
**MP** 9:00 am  
**EP** 5:30 pm

### Thursday in Easter Week

**MP** 9:00 am  
**HE** 10:00 am  
**EP** 5:30 pm

### Friday in Easter Week

**Lauds** 6:45 am  
**HE** 7:00 am  
**MP** 9:00 am

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

## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Via Livestream on Facebook [https://  
facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/](https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/)

Saturday—9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

[Genesis 1:1-2:4a \[The Story of Creation\]](#)  
[Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21](#)  
[\[Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea\]](#)  
[Isaiah 55:1-11 \[Salvation offered freely to all\]](#)  
[Ezekiel 36:24-28 \[A new heart and a new spirit\]](#)

9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass

12:15 p.m. Misa en Español

5:30 p.m. Evensong (weekly)  
& Benediction (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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*There is a 3 pm Mass at St. Bartholomew's,  
Chevis Road at Wild Heron Road on the*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month*

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The Propers

[Romans 6:3-11](#)  
The Great Alleluia  
[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday

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## REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I grew up in a daily Mass parish and it has been my honor and joy to serve in parishes of the same tradition. My experience of growing up in this milieu was that the emphasis was placed on the interconnectedness of all pray. I knew that my Parish Priest was saying Mass for me and the whole parish whether I was in attendance or not. Because my Father was a Licensed Lay Reader and regular daily communicant I went to Mass many a morning on the way to school, where this interconnectedness was reinforced by petitions for God's heavenly grace to be given to all people, present and absent. In addition this often-included breakfast with the faithful at Elite's, a local dinner, where a modern form of agape took place and those present mentioned the needs and concerns of others in the parish to the priest.

The ground and strength of our tradition at St. Paul's is ordered prayer and the daily Mass. This why we have been livestreaming both the Daily Office and the Mass. I have found that the Church will be the Church and attend to the needs of the world and parishioners when it is encouraged to serve Mass and pray the offices. This emphasis on the cultivation and development of a common devotional life feeds us in ways that often lie hidden in our everyday life. Regular prayer and devotion aimed at being Christ's hand and feet, feed into the loop of intentionality, which is the ultimate joy of the Christian Life - to be formed as God in Christ imagines . I found that if the priest is doing proper catechetical teaching and encouraging opportunities to engage in works of mercy and piety , alongside attendance at Mass, and regular pray and devotion, a healthy balance will be engendered in the whole Body of Christ.

Holy Week and Easter brings into sharp focus the saving story which is ours to convey to the world. A world which God desires to bring into unity with God. Our prayers and actions in this time of pandemic need to point to the lifegiving power of God and God's victory over death through the self-emptying of Christ Jesus. Just as Jesus did not overcome evil with power and might, we will not overcome the present situation by attempting to impose our will on others but by being present and attentive to the needs of those God sends our way. Daily Mass and common prayer refine our sensibilities and leaves us open to the promptings of God. We can see our context and surroundings in a new way. Use this time to restructure your patterns and consider anew what the present time may be offering for our transformation and that of the world.

Fasts are a proper part of Christian piety and witness. My heart breaks for the people of St. Paul's during this time when you cannot be sustained by regular communions as we traverse this period of physical isolation. On the other hand, I know that the Holy Spirit is sustaining us through our prayers and Spiritual Communions. As an Easter, which we have not experienced in living memory, comes forward, please know that my regular Mass intentions are for you and I know that your intentions include me. As is rightly observed by many, God will see us through the present time.

**WWIII**

**Christ is Risen—The Lord is Risen Indeed—Happy Easter**

**Easter Morning at Sunrise (6:58 a.m.) go outside face East and say the Exultet, pgs. 286 & 287 of the Book of Common Prayer followed by the Collect on the top of pg. 295**

[The Great Vigil of Easter](#)

## Parish News and Events



Resurrection, by Andrea Mantegna, 15th Century.

### [On What Basis Would a Scientist Accept the Resurrection?](#)

For more, click the hyperlink [Scientists are taught to \*evaluate data\*](#). “Being skeptical” might mean that extraordinary claims need impressive evidence to back them up. That’s reasonable. But if it’s shorthand for “no matter what the evidence, I won’t believe it!”, then this is a *disposition* based on a prior commitment. While a unique historical event isn’t subject to scientific reproducibility, an open-minded person will find impressive *historical* evidence consistent with the Resurrection.<sup>[1]</sup> This includes:

1. **The reality of Jesus’s life:** Virtually all historians believe that Jesus of Nazareth was a real person in 1st Century Palestine;
2. **The finality of Jesus’s execution:** The detailed accounts of the crucifixion ring true based on Roman and Jewish practices of the period, archaeological finds, and human physiology.<sup>[2]</sup> These attest to the brutality of such executions, which were preceded by a savage flogging, followed by progressive asphyxiation. Jesus really was dead.

3. **The unaccountability of Jesus’s body:** The quickest way to discredit the new Jesus movement would have been to produce physical evidence that Jesus had indeed remained dead. No one did this. This does not show that Jesus rose from the dead, but the stubborn fact of the empty tomb needs to be accounted for. The accounts make it extremely unlikely that the body was stolen, based on Roman practice regarding posted guards at burial sites, etc.

4. **The inexplicability of Jesus’s followers’ transformation:** The first reported sightings of Jesus after his resurrection were by women, a massively counter-cultural detail that is a mark of authenticity. Then there is the incredible transformation of a group of weak, dispirited followers into the courageous core of the new Jesus movement, not to mention those with strong reasons to remain skeptics – Thomas the “doubting” empiricist, Jesus’s half-brother James, who became a leader of the Jerusalem church, and Saul of Tarsus, a one-time ardent persecutor of the new movement. These dramatic transformations are well explained if these people actually encountered the risen Jesus.

Christians have affirmed such evidence—sometimes at the cost of their lives—for almost two millennia. Will such evidence satisfy refractory skeptics? No. But for those who are open, such evidence provides a reasonable basis for belief, so that, as the Gospel of John says, “believing, you may have life in His [Jesus’s] name” ([John 20:31](#)).

**Denis Alexander, Emeritus Director of [The Faraday Institute](#) for Science and Religion, St. Edmund’s College**  
**Office Closed**

The Church office will be closed to visitors until further notice, due to the Public Health Emergency

## Lay Ministers

### Mass Schedule

As of this writing we will be closed for Public Worship until the end of April please join us daily for Livestreaming on our Facebook Page

<https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/>

### Keeping St. Paul's going

Three ways to make your financial contribution. The vitality of St. Paul's depends on all of us

- 1) Join Realm
- 2) use your Banks' Bill Pay
- 3) send your check in the Mail

### Year-To-Date

Inflows February 2020  
\$62,030.92  
Outflows February 2020  
\$67,655.54  
Balance (-\$5,624.62)

Budget needed each week  
\$8,567.00

Offering 04-05-2020  
\$14827.00

Restricted 04-05-2020  
\$732.00

## St Paul's Collegiate Church

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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'd Lauren Flowers Byrd  
Assisting Priest  
The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB  
Deacon  
Robert McDowell Fogle III  
Music Director & Administrator  
Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean  
Joe Daniels, Sexton  
Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant  
Grace Downs, Children's Ministries  
& Children's Choir

### The Vestry

Sarah Ward, Senior Warden, '22  
Mark Frissell, Junior Warden, '21  
Heather Downs, Clerk, '21  
Judy Naylor-Johnson '23, Erick Nowicki '23  
Adriana Ramirez '23, Simona Perry '23,  
Kris Lee, 21, Jerry Riley, 21  
Ana Carter, '22, John Ely, '22  
Lorna Smith, '22  
Carl Pruetz Treasurer

## Thanksgivings & Memorials

### Next Week

The Easter Lilies given in honor and remembrance of those God has placed in our lives

### Virgin Altar Lamp

Is given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by the parish.

### Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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### Birthdays

Ron Anderson (12)  
Harley Lingerfelt (15)  
Rachel Robinson (19)

### Anniversaries

Omelia Donahoo & Marsha Tolbert (15)  
Beth & Larry Robinson (16)  
Elizabeth DuBose & Mark Frissell (17)

### Expectant Mothers

Julia Burt  
Cazenove Boulus  
Jill Jenkins  
Ashley Kennedy  
Stefanie Morris  
Grace Rafield

### Departed

Joe Chancey (13)  
Winnie Weith (14)  
Bishop G. Paul Reeves (15)