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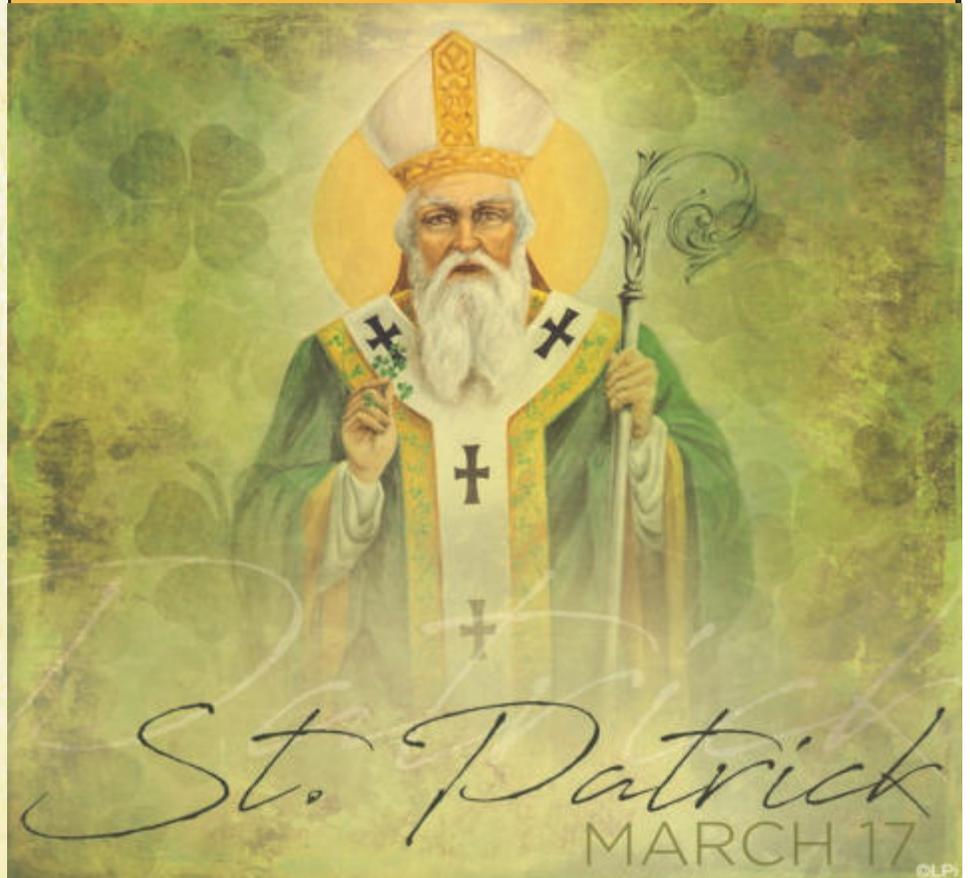
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 14, 2021: YEAR B



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Weekly bulletin articles must be submitted to Mrs. Helen Griffin before **9am on Wednesdays, 10 days prior** to publication.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil-5pm: Sunday-8am & 11am
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday-12:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday: 11am-12pm
Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm
Holy Days of Obligation: 12:15pm & 6:30pm
(Exceptions: Thanksgiving Day, December 25 & January 1 Mass at 10AM)
Adoration: First Friday 1:00pm with Benediction at 3:00pm
Join our parish in prayer:
The Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Monday-Friday 11:30am

Baptisms by Appointment
Marriages: Inquire a minimum of FOUR months prior to setting wedding date

March 14, 2021
Dear Friends in Christ,



*By wisdom a house is built,
by understanding it is established;
And by knowledge its rooms are filled
with every precious and pleasing possession.*
PROVERBS 24: 3-4

Our homes are not merely buildings that provide shelter, but rather are dwellings of respite and peace. Our homes are special places where our Catholic faith is passed on from generation to generation, where love is shared, and where memories are created. As your Bishop, please know that I pray that homes throughout our Diocese of Savannah are “domestic churches” where good values are learned and lived and discipleship is cherished. Every household must embrace the responsibility of determining the atmosphere for their home so that it is truly a place pleasing to God.

Modern technology has given us easy and affordable access to information and images, and has helped us to stay connected with one another, especially during this time of pandemic. Unfortunately, the internet and smart phones have also allowed access to information and images, specifically pornography, that are harmful to our relationships and to our souls. The introduction of pornography into a home is a dark reality that leads to brokenness of relationships, disrespect for the human body and even addiction. Statistics show that by age eleven many children have already viewed pornography online. The earlier a child is exposed to it, the deeper the wounds caused, and the more difficult it is to be freed from it. The statistics on adult usage of pornography are even more alarming. The moment to set good boundaries for internet usage is now.

Today throughout our Diocese, we are observing ***Safe Haven Sunday***. In each of our parishes, materials are available to help you make your home a ***Safe Haven*** for you and your family. I encourage you to prayerfully read the booklet entitled *Equipped*, which offers concrete assistance in setting good boundaries for technology and internet usage. Whether you are a household of one or of many, I ask you to take the booklet and prayer card and join with me and with the faithful across our Diocese in ensuring that our homes are sacred places where holiness, chastity, and purity are desired and valued.

Thank you for making your home a “domestic church” and a ***Safe Haven***. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this season of Lent and always. In a special way, I pray for those who are in need of help and healing from addiction. May you be courageous in setting good and healthy boundaries for your household and for your family. As we journey together this Lent and into the future, we will meet in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always*.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Stephen D. Parkes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Most Rev. Stephen D. Parkes,
DD
Bishop of Savannah

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Saturday, March 13th

5:00pm, Kimberly Picciuolo †

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14th

8:00am, Richard Craig †

11:00am, Missa Pro Populo

Monday, March 15th

12:15pm, NO Communion Service

Tuesday, March 16th

12:15pm, Beepske Selhorst †

Wednesday, March 17th

12:15pm, Martha Rice †

Thursday, March 18th

12:15pm, Gus & Nellie Ballman †

Friday, March 19th

12:15pm, Suffering Souls

6:30pm-Stations of the Cross

Readings for the Week

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14th

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 15th

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 16th

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17th; *St. Patrick*

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 18th

***St. Cyril of Jerusalem*; Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47**

Friday, March 19th; *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a**

Saturday, March 20th; *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21st

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45



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If you are hospitalized, homebound, or in a care facility, call the parish office at 706-722-4944. For Intercessory Prayer Line requests call Diana Plowman 706-228-4271 or 706-414-1611. **Call the office for your name or family member's name to be removed from the bulletin list; however, we will continue to pray for your or their intentions.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Thanks Mr. Bill for the twenty-one years of service to the Church of the Most Holy Trinity. Best Wishes, happy retirement!



FRIDAYS OF LENT
6:30pm-Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church the norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.



Most Holy Trinity; Thursday; March 18th;
6:30pm
St. Mary on the Hill; Wednesday, March 24th;
7:00pm
St. Joan of Arc (Louisville); Thursday, March 25th; 6:00pm
Sacred Heart (Waynesboro); Friday, March 26th;
6:00pm

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for weddings, to be Godparents, sponsors for Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy other services offered here at Most Holy Trinity. To verify if you are registered parishioners, call the parish office at 706-722-4944.

An active member is one who:

- Attends Sunday Masses and Holy Days
- Is registered in the parish rolls (census)
- Participates in parish activities often
- Uses the envelope system or donates online

Individual assessments will be made; however, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination. **To register go to the parish website www.themostholyltrinity.org click on links or call the office.**

IF YOU DO NOT GET ENVELOPES OR IS NOT ENROLLED IN ONLINE GIVING, YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER.



Our parish office will be closed on St. Patrick Day, March 17th. The office will reopen on Thursday, March 18th at 9:00am.

"Good Health to You." An Irish Blessing

Latin Mass

A Sung High Mass (Missa Cantata) will be here at Most Holy Trinity on **Sunday, March 21st at 1:00pm.** Fr. James Smith, of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter in Mableton, GA, will celebrate the Mass. A light reception afterwards in St. Francis Hall. All are welcome to attend. More information at augustalatinmass.org

Stewardship of Treasure

The amount collected for the offertory the weekend of:

March 6/7 is 20,787.39.

*Thank you for your generosity
and your love for Jesus' Church!*

Help Jesus in Disguise. The Second Collection this weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous!



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing.



MARCH 14, 2021

The Diocese of Savannah is setting aside this weekend as

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

in order to give focused time to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture; and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in the home.

After Mass, each household will be given Covenant Eyes' book *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*.



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Marriage Banns

The following couples will soon be married at Most Holy Trinity! May God bless them in their new vocation as they strive to live out the challenging, yet beautiful, plan of Jesus for Holy Marriage.

James H. Yeates, II & Kelli Pitts Augusta, GA
Stewart Lord & Rhea Obermeyer Augusta, GA
John McInnis & Kathleen May Savannah, GA
Jacob Cliatt & Trish Worley Augusta, GA
Zachary Jost & Elizabeth Brady Augusta, GA

Spring Marriage Prep Class

All engaged couples who plan to receive the sacrament of Matrimony in the coming months are required by the Diocese of Savannah to attend an approved Marriage Preparation Retreat. You will receive presentations by specially selected clergy. The presentations are intended to give your marriage a head-start on matters of scripture-based spirituality, communication, finances, commitment and family planning. The next retreat is scheduled in the St. Teresa Parish Life Center (4921 Columbia Rd, Grovetown), **on the weekend of May 21-22**. Lunch and snacks are provided. Please register as early as possible to facilitate planning for space, meals, and supplies. You can register online at st-teresa.com/matrimony or by calling the parish office 706-863-4956. For everyone's safety we ask you to please wear a mask and social distance.

Bulletin Deadlines

Deadline for **Palm Sunday** (March 28th) is **Tuesday, March 16th at 9:00am**.

Deadline for **Easter** (April 4th) is **Thursday, March 18th at 9:00am**.



The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is through March 28th.

This is a community-based campaign to draw attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Our campaign is from 8:00am - 8:00pm. Volunteers are needed during these times. Sign-up at www.40DAYSFORLIFE.com. Augusta's abortion mill is called a Woman's Preferred Choice, 2903 Professional Pkwy. For questions, contact Phil and Elizabeth O'Herron at 706-871-1930, or augusta40daysforlife@gmail.com. Please come pray with us! *Our campaign is generously sponsored by the Greater Augusta Chapter of Georgia Right to Life.*

"Saint Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

4th Sunday of Lent / March 14, 2021

First Reading:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

Psalm:

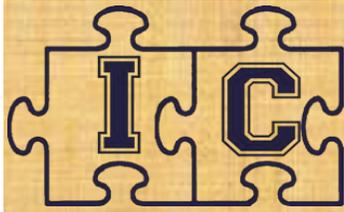
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16) ©LPi



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Teaching Catholicism To non-Catholic Students

Teaching religion in Catholic schools sometimes poses a unique challenge, simply because not all students are Catholic. It is the job of teachers and catechists to teach Catholicism to all students, however, the challenge comes with trying to make the precepts of the Catholic faith relevant for all students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

When teaching non-Catholic students, it is important to understand the tenets of the other religions that represent your students. Even though the curriculum laid out by the Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah is the only one being taught, teachers need to know how that curriculum differs from the other faiths represented in the classroom. This helps them to know what knowledge each student may already possess, and what knowledge may be completely foreign to them.

There are some common differences between Catholics and Protestants in general. Protestants do not have communion at every service, whereas Catholics have communion at every Mass. Catholics have different beliefs about communion (Eucharist). Where Protestants believe that communion is a SYMBOL of the body and blood of Christ, Catholics believe the bread and wine become the ACTUAL body and blood of Christ when it is consecrated during the Mass. There are also some differences between Catholic and Protestant Bibles. The Catholic Bible has 46 books in the Old Testament, whereas the Protestant Bible has 39.

That being said, it's vastly MORE important for us teachers of Catholicism to know what we have IN COMMON with the religions represented in our classrooms. Yes, we are here to teach Catholicism, but our ultimate goal should be to bring these children closer to God. The catechists should always, in every single lesson, point out what is true across all Christianity, and what is strictly Catholic. They should also try to give all students ideas about how they can take what they've learned into their own churches.

There are so many beliefs that we have in common with our Protestants brothers and sisters! We all profess a belief in God as Trinity. We all accept Christ as our savior and redeemer. We all believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. We have many common prayers that we share. The list of our commonalities is vast and gives us so much to work with in class!

It is always helpful to know the common misconceptions people have towards Catholicism, so that, as Catholics, we are ready to speak to those as they pop up in classrooms or in everyday conversations. Always emphasize that we hold Mary in very high esteem; we honor her as the sinless mother of our savior. But we do NOT worship her as we do Christ. Learning about saints has proven to be a favorite activity among many students, but the teacher must remind students that, like Mary, we honor saints as examples for us on how to live holy lives, but we do not worship them.

Keeping literature on "apologetics" handy is extremely helpful. Apologetics is the study of why Catholics believe as we do. This information is especially important when questions pop up for which a Catholic might not have an answer. This is especially relevant with older students, who may have more questions than younger students.

Above all, we teachers and catechists must be respectful of other beliefs and faiths. It is very important that we teach our students to have that same respect. There is so much we have in common, and so much we still have to learn about each other and our beliefs! I think it often surprises kids of other faiths to find out that Catholicism isn't so very different from their own beliefs.

By: Becky Bresnahan, High School Religion Teacher



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass or Masses said for someone living or deceased, come to the parish office in St. Francis Hall. The Diocese of Savannah has suggested a stipend of \$10 per Mass please. Masses can longer be accepted over the phone or via email.



Intercollegiate Retreat 2021

Let us rejoice for Christ is Risen! All college students and college-aged young adults are invited to attend our annual intercollegiate retreat where students from across South Georgia come together to pray and worship our Lord. This year we will walk with the two disciples from the Road to Emmaus and relate their journey towards Christ with ours, especially during these turbulent times.

When: April 9-11, 2021; Where: Camp Grace Roberta, GA

Cost: \$75 Through – March 27 | \$90 March 28 – April 4; Sign up/More Information:

<https://diosav.org/campus-ministry/intercollegiate-retreat>

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An Irish Blessing*

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Pro-Life - *“We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God: that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.”* ~U. S. Catholic Bishops,

Prayer Gatherings in front of the abortion mill:

Every Wednesday, 7AM to 8AM

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk, multi-denominational)

First and Third Friday of Every Month, 5-6:00pm

(Gary Garner- Crosswalk. multi-denominational)

First Tuesday of Every Month, 12:30pm

(Bill Jackson- Rosary)

For more information, please contact George Vozniak, 706-726-1269, GVozniak@aol.com. For **additional events**, visit our website: www.grtlaugusta.wordpress.com.



Please register as soon as you move into the parish community. Fill in this form return it by mail to PO Box 2446, Augusta, GA 30903 or sign up online at www.themostholytrinity.org.

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