



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	William Reed Huntington MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Samson, Bishop and Missionary MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Mary and Martha of Bethany Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	William Wilberforce MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Ignatius of Loyola 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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
4th Sundays of the Month*

Remember to Wash your Hands Regularly

The Propers

[1 Kings 3:5-12](#)

[Psalm 119:129-136](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

Parish Office is closed to in person visits until further notice. For updates on church events call or visit our Web Site at www.StPaulSavannah.org

Remembering the Magdalene

Today Mother Church remembers St. Mary Magdalene, whose feast is July 22. When it comes to the tradition of western art, two things tell us whether we're looking at The Magdalene. The first is long hair worn loose and sometimes disheveled, a little out of order. And the second is a jar or cruet of oil for anointing.

These signs mark her beauty and her love – both of which Tradition imagines were abundantly hers. Though credited also with an excess of tears, many of them weren't hers at all. She wasn't, as early Tradition imagined her, the woman who wiped the feet of Jesus with her tears and hair in the house of Simon the Pharisee. That woman was unnamed.

The popular misunderstanding of the Magdalene is really “a group shot” of several women in the Bible, many of them deemed out of order. Some folks think this was done to mask the significance of Mary's role in the spread of the Gospel, though it may have been just an easier way of telling the story. As my friend the Rev. Thomas Lane Butts once told me, never let the facts get in the way of a good story.

My favorite illustration of the Magdalene is from a Medieval manuscript: she stands before the disciples just after leaving the Easter tomb. She has seen with her own eyes the Risen Lord, and so lifts her hands in a kind of preacherly way to tell the disciples about it. They look back at her in amazement — eyes popping, jaws dropping — as if to say, “What'd she just say? He's *risen*? Did *she* say the Lord is risen?”

I like to imagine someone in the back, muttering, *Indeed. Indeed.*

They believed her, and that alone says a lot about who she was among them.

Her witness tells us how important it is to look for evidence of risen life, and to sing about it when we see it. To tell it out loud, even if wearing a mask. And from the perspective of those who heard and hear her now, her story also commends to us how important it is to believe those who share the way their own lives are forever moving from the tomb into new hope and new life. It may seem out of order and unexpected, but that's how the Gospel often comes.

Mother Lauren Flowers Byrd

Parish News and Events



Parable of the Mustard Seed

PARISH MEETING VIA ZOOM

The Vestry will hold a Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 27th at 6:00pm via zoom. The meeting is to discuss and vote on the Phase 1, Return to Worship Certification. As all meetings are open to the parish, please contact Heather Downs (hpdowns@comcast.net) if you would like to attend and she will send the link.

SURVEY RESPONSE

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the parish survey! We had a fantastic response (69 individuals) and greatly appreciate everyone taking the time to complete the few questions regarding our online services and return to worship. The Vestry will use this information to help improve our

programming and in determining our path forward. This data will also be shared with staff and Clergy to help improve programs. The majority of participants have been attending the 10am mass via Facebook with little technical difficulty. This is also the main mass that the majority plan to return to when we reopen; however, this same majority is content to continue worshipping online until there is a steady decline in COVID-19 cases. There is also much interest in online bible study, social events and communicating via telephone.

PARISH SURVEY

On July 1, 2020, the Bishop of Georgia enacted Phase 1 Guidelines for returning to in-person worship. This requires a super majority of the Vestry to certify that certain criteria are met, including a declining number of COVID-19 cases in our area and agreement to adopt safety procedures for worship prior to reopening. Since these guidelines were adopted, we have been working to address these criteria and developed an online survey for you to be a part of the decision-making process. If you still haven't filled out your survey, please take a few minutes to answer these questions about your response to returning to in-person worship: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GSzCCOqe2X3Zep1mear6cC2GmU4770Q8Vcsd7CPbPAM/viewform?ts=5f021a93&edit_requested=true.

**Remember to Wash your Hands Regularly
and to Wear a Mask!**

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 07-19-2020

By Mail: \$2329.36

Online (Realm):\$1565.00

Restricted 07-19-2020

\$0.00

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The Episcopate

The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue
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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

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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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Regularly

Thanksgivings and Memorials

High Altar Flowers

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Altar Flowers

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Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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High Altar Sanctuary Lamp

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Lamp

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Birthdays

Elizabeth Oliver (26)

Steve Crain (31)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield

Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Jack Haywood Faucette (26)

Walter Thomas Hopkins (31)

Charles Alexander Perry (1)