



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Ambrose of Milan MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Advent Feria Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Advent Feria MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Advent Feria 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 Second Sunday of ADVENT

December 6, 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 (online)

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer/Mass

(On the Church Lawn)
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*

The Propers

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

[Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)

[2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)

[Mark 1:1-8](#)

Parish Office is open for phone calls Monday Through
Thursday, 10am-12:00pm

No in-person visits are allowed at this time.

Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the physical universe things become clearer and more ascertainable when studied and experienced from a multitude of vectors and data points. Furthermore, many advances are directly built on the theories and experiments of those who have engaged the disciplines of observation, participation, and theorization. Even an out of the box breakthrough rests on the considerations of previous generations or the masters of areas of expertise not commonly associated with the discipline under consideration. The same can be said of the Eucharistic life. The more people involved and seriously engaged in its pursuit the deeper and more profound the Church's effect on society. Maybe more importantly is the transformative impact of a genuine Eucharistic life on the Church. Faithful pursuit of the life allows the Holy Spirit to correct the Church's faults and sustain the witness of each generation.

While it is the case that many people in the United States still practice their faith and subscribe to the disciplined adherence to a religion. It is more often the case that people of our acquaintance and in our midst have only the most casual relationship to any religious principles whatsoever. Because the profound questions which religion attempts to address do not go away this reality has given rise to several new cults and the revival of some of the oldest superstitions known to the history of humanity. This is also the ground from which fundamentalism in its various manifestations is nurtured. They all share a dogmatic, uncritical return to supposedly traditional beliefs, when often the constructs erected are founded on fear of cultural change and shifts in the parameters of certainty. For more than two hundred- and fifty-years religion has evidenced a steady decline in its influence and ability to encourage and enable people in their daily lives in Western culture. This means that it is important for professing Christians who attempt to live observant lives in this context to wrestle with preliminary questions like: "Why bother with faith at all?" Since many people seem to get on with life with no reference to faith, it is crucial to explore the question of belief.

I believe that the ethos of the Episcopal Church is extremely congenial to this time of transition. Our emphasis on the liturgy, as the portal by which we enter into a life of constructive engagement with the challenges and opportunities inherent in living purposely, aid us with a flexibility both rooted in the well-trodden ways and leaves us open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our catechesis celebrates the human capacity for asking questions and we are not afraid of minds that think or people that question the answers others have formulated. It is this ethos which can allow us to honestly take on questions without always having a fully convincing proof.

This is where we leave the merely quantifiable, beyond what we can know with certainty into a realm of either belief or disbelief. We do not believe just anything. We must weigh and test our thinking and experience carefully using the tried and true methods that have enlightened hundreds of generations of disciples that have used the disciplines of Eucharistic living. Living that may not fully answer the questions of life but when applied faithfully stand the test of making us effective and resilient to the all too common crisis inherent in modern life, which leaves culture captive to the manipulation of those trying to maintain the current parameters of certainty.

Parish News and Events

Stewardship 2021

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is underway and we need your annual pledge! Please submit your pledge in-person, through the mail, drop off at the office, or online via Realm. If you need a pledge card, please call the office, leaving your name, phone and complete address.

To make a reservation for Sunday Mass, click on the link listed below: *(If you do not choose to use the online reservations system, you may call the church office at (912) 232-0274.)*

[Make a Reservation on Realm](#)

A note about returning to in-person worship this week

At the time of printing, it is our plan to return to in-person worship this Sunday and we encourage you to go ahead and make your reservation. If the Vestry decides that we must wait, you will be notified electronically. Please be attentive to emails. We greatly appreciate your patience as we endeavor to keep our parish family safe during this time.

Church Envelopes

If you wish to use your church envelopes for the next fiscal year, please call the church office (912) 232-0274. We will leave the envelopes on a table by the side entrance to the church. This entrance is kept open weekdays.

Liturgical Calendars/Booklets

This Sunday marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. St. Paul's invites you to pick up a 2020-2021 liturgical calendar. Calendars are available at the church exit by the piano and are \$5.00 per copy. Also make sure to pick up a copy of the new daily devotional booklet "Forward Day by Day", also available at the church exit.

Fall Fundraiser Information

In lieu of St. Paul's annual Fall Fundraiser, we will hold an event to raise funds for the various organizations that benefit from our community stewardship. Stay tuned for details.

Christmas Toy Drive

St. Paul's Church and Friendship Baptist Church are sponsoring a toy drive for boys and girls, ages 3-10. We accept age-appropriate toys and/or cash donations. You may bring your toys to church and place in the marked bins or drop off the toys in the church office (Monday-Thursday, 10am-12pm.) Cash donations should have "Toy Drive" written in the memo line. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 20th. For more information, please contact our Sexton Joe Daniels at 912-660-7099.

Join Us for Thursday Bible Study

Bible Study is held weekly on Thursday mornings via zoom following 10:00am mass (live-streamed through Facebook). This is a regular weekly event and you are invited to attend! Please contact Kate Zeh at katezeh@mac.com to be added to the email invitation and receive the link.

Thanksgiving Offering

Your Thanksgiving Offering donations, which will be collected through December 12th, aid the Episcopal Youth and Children's Services Fund. Money donated will go directly to college students in need of tuition assistance and tuition assistance for youth camp attendees. Please write "EYCS" in the memo line.

Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Charles for helping cover the Parish while Fr. Willoughby is in quarantine.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday Lay Minister

Alan Boulton

Sunday Lector

James Weaver

Mass Schedule

As of this writing, we are opening the church to limited in-person worship (phase one of the Diocesan plan). Please join us daily for Livestreaming on our Facebook Page

<https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/>

Holy Communion is available at the Main Door after the 10am

Mass until 11:35 am

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 November 2020
\$328,295.71

Outflows November 2020
\$388,508.17

Balance (-\$60,212.46)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering 11-29-2020

By Mail: \$1995.00

Online (Realm): \$4,126.00

Restricted 11-29 -2020

\$195.00

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
Parochial Vicar

The Rev'd Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon

The Rev'd Victor Moreno, Deacon

Robert McDowell Fogle III
Music Director & Administrator
Joe Daniels, Sexton

Grace Downs, Children's Ministries
& Communications

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

Lorna Smith, '22

Carl Pruetz Treasurer

Remember to Wash your Hands
Regularly

Thanksgivings and Memorials

The High Altar Flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving by the parish.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Flowers

Walsingham Shrine

High Altar Sanctuary Lamp
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Dec 6– Dec 14

Birthdays

Laarnie Morris (6)

Jewel Lang (12)

Rashawn Donahoo (12)

Anniversaries

Expectant Mothers

Katherine Posse de Voest

Deported

Francis Edward Heidt, Sr. (7)

Carrie Lee Chancey (8)

William Thomas Hodges (11)

Patricia Seawright Watkins (13)