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*He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which
is for you; do this in
remembrance of Me..."*
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and
gave it to them. And their eyes were
opened and they recognized him..."*
Luke 24:30-31

MARCH 24 2019, 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Chapel)8:30 AM
Wednesday (Chapel) 5:30 PM

ADORATION & CHAPEL HOURS

Join us any time for adoration during designated hours
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS & STAFF

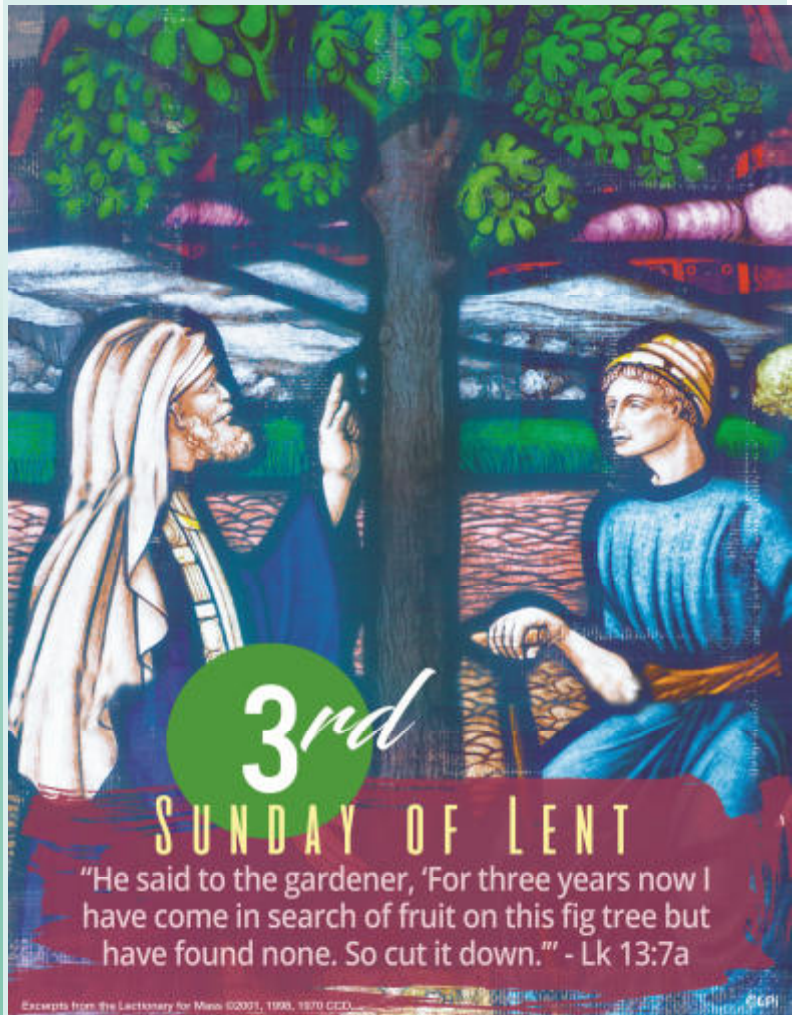
Monday8AM—1PM or by appointment
Tuesday—Friday 9AM—2PM or by appointment
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Announcement Highlights

- Join us for Breakfast after 8:30am Mass
- Spc Collection Mar30-31, Catholic Relief Services
- Coming soon! Envelopes for Easter Flowers in memory of or honor of loved ones.
- Lent Pg 3: Small Groups, Stations, Fish Fry
- For 2018 contribution statement, email to stpaulathal@gmail.com or contact the office.
- Charity and faith enrichment opportunities, Pg. 3
- Adult Faith Formation Schedule, Pg. 4
- Anuncios en Español, Pg. 5
- Check out the St. Paul website for more info: Stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian community of St. Paul, are committed to serving the Lord and His people through witnessing and stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and, rooted in the Word and Tradition, are focused on encountering Him in the Breaking of the Bread.



3rd

SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

MASS INFORMATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass 5:00pm

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass 8:30am; 25:15am; 12:40pm (Spanish)

Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses

MONDAY, MARCH 26 No Mass or Rosary

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 Holy Mass 8:30am, (Chapel)

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 Holy Mass 5:30pm (Chapel)

Thursday, MARCH 28

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel) - For Nancy Conlon & Family

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm (followed by Fish Fry)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass 5:00pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass 8:30am, 11:15am, 12:40pm (Spanish)

Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 11:15am Masses



READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 - 4th Sunday of Lent

FINANCIAL STEWARSHIP

Offertory	Donations	Average Budget Need
March 16/17	\$9,016.60	\$11,463.40
Year to Date 2019	\$94,817.49	\$126,097.40

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the sick: Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.

Baptism: Baptisms are held in the Chapel on Sundays after 8:30am Mass. Call the parish office for an appointment for Baptism preparation class. Parents should be registered members of the parish 4-6 months.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:00-4:45pm, or by appointment.

Funeral Planning: Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office as early as possible and we will assist.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For all our parishioners , friends and family who are ill, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our Country and for our Pope!

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| Jackie Adams | Madeline Madlen |
| Mickey Akers (Butler) | June Maplesden |
| Edilberto Aliviado, Sr | Marjorie McBride |
| Carol Bailey | Adair McCook |
| Jerry Brown | Julia Meyer (Meyer) |
| Kimberly Bush (Burgan) | Monica Morgan |
| Francisco Cepeda | Christopher Neussly |
| Jan Crosby (Pagani) | Danny Pardon |
| Tiffany Dabney (Maplesden) | Jerry & Margaret Paulk |
| Claudio Datu (Emery's brother) | Pam Reynolds (Gibbs) |
| Pauline Garlen | Mona Ridgeway (Davis) |
| William Gavora | Emma Schexnayder |
| Brenda Gibbs | Steve Smith |
| Tim Gibbs | Pete Stromquist |
| Cheri Gurganus | Mack and Ann Thompson |
| Amelia Gutierrez | Terri Tompkins |
| Andrew Gutierrez | Molly Valleroy |
| Ruth Kirby | Noah Vorhis (Emery's friend) |
| Wilma Koehler | Louise Wales (Thompson) |
| Chuck Koehler | Dennis Wheelahan (Davis) |
| Dennis Lewis (Louis) | Rebecca Bryant |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
 I know that life can be unpredictable.
 Sometimes I know what is good and right,
 but I don't have the courage to do it.
 Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
 I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
 Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
 and I resist growing and learning.
 Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
 When You prompt me to do the right thing,
 give me the courage to do it.
 When those around me need my help,
 give me Your heart to love them.
 When I'm stuck in my own ways,
 give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
 Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
 Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
 Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Chuck & Jennifer Farmer 31 yrs. March 26

Free Tax Help for those who qualify through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Call RSVP 256-232-7207



MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled in Cullman, Mar. 29-31 at St. Bernard Abbey.

St. Timothy Episcopal Church hosts ecumenical Services every Wednesday of Lent at 12:00N, followed by lunch. Check out this fun community event!



The FOOD PANTRY is in need of:



Canned Tomatoes, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soap
 Thank you for your support.

Support 40 Days for Life

Bishop Baker asks us in a letter to support the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign. It will be held March 6th to April 21st, 6am to 6pm at Planned Parenthood in Birmingham. For more information see <http://40daysforlife/Birmingham.com> , call 205-305-0950, or see stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org

LENT



All are welcome to join our Faith Enrichment Small Group Program, "Forgiven" on Thursdays during Lent at 10:00am and 6:30pm. See website for information.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm followed by a Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Fish Fry Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Fries, Hushpuppies for \$5

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat on Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Good Friday.

LENT



Parish Activities and Ministries

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K—12)

Ann Margaret Chapman, Director, 256-232-4191x6
Sun at 9:45am, Religious Ed Bldg. during school year.
Parents pick up at 10:45 in Church Hall

YOUTH GROUP (8th-12th)

Rachel Bloemer, Youth Ministry, 256-771-3994
Wed 6:30-8:00 pm during school year, Parish Hall

RCIA / CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASS

Jim Reisz, 256-614-0038, Deacon Greg Beam 256-777-4002
Wed 6:30pm, Parish Hall Youth Room

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Dennis Kobs (256) 232-1426
Sun 9:40am as announced, Parish Hall Classroom #1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

www.kofc-athensalabama.org
Eddie Davidson, Grand Knight; 256-431-4828
2nd Tuesday, 6:45pm, Parish Hall Youth Room

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC WOMEN

Pam McCue, mccue50@gmail.com, 256-233-0831
2nd Thursday, 9:00am, Parish Hall Youth Room

CHOIR PRACTICE (Wednesday 6:00pm, Church)

Tim Gibbs, Director, 256-230-0640

PARISH COUNCIL Bill Anderson 256-232-6218

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY Lori Wilson, tolife5433@aol.com

HISPANIC MINISTRY Maria A. Taylor, 256-874-6073

PRISON MINISTRY Deacon Chuck Butler, 256-420-2296

BEAREAVEMENT MINISTRY Deacon Chuck Butler, 256-420-2296

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Basket in Vestibule

DECORATING COMMITTEE Beth Whitt



THE DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend after 5:00pm Mass
Between 8:30am and 11:15am Mass

Cash & Checks Accepted

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY 9:40 TO 10:30 AM

In preparation for Easter, the Adult Faith Formation Program will feature discussion of the Sunday Readings for the First Five Sundays of Lent. No Adult Formation Sessions are scheduled for Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Eventos e Información Hispana

Ministerio Hispano

Para cualquier asunto comuníquese con la
Sra. Maria A. Taylor, Tel: 256-232-4191 / 256-874-6073
E-mail: stpauloffice@gmail.com / mariataylor88@yahoo.com

HORARIO DE MISAS

Rosario 1/2 antes de cada misa (NO en la misa en Español)
Sabado—5:00 pm
Domingo—8:30 y 11:15 am / Misa en Español 12:40 pm
Martes, jueves y Viernes—8:30 am
Miércoles—5:30pm. Rosary after mass

ADORACION Y HORAS DE LA CAPILLA

Unase a nosotros para Adoración durante las horas designadas:
Martes, jueves y Viernes — 9:00 am a 2:00 pm
Miércoles—9:00 am a 5:00 pm

RECONCILIACION (CONFESION):

Sábados— 4:00 a 4:45 pm o por cita

**SI NECESITA UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN POR FAVOR LLAME A
LA OFICINA ANTES DEL MARTES PARA PONER LA
INFORMACION EN EL BOLETIN**

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

24 de Marzo, 3rd Domingo de Cuaresma

Si la historia de la salvación nos enseña algo, es que Dios es muy paciente. Una y otra vez, las personas se han alejado de Él y Él ha enviado profeta tras profeta para guiarlos de regreso. Para mostrarnos cuánto nos ama, nos envió a Su Hijo, quien reveló este amor incondicional en todo lo que dijo e hizo. Esta temporada de Cuaresma es una oportunidad para arrepentirse y regresar. El misterio de la presencia de Dios se revela en y a través de los eventos ordinarios de la vida, como nos lo recuerda el nacimiento de Cristo. Dios le dijo a Moisés a través de la zarza ardiente: "Yo soy el que soy". Y así nos lo recuerda hoy. No nos alejemos más y volvamos a la verdad.

- Programa de Cuaresma de Grupos Pequeños,
- "Perdonado". Los jueves durante la Cuaresma. Sesión en Español a las 6:30 pm. en el Salon.
- Empezando el 8 de marzo, Estaciones de la Cruz y luego comida de pescado frito los viernes durante la Cuaresma.
- RETIRO DE CUARESMA: Con el Padre Ernesto Caro, sábado 30 de marzo de 8:30 am a 3:00 pm, en el salón de la Parroquia St. Francis Xavier. Habrá cuidado de niños con cupo limitado. Por favor traer su almuerzo.
- AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA: Todas las personas de 14 años o más deben abstenerse de comer carne (y artículos hechos con carne) el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Toda persona entre los 18 y los 59 años (a partir del año 60) debe ayunar el Viernes Santo.

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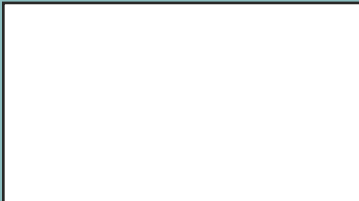


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