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Rev. Tom V. John, CMI, Ph.D., Administrator



*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 31 2019, 4TH 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

Monday .....8AM—1PM or by appointment  
Tuesday—Friday ..... 9AM—2PM or by appointment

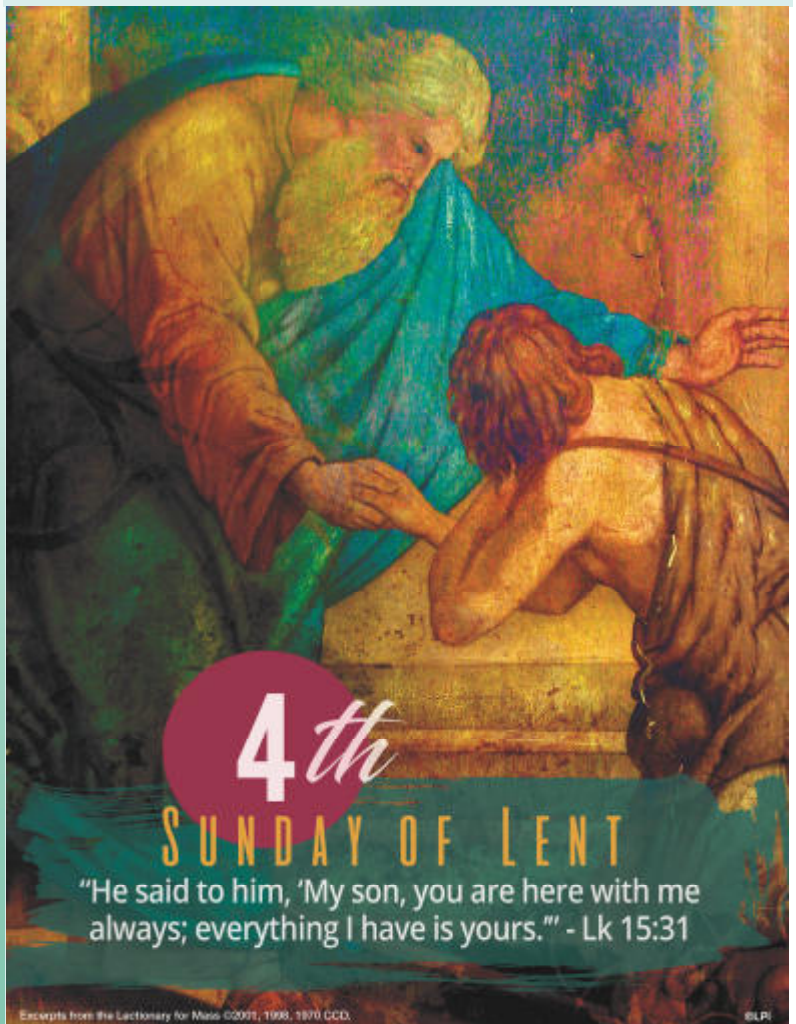
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### Announcement Highlights

- Coffee and donuts after 8:30am Mass
- Consider donating Easter Flowers in memory of or honor of loved ones. Envelopes in vestibule.
- Lent Pg 3: Small Groups, Stations, Fish Fry
- For 2018 contribution statement, email to [stpaulathal@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.



4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

**MASS INFORMATION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Holy Mass 5:00pm

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Holy Mass 8:30am *In Memory of John White*; 11:15am; 12:40pm (Spanish)

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 1** No Mass or Rosary

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2** Holy Mass 8:30am, (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3** Holy Mass 5:30pm (Chapel)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel)

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

Holy Mass 8:30am (Chapel) - John & Joan McGrory

*Rosary 30 minutes before Mass*

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Holy Mass 5:00pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7 • FIFTH 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: 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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54 - April Fool's Day

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47 - St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 - 5th Sunday of Lent

**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.

**FINANCIAL STEWARSHIP**

Offertory	Donations	Average Budget Need
March 23/24	\$6,373.35	\$11,521.32

**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)           | Adrian A. Brasseaux          |

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

4th Sunday of Lent

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**



- Romualdo & Irma Salgado ..... 24 yrs April 1
- John & Daisy McCormack ..... 37 yrs April 3
- Craig & Patricia Chappen ..... 40 yrs March 31

**The FOOD PANTRY is in need of:**

Cake mix, frosting, crackers and soup.  
*Thank you for your support.*



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



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

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Dios no nos obliga a nada. Más bien, Él nos da la libertad y los medios para vivir como adultos, asumiendo la responsabilidad de nuestras decisiones y la dirección que toman nuestras vidas. Como nuestro Padre amoroso, Él desea que nuestro hogar se haga con Él, pero entiende cuando elegimos perseguir nuestras propias pasiones y deseos, los cuales nos alejan de Él.

Tenemos que aprender nuestras propias lecciones si la conversión va a ser tangible y real. No podemos regresar a Dios simplemente porque se nos diga o porque se espera que lo hagamos. Tenemos que venir a Dios libremente, y cuando lo hacemos, Dios está allí con los brazos abiertos y amorosos, listos para darnos la bienvenida de regreso a casa.

¡Podemos celebrar porque estábamos muertos y hemos encontrado la vida otra vez!

- **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.**
- **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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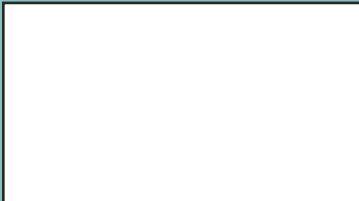


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