



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Laurence MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Clare MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Hippolytus Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Jeremy Taylor MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Jonathan Myrick Daniels 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 19:9-18](#)
[Psalm 85:8-13](#)
[Romans 10:5-15](#)
[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

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:

As we move into the sixth month of worship via livestream and the continuing prospect of maintaining protocols to reduce the spread of COVID 19, I am most thankful for your prayers and support of St. Paul's. For 168 years St. Paul's has been a beacon of hope for those who would know God and the love which God has made known in Christ Jesus, as well as those who know not our Lord but depend on the Body of Christ to meet the needs of all sorts and conditions of men, women and children. I am both proud of how many of you have been doing the work of Christ during this time and being the Church. I believe that for many of you this is because you have been nurtured and feed by the thin place which is St. Paul's. A place apart, steeped in prayer, the sacraments, incense, and the history of people attempting to become the people God imagines us to be.

In the coming weeks, your leadership will be working hard on preparations for our eventual return to in person worship. When we do the landscape of that coming together will be different. You will be asked to wear masks and to stay apart. There will be question which must be asked at the door and we will ask those who have had any potential exposure to the virus to stay home. As I have mentioned in other Reflections we have been busy incorporating protocols, equipment and opportunities to mitigate the spread and dissemination of the Virus. The COVID Task Force which the Diocesan guidelines envision, will perfect the various protocols in place and work on issues around spacing, traffic flow, and contact tracing concerns.

I know that even with these precautions, some of you will not want to return to in person worship. For this reason, I have been working with Speros, our telecommunications company and Seimitsu, who will soon be our internet supplier, to upgrade our livestreaming ability. I have obtained a camera which is specifically designed to livestream in all sorts of conditions. I am also working on adding Vimeo to our means of watching the three daily services and the four Sunday services. This of course raises the question of how you might be able to make your Communion while we operate in this virtual universe. First, you may call and make an appointment during the week and I will meet you at Church, inside or out to provide anyone who desires their communion at this time. Furthermore, after Mass each Sunday I will be available at the door of the Church Building to provide communion from the Mass just celebrated, or if you prefer I will come to your car – ***remember the CDC defines close contact as “any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.”***

Remember if any need arises, pastoral or spiritual, you may call me on my Mobile Phone, 912.441.4278 or at the Rectory, 912.236.8683. On a number of occasions, I have spoken at length on the phone and later have met briefly in person for sacramental ministrations. **WWIII**

Parish News and Events

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. Starting this Sunday, reception of communion will be available in person outside the front entrance to the church. After mass, the Presider will recess to the front doors and have communion available for those who wish to receive.

Bible Study Pentecost 10

A link to the scripture may be found at:
lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp14_RCL.html

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 This story of a sibling sold into slavery feels particularly important at this moment. I'm writing this study in the summer of 2020 in the United States, as we face calls for racial justice and a reckoning with the ongoing legacy of slavery. Some of us may identify with Joseph, bruised and down in a pit while his own brothers stand by. Some of us may be able to see ourselves in Joseph's brothers who want to get him out of the way and end up selling him for a profit, as we recognize our roles in the systems that oppress, exploit, and incarcerate our siblings. This episode in the life of Joseph's family gives us food for thought and imagination as we consider the complexity of our own past and present.

What insights can be gained from placing this story alongside stories of racial oppression in the U.S.? What are the dangers of that kind of comparison?

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b The psalmist exhorts us to pay attention to the story of Joseph's family as not only one of God's

"wonders" but also one of God's "judgments." For the psalmist, God is present both to judge human wrongdoing and to work wonders on behalf of those same flawed humans.

Are there stories in your own life or the life of the church where you see God's "marvelous works" alongside human action?

Romans 10:5-15 Paul quotes an assurance from Deuteronomy that God's commands are not distant or difficult. No one has to go on a quest "up to heaven" or "beyond the sea" in order to find out what it is that God wants from us. Instead, "The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart"

Have you experienced times when you've felt like you had to go a long way to find God's word for you? What about times when you found the word you needed nearby?

Matthew 14:22-33 The story of Peter's brief walk on water is a bit of a divergent take on the image of baptism—Peter literally falls into the water and Jesus pulls him back up before he drowns. It's not the safe and sanctified space of a tranquil riverbank or a church font, but rather the middle of a stormy sea. And yet, this is where Peter calls out for salvation and grabs onto Jesus' hand.

Does Peter's walk on water remind you of anything that has happened in your life? Have you encountered Jesus or experienced moments of salvation amid chaos?

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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 08-02-2020

By Mail: \$3,580.00

Online (Realm):\$955.00

Restricted 08-02-2020

\$188.26

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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

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Lutheran Pastor in Residence

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The Rev'd Lauren Flowers Byrd
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Deacon

The Rev'd Victor Moreno, Deacon

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Music Director & Administrator

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 memory of Willie Wooten and in honor of Mary Alice Ross, given by Billy Wooten and Melvin Hutchenson

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

Bill Lawrence (12)

Anniversaries

Mary & The Very Rev. William Willoughby (14)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield
Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Zoe Mason (12)