



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	Zita of Tuscany MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Catherine of Siena Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Feria MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	St. Phillip and St. James 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 Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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

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 (4th Sunday)

*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

[Acts 2:14a,36-41](#)
[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)
[Luke 24:13-35](#)
[Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday
912.232.0274 (Voice)
912.232.0337 (Fax)

REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One of the great insights of the early Church, recaptured in the Reformation is the concept of the priesthood of all believers. The long and short of it is that all who have been born again in the waters of Baptism and grafted into - the Body of Christ by the Holy spirit have a priestly ministry. This ministry is our peculiar vocation. It is rooted in the gifts supplied by God through grace and its end is the building up of God's Kingdom (...bought with your blood people from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you made them a kingdom and priests for our God,...) Rev 5: 9,10 . As St. Paul our patron put it in his letter to the Ephesians, God's gifts include that some should be apostles (witnesses to the Resurrection), some prophets, some evangelist, some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ...(Eph 4:11,12). None of these are the exclusive purview of a class or category of believer. Rather, through God's grace we all have the potential to exercise these ministries as members of the Baptized according to the gifts provided, entirely in the context of our role in the Body of Christ.

Something about the human condition makes it easy for us to expect some one else to exercise ministries on our behave. This way we can avoid the hard work of listening to the Spirit and not challenge ourselves to be about the work of the Kingdom. It is our work as the community of the faithful to make disciples of all God sends our way and convey the Love of God for all God's Creation. Every one of us is called to service, to diaconia. Do not ever say that you are just a member of the Baptized! It is the baptized who do the day in and day out ministry of the Church. No matter our role in the greater Body of Christ we provide a leadership in the world of service and oversight that insures that even the lowliest in the social order is seen as God sees them – children of great worth.

As members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church we have a visible structure, including: servant leaders, prescribed forms of worship, and agreed formula of faith. It is in terms of these elements that we can say that we are a visible Society. At the same time, we are unlike any other organized group, because we are the mystical Body of Christ. In the baptismal rite the candidates claim and we reaffirm that we are the recipients of the following gifts through the Holy Spirit: “one Lord, one faith, on baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph 4: 5-6). It is out of these gifts that God raises us to the gifts of ministry. It is together as the church Catholic that the fullness of the Body of Christ is present in the world.

You might ask, how am I to know what my gifts for ministry might be? How am I to exercise my priestly work for the building of God's kingdom? It has been my experience that God will provide, and the answer is present even before we are able to recognize the movement of the Spirit. This is why we say our prayers, why we read scripture, why we go to Mass. The Church across the ages witnesses to these as means to sensitization to the promptings of God – the one who provides and gives the gifts. During this time of unusual patterns for living consider how God might be using the present moment to speak to us. Remember that God can use and does often use unsettling circumstances to open our hearts and minds to the pursuit of God's vision. Let us pray for the world, for each other and for our common life that we may hear God speaking in present circumstances.

WWIII

Parish News and Events



The Resurrection, Fra Angelico, Florence

Third Sunday of Easter

*Too access the readings for this Sunday,
go to: www.lectionarypage.net*

Study Questions on the Sunday Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

History is too full of antisemitic rhetoric, and the modern world is too full of living examples of anti-Jewish hate. Peter doesn't stand against the Jews and accuse them. Peter stands among his own house of Israel, and there, among his brothers and sisters and neighbors and kin and friends, proclaims Christ crucified and Christ risen.

- 1. When we preach sin and forgiveness, do we include ourselves in the indictment?*
- 2. Where do our experiences and lives intersect with others, and how do we use that which is shared to proclaim the living Christ?*

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

. God's promise is something more extravagant, more incredible, more – wild. God's promise of rescue from the powers of sin and death extends out into every aspect of our lives.

- 1. Why do we need God when everything is fine?*
- 2. When does healthy grief and sorrow become selfish and sinful?*

1 Peter 1:17-23

God has been revealed in Christ and his precious blood was worth more than anything the world has ever used to measure wealth.

- 1. What do we value and where did we learn to value it?*
- 2. Do we think of worldly things as being forever, as having too much value?*

Luke 24:13-35

Here is an extraordinary Eucharistic passage as the resurrected Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to his companions. Who could we welcome to our table? Is it really our table?

- 1. Can faith ever be about what we ourselves have learned or heard? Or is a community required if we are to be followers of Christ?*

These study questions were written by Sam Sheridan, from [Bible Study, Episcopalchurch.org](http://BibleStudy.Episcopalchurch.org)

Office Closed

The Church office will be closed to visitors until further notice.

Public Worship

The Bishop of Georgia will make a decision on public worship by Friday, April 24th. Please refer to the Diocesan website for more information.

This Week at St. Paul's

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 04-19-2020

\$4,825.00

Restricted 04-19-2020

\$625.00

St Paul's Collegiate Church

1802 Abercorn Street - Savannah, GA 31401
34th & Abercorn Streets
1.912.232.0274

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

High Altar Flowers

are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of Amy Kathryn Porter by Dan and Marianne Porter

Virgin Altar Flowers

are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of Amy Kathryn Porter by Dan and Marianne Porter

Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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

Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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

Virgin Altar Lamp

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

Birthdays

Marsha Tolbert (29)

Expectant Mothers

Julia Burt

Cazenove Boulus

Jill Jenkins

Ashley Kennedy

Stefanie Morris

Grace Rafield

Departed

Frieda Vanzant Gregory (14)

Bob Mills (26)

David Palmer Nard (26)

Tom Purvis, Sr. (28)

Mary Kelly Morrison (29)

John Michael Petway (30)