

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 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 Feria

Lauds6:45 amHE7:00 amMP9:00 amEP5:30 pm

MP - Morning Prayer HE - Holy Eucharist

HS - Healing Service EP - Evening Prayer Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

Via Livestream on Facebook 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 4th Sundays of the Month

Remember to Wash your Hands Regularly

The Propers

Zechariah 9:9-12 <u>Psalm 145:8-15</u> <u>Romans 7:15-25a</u> <u>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</u>

Parish Office is closed until further notice. For updates on church openings, visit our Web Site at www.StPaulSavannah.org

REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As an Historian I was schooled in various means to determine the author or primary disseminator of a movement or an idea. This is so deeply ingrained that I often find myself organizing and categorizing my own work and the work of the parish with the tools that I have been trained to use. Even though I do not footnote most of the catechetical and mission support documents which we use in the daily life of St. Paul's, a piece of me keeps track of the advent and the progress of a ministry or an idea which is making its way felt in the life of the Parish, as well as who has given their energy and resources to its maturation. It has occurred to me that this approach is both unhelpful and it points all of us in the wrong direction.

As a Christian I know that the author of all good things is God. This has enormous implications. It means that every one of us serves as the instrument of God's will and desire in so far as we cooperate with God's vision for the re-creation of the universe. As Christians this vision is explicitly defined in the person and ministry of Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able in every age to bring afresh this vision of God's unconditional love to a world hungry for confirmation of this truth. First remember that as a Child of God and a member of Christ's body you are an ambassador of the Love God has for all humanity. I have found that when we remind ourselves of both the privilege and the opportunities which God gives us to live into this role, the more sensitive we become to the work of the Holy Spirit around and through us.

As Parish Priest I am called to enable the culture which encourages every member of the congregation to use their gifts for the building of God's Kingdom. As St. Paul's our patron taught, it is the job of the ordained to equip the saints (that is the Baptized) for the work of Ministry. For more than 25 years this has been the goal of my work with you in this place. You are the primary ministers of the Gospel. You have more opportunities to minister to those who are hurting and in need, than those of us who are called to the work of ordained ministry.

At St. Paul's both the ordained and the lay leadership of the Parish work hard to provide every support and means necessary to support you in your work of ministry. The primary nexus of support is the lively Eucharistic Community which is available daily. A question you might ask during this exceedingly challenging time is how I might use this system of evangelical support to lift me into the work God has in mind for me and how I might introduce others into the rhythms of word and sacrament which are able to nourish the soul and ease our common anxieties. I encourage you to use as best you can the well-worn patterns of our Lord's bidding – do this in Remembrance of Me. St. Paul's has regular opportunities for learning and sharing in God's compassion for those in need. However, if there is a need that you discern is not being met and you might be the means by which it becomes addressed, I encourage you to not only make it known but to pursue a course of action which enables others to become part of your vision.

In the end it is our privilege to give God the Glory. God is the author and we are the means. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit and the cultivation of a spiritual life willing to serve God's purpose of bringing all into unity with God that we can be active in the marvelous works of God. Ours is a great history of cultivating that relationship, let's make sure that as each year goes by, even now in the midst of a pandemic that we continue to live into the privilege of serving God's will. WWIII

Parish News and Events



Clip Art Image: <u>Matthew 11:25-30</u> Misioneros Del Sagrado Corazon en el Peru

New In-person Worship Guidelines

Last week, Bishop Logue announced Phase 1 guidance that will permit rectors (and priests-in-charge) and vestries to make a decision for whether some in-person worship following strict guidance is right for their community at this time. In-person worship may last no longer than 40 minutes. There will be no singing, all participants must wear masks at all times, and keep more than six feet away from persons not in their own household. As of today, July 1, this Phase 1 guidance is now in effect.

These guidelines have been developed through extensive discussions with fellow bishops from across the country, the diocesan insurance companies, and research from top health experts. Please know that while nothing we do will eliminate the chance of contracting the virus when attending worship and anyone attending needs to understand he or she is assuming that risk, everything we are doing is to lower that risk.

The guidelines have been distributed to church leadership as we move forward to resuming in-person worship. For the full recommendations and explanation of returning to in-person worship, visit the diocesan website.

As Fr. Willoughby mentioned last week, St. Paul's vestry is now tasked with implementing the diocesan guidelines and will report their specific directions for our worship space in the coming weeks.

Celebration of Marriage

St. Paul's congratulates the Rev. Charles Todd and Mr. James Weaver on the celebration of their marriage. Their marriage will take place via livestream at St. Paul's on Saturday, July 4th at 4pm.

Would you like to join the Thursday Bible

Study on Zoom? Contact Sarah Ward for an invite. She can be reached by email sarahpayton@comcast.net

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This Week at St. Paul's

Mass Schedule

As of this writing we will be closed for Public Worship for the foreseeable future, 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 May 2020 \$156,632.75 Outflows February 2020 \$179,880.83 Balance (-\$23,248.08)

Budget needed each week \$8,567.00

Offering 06-28-2020

By Mail: \$3,801.26 Online (Realm):\$2620.00

Restricted 06-28-2020 \$425.00

St Paul's Collegiate Church

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The Episcopate

The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue
Bishop of Georgia
The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry D.D.
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA
The Most Rev'd & 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'd Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ Rector & Dean of Savannah

The Rev'd Leonel Polanco Latino Missioner

The Rev'd Lauren Flowers Byrd Assisting Priest

The Rev'd Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB Deacon

The Rev'd Victor Moreno, Deacon
Robert McDowell Fogle III
Music Director & Administrator
Fr. Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean
Joe Daniels, Sexton
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

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Thanksgivings and Memorials

High Altar Flowers

are given to the greater glory of God and in honor of the wedding of The Rev. Charles Todd and Mr. James Weaver

Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Flowers

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

Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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

High Altar Sanctuary Lamp

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Birthdays

The Rev. Lauren Flowers Bryd
(2)
Susan Burch (10)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield
Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Elizabeth Akin Denham (5) Azarrene G. Harris (6) John Reid Brodrick, Jr. (8) Robert Harold Cramer (8)