



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Monnica MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Feria MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Feria 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	Julian of Norwich Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 2:42-47](#)
[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)
[John 10:1-10](#)
[Psalm 23](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday

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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is my fervent hope that all of you are doing well and that your time for sheltering in place has not been too hard a burden on you and your loved ones. Our closure of public worship for the past six weeks has added worry and stress for several of you during the present circumstances. Please be assured that the whole parish is being remembered at the altar of God each day. In addition, those who are on the front lines of this pandemic are being carried on the hearts and minds of the clergy. St. Paul's is carrying on a venerable tradition. In times of pestilence, disaster, war and health crisis it has been accepted from the earliest times that Masses be said for the many needs which are present to the time. When you are present by livestream, bring to God your joys and your sorrows. Tell God the generous inclinations of your hearts and bear in mind the sufferings and burdens that others may be facing.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is one of praise and thanksgiving. It literally transports us into Kairos, God's Time, making us present to the saving help of Christ Jesus' once and for all sacrifice of the Cross. Every time we pray the Mass, we participate in an activity whereby we are put in mind that the Cross is the Medicine of the World (the motto of the Order of the Holy Cross) and we participate in the unchecked power of the Cross for the healing of creation. The merits of which are and can be applied to those who are present or absent or for any intention announced or in secret. It strikes me that if there ever was a time for more masses to be said, rather than fewer, it is now.

The Holy Sacrifice is so much more than a meal. It is part and parcel of our Creator's plan to make us one. Whether present physically or spiritually we are united through the blessed Body and Blood, offered to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. As the *Dignus es* puts it, a canticle based on the Revelation of St. John, we are a kingdom of priests created out of every family, language, people and nation, to serve our God. The perfect way for Christians to offer worship and praise and proclaim our Lord's dominion and splendor is to celebrate the Mass in all circumstances, including within the limitations of quarantine. When we offer the remembrance (that is the anamnesis) of our Lord's sacrifice virtually or in person we participate in His command to 'Do this', for the anamnesis of me. All gain benefit from a sacrifice which began in Bethlehem, when the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us, offered on the Cross and whose acceptance is in the resurrection and ascension, while continuing eternally in Heaven where that humanity dwells at the right hand of the Father.

The gifts of the holy Church offered in the forms of bread and wine is the oblation of "ourselves, our souls and our Bodies". It is here that we are made one spiritually to the oblation of our Lord, "once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world." By responding to the command of the holy Gospel to "continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again", we offer, the memorial, Jesus commanded us to make. What should be clear is that "the innumerable benefits procured unto us" are present to us whether we make our holy communion, physically or spiritually. We are refraining from exposing crowds of people to the virus and not from the power of the Cross in the holy sacrifice of the Mass to alleviate fear, anxiety, sickness and ultimately death. Continue to pray with me and small community around our House of Worship. We need your presence and the offering of yourselves, your souls and bodies. **WWIII**

Parish News and Events



The Resurrection, Fra Angelico, Florence

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Study Questions on the Sunday Readings

Acts 1:42-47

Have you ever imagined what it would have been like to be a member of the church in its foundational stages, as described here in the Book of Acts? The stories you would hear would not be ones that had been handed down across millennia, but they would be stories told by people who had actually been with Jesus, seen the miracles, heard his voice.

Have you ever experienced this awe because of Christ and wanted to share this experience with other people?

How can the joy of Christ permeate and transform your life and your community?

Psalm 23

We generally think of it as a comforting psalm – green pastures, still waters, dwelling in the Lord’s house – and we imagine ourselves in the position of the speaker in the psalm. But have you ever noticed how much is demanded of us if we do so? Just as soon as we settle into our sunny patch of grass, we’re hoisted up to walk along the water. We make our way onto pathways, which lead us through a terrifying valley, just to end up at a table with people we’d rather avoid.

Have you ever felt angry or frustrated when it seemed you were being forced out of a place of comfort into somewhere new and frightening?

1 Peter 2:19-25

This is a difficult passage of scripture, one that has been used to justify and glorify suffering. Yet this view is in direct conflict with the words of this morning’s gospel reading: “I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

How is it possible to reconcile encouragement to suffer with abundant life?

Does awareness of Christ’s suffering provide solace in our times of suffering? How does a call to alleviate the suffering of others fit with this perspective?

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the shepherd who knows and tends to his sheep. But Jesus does not make that parallel in the passage before us. Jesus does identify himself as the Good Shepherd in verse 11, but our text stops at verse 10, leaving us with the identification: “I am the gate for the sheep.” This requires us to suspend our automatic connection between Jesus and the shepherd to consider how Jesus might be the gate.

How might you understand Jesus to be the gate in this passage?

This Bible study, written by Charlotte LaForest, originally ran in 2014. from Episcopalchurch.org

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 04-26-2020

\$2900.00

Restricted 04-26-2020

\$1500.00

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The Episcopate

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The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry D.D.

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Archbishop of Canterbury

Honorary Assistant Clergy

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The Rev. John G Anderson

Lutheran Pastor in Residence

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The Very Rev. Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ
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The Reverend Leonel Polanco
Latino Missioner

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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 thanksgiving for many blessings by the parish.

Virgin Altar Flowers

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Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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Birthdays

Jonah Eckmann (5)

McDowell Fogle (7)

Anniversaries

Phyllis and Alan Boulton (4)

Expectant Mothers

Julia Burt

Cazenove Boulus

Jill Jenkins

Ashley Kennedy

Stefanie Morris

Grace Rafield

Departed

Anne Pole Saban (1)

Atolia Davis (1)

Cappi Eyler (2)

Constancia (Mickey) Lynes (5)

Elizabeth Browne (5)

Thomas Alexander Tucker, Sr. (7)

Mrs. Harriette Hesse (9)