



# Spiritus Gladius

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

## The Weekday Kalendar

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Anskar, Bishop</b> MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Cornelius, Centurian</b> MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Martyrs of Japan</b> Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Titus, Bishop</b> MP 9:00 am HE 10:00am EP 5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria</b> Lauds 6:45am HE 7:00am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

## The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple February 2, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Early Mass
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal ( <i>upstairs</i> )
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
9:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
12:15 p.m.	Misa en Español
5:30 p.m.	Evensong (weekly) & Benediction (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
6:30 p.m.	Evening Mass

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*There is a 3 pm Mass at St. Bartholomew's,  
Chevis Road at Wild Heron Road on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month*

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**The Propers**  
[Malachi 3:1-4](#)  
[Hebrews 2:14-18](#)  
[Luke 2:22-40](#)  
[Psalm 84](#)  
or [Psalm 24:7-10](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday

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# REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Annual Parish Meeting and the celebration of the solemnity of our Patronal Feast, the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle made its yearly return this past Sunday. It is always important that we look at where we have been during the past year in the life work and witness of the Parish. It is even more important that we consider our future together as the people called to do the work of God in this Place, in this community, in this City and in our Diocese. Our is a lively call and ministry in our common life driven by the gifts of the Baptized. Bishop Bengasi moves into the last months of his leadership as our Diocesan. We will soon be creating in concert with our new Bishop a vision for the coming decade. Like so many of the years in the recent past we continue to navigate rough seas of economic and political turmoil. I have said at other times this is part and parcel of the greater context in which we are called to do ministry. One image is always sufficient if we allow it to direct our common work and our vision - and that is the image of the Cross. By it our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has won the world and has triumphed over sin and death. To the extent that we are willing and able (that is willing to be enabled and to enable each other) in picking up our cross each day and following our LORD the Kingdom is ours and the world will be transformed.

To my mind the greatest and most perfect expression by St. Paul our patron of the conversion we are all called to is summed up in his First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 1-13. It is here that we meet the most incredible definition of Love, the Love can keep us in union with each other and moving in the right direction. "Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other's sins but delights in the truth. There is nothing that love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance." What we all need is a conversion of heart and mind which mirrors these words and just as Paul did not live into them over night neither shall we. But perseverance and a willingness to die to self can be powerful tools in the hands of a Loving God.

Paul went on to remind us that, "now we only see puzzling reflections in a mirror, ... our knowledge at best is only partial", but a time and a place exists in God where we shall see face to face and our knowledge will be whole, just like God's knowledge of us. It is to this Place that all our strivings need to be directed with full purpose of heart and in great humility. Remember that the fullness of truth is in God, who's Holy Spirit is His own first gift for those who believe. It is in this context that we might complete God's work in the world and bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

We must remember that Jesus brought light and life in the midst of controversy. That he got in trouble because he challenged myopic religious practices and positions that hurt people. He put light on the fact that we often keep tradition in a way that rejects the commandment of God (see Mark 7:9: "How well you set aside the commandment of God in order to maintain your tradition!") this is hard for us to hear but to follow in the footsteps of Jesus is to find oneself in the midst of turmoil. To escape the discomfort of tension is to forsake Jesus in favor of our will and comfort. As for me I struggle to choose daily to follow such a Christ, rather than a picture of a Jesus who is less challenging. (to be continued) **WWIII**

# Parish News and Events



## Hymns:

S-99, S-253, 436, 517, 324, 497

## Anthems:

Offertory: *Eternal Light*

Music: Mark Schweitzer

Text by St. Alcuin (Prayer for Illumination)

*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.*

*Eternal Power, be our support.*

*Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.*

*Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.*

*That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength*

*We may seek your face.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Communion: *Almighty and Everlasting God*  
(Gibbons)

## Thank You!

St. Paul's parish would like to thank Audrey Lang, Nelie Pittard and Ben Head, our financial administrators, for their expertise and faithfulness in handling our collections each and every week. Their help is invaluable to the functioning of our parish office. Thank you!

## Vestry Elections

St. Paul's thanks our outgoing vestry members for their faithful service: Cuffy Sullivan, Jim Burch, Dan Porter and Marsha Tolbert. We thank those who submitted their names for the election and welcome our new members: Judy Naylor-Johnson, Simona Perry, Adriana Ramirez, and Erick Nowicki.

## Coffee Hour Hosts

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for **February and March** is now available on Sign-up Genius (*Copy and paste this link to sign up*):

<https://tinyurl.com/w2e2qxa>

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

## Food Collection This Sunday!

On the first Sunday of the month, the St. Thomas Food Pantry asks for donations of food. Please bring your canned goods to the church on Sunday, February 2nd. Collection baskets are located in the Narthex.

## Men's Club at St. Paul's

The St. Paul's Men's Club will meet this Sunday, February 2nd, at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall. All men are invited to attend. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share. The Men's Club is interested in your ideas for service and fellowship. Bring an open mind and heart!

## Chair Yoga

Heather Downs leads a chair yoga group in the Parish Hall every Monday at 10:30 am. If you are interested, just bring your mat and show up! For further questions, please contact Heather at 912-507-4218

## Wonderful Wednesdays This Week

On Wednesday, you are invited to join fellow parishioners for a meal and a discussion of the book "Walk in Love" at 6pm, in the Parish Hall.

## Shrove Tuesday

Join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with mass and dinner on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Parishioner Dan Porter, chef extraordinaire, will prepare a delicious Cajun chicken meal. What does Shrove mean? The word *shrove* is a form of the English word *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

## Lay Ministers 02-02-2020

### 8 am

Jim Weathers (LEM)  
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

### 10am

Ed Minor (Sub Deacon)  
Marsha Tolbert (Lector)

### Acolytes

Craig Hopkins  
Jackson Whalen  
Palmer Walker  
Quinn Scott

### Head Usher

Ron Anderson

## Year-To-Date

Inflows November 2019  
\$390,070.43  
Outflows November 2019  
\$393,108.17  
Balance (-\$3,037.74)

Budget needed each week  
\$8,567.00

## Offering 01-26-2020

\$10,424.46

## Restricted 01-26-2020

\$35.00

## St Paul's Collegiate Church

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### The Episcopate

The Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase D.D.  
Bishop of Georgia

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry D.D.  
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA

The Most Rev & 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. Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ  
Rector & Dean of Savannah

The Reverend Leonel Polanco  
Latino Missioner

The Rev'd Lauren Flowers Byrd  
Assisting Priest

The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB  
Deacon

The Reverend Sara Zevallos, Deacon  
Robert McDowell Fogle III

Music Director & Administrator

Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean  
Joe Daniels, Sexton

Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant  
Colleen Willoughby  
Convo Coordinator

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 by the parish.

### Virgin Altar Flowers

Are given to the greater glory of God by the parish.

### Walsingham Shrine Flowers

Are given to the greater glory of God by the parish.

### Virgin Altar Lamp

Is given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving by the parish.

### Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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### .Birthdays

Ana Carter (27)  
Anne Salley (4)  
Travis Easterlin (5)  
Edwin Beecher (6)  
Auggie Breton (7)  
Nancy Golson (7)  
Seth Riley (8)

### Departed

Merrill Couch Fitzgerald (3)  
Mrs. W.T. Clawson, Jr. (4)  
Beatrice Frances Mills (5)  
Martha D. Coope (6)  
Fr. William Gammon Jarrell (8)  
Sam Weaver