



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Holy Cross Day MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Seven Sorrows of the BVM MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Ninian, Bishop Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Hildegard of Bingen MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest 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 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 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

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

[Psalm 103:\(1-7\), 8-13](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

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

Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

These times cry out for the cultivation of Wisdom, so let's look at what Holy Scripture offers. The Wisdom tradition gives breadth and scope to the historical and prophetic literature of the Bible. It is not concerned so much with the big historic events of God's revelation, although it remembers them, but with the everyday and the mundane. It is interested in personal and social relationships, in nature and its workings, in the meaning of human life and the problem of suffering.

Unlike the traditions associated with law and cult which were preserved and maintained by the priests and scribes, wisdom escapes the control of any one group. This is what makes it both appealing and frightening. Wisdom is given to anyone who searches out the divine order of creation to live in harmony with it. And even more frightening to some the wisdom tradition has an affinity with the insights of sages from other ancient cultures of the Near East. The wisdom literature recognizes that righteousness and insight are not confined to those of the Nation of Israel - remember Job was not identified as an Israelite.

Yeshuah ben Sirach the author of Ecclesiasticus describes Wisdom as one who holds sway over every people and nation (Sir 24:6). Her kindly, people-loving spirit fills the world, pervading all things and holding everything together (Wis. 1:6-7). Her light shines everywhere against the darkness of the world, and from generation to generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets of the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

By concentrating on the little things, the Wisdom tradition tells us we possess the potential to awaken in us the wonders of life. It shines a light on the wonders of creation. It calls us to live in harmony with all that God has made and to recognize them as part of the totality which Jesus is bringing into redemptive order. Holy Wisdom provides a challenging note to the ways of humanity and calls us to recognize that love of all creation is an inherent characteristic of the revealed truth of God.

Wisdom, we are told is the fashioner of all things. Wisdom Christology focuses our attention on the redeeming care which Jesus extends to all creatures and the living planet itself. The Colossian hymn embodies this vision of Jesus Christ as Wisdom of God when it sings of Christ as the first-born of creation, in whom all things were created in heaven and on earth; he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Furthermore, the hymn goes on to praise Christ as the first-born from the dead, the one through whose blood the whole universe is reconciled (Col 1:15-20).

Justice from the Wisdom perspective therefore is not just about people, or our cultural and racial harmony, it is about the whole of creation and the call to strive for cooperation with God's redeeming efforts. It is made evident wherever human beings share their concern for the earth as well as each other. Therefore it is incumbent on us to tend to the earth's fruitfulness, respect its limits, restore what has been damaged and guard it from further destruction, at the same time that we attend to the need of the poor, the oppressed and the desperate. In other words, they are intimately intertwined.

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Parish News and Events

Bible Study: Pentecost 15

See front of the bulletin for a link to the readings.

Exodus 14:19-31

The Israelites have escaped their enslavers and are on the way to the land God had promised to them. From the Egyptians' perspective, however, these Israelites are their rightful possessions that have been stolen away from them. They probably found it quite reasonable to chase Israelites and bring them to justice. Yet they are baffled when God steps in and serves as a shield for the escaping Israelites. Wars are not fought by good guys and bad guys but rather by two sides that both think they are in the right.

Can you think of a time when you were so sure you were right that you were blind to the perspectives of others?

What will help you gracefully accept times when you are wrong?

Romans 14:1-12

When Paul is writing the letter to the Christians in Rome, he is writing to a divided community. If this fledgling church was to survive, they would need to find a way past their differences, yet they struggle as if they were adversaries. Both the Jewish and gentile converts distrust and think themselves superior to the other, which sows disunity all around. If there is one message Paul wants them to take to heart, it is that they are all the same in the only way that matters: They are God's beloved, for whom Christ died so that they may live forever. None of their differences compares to their one, essential similarity.

What differences with others do you find you have a hard time overcoming?

In what ways do you see judgment and disunity getting in the way of the work of the church?

Matthew 18:21-35

Any community needs to determine how it is going to handle judgment and justice. This parable about the two debtors is often used as an illustration about fairness, saying that the first slave should have treated the second slave as he himself had been treated. Jesus precedes this parable by highlighting that forgiveness should be an overabundant principle.

When have you struggled with forgiving someone?

When have you struggled with forgiving yourself?

This Bible study, written by Stephen M. Balke, Jr., originally ran in 2017.

In-Person Reception of Communion

As mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, St. Paul's will continue to livestream Sunday Mass until it is deemed safe to have in-person worship, however reception of communion will be available in person outside the front entrance to the church. After the 10:00am Sunday Mass, the Presider will recess to the front doors and have communion available for those who wish to receive. The Presider will be available until 11:30am.

St. Paul's COVID-19 Task Force

The Task Force working to develop protocols and guidelines for in-person gatherings and building use will meet on September 14th at 6:00pm on zoom. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Marsha Tolbert (tolbert429@aol.com) or Erick Nowicki (erickn5510@gmail.com).

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/>

Holy Communion is available at the Main Door after Mass

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 July 2020

\$209,527.11

Outflows July 2020

\$245,464.44

Balance (-\$35,937.33)

Budget needed each week

\$8,567.00

Offering 09-06-2020

By Mail: \$8,826.00

Online (Realm):\$1,270.00

Restricted 09-06-2020

\$125.00

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Thanksgivings and Memorials

High Altar Flowers are given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Andy Wooten by his brother Billy Wooten.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Flowers

Walsingham Shrine Flowers

High Altar Sanctuary Lamp

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

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September 13-19

Birthdays

Jay Weaver (15)

Georgia Anne DeLoach (17)

Denise Fisher (18)

Anniversaries

Dottie & Thomas Dunn (15)

Patrick and Steven Curler-
Bangs (15)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield

Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Hector Rafael Gamez (7)

The Rev. Canon John B. Luce
III (17)