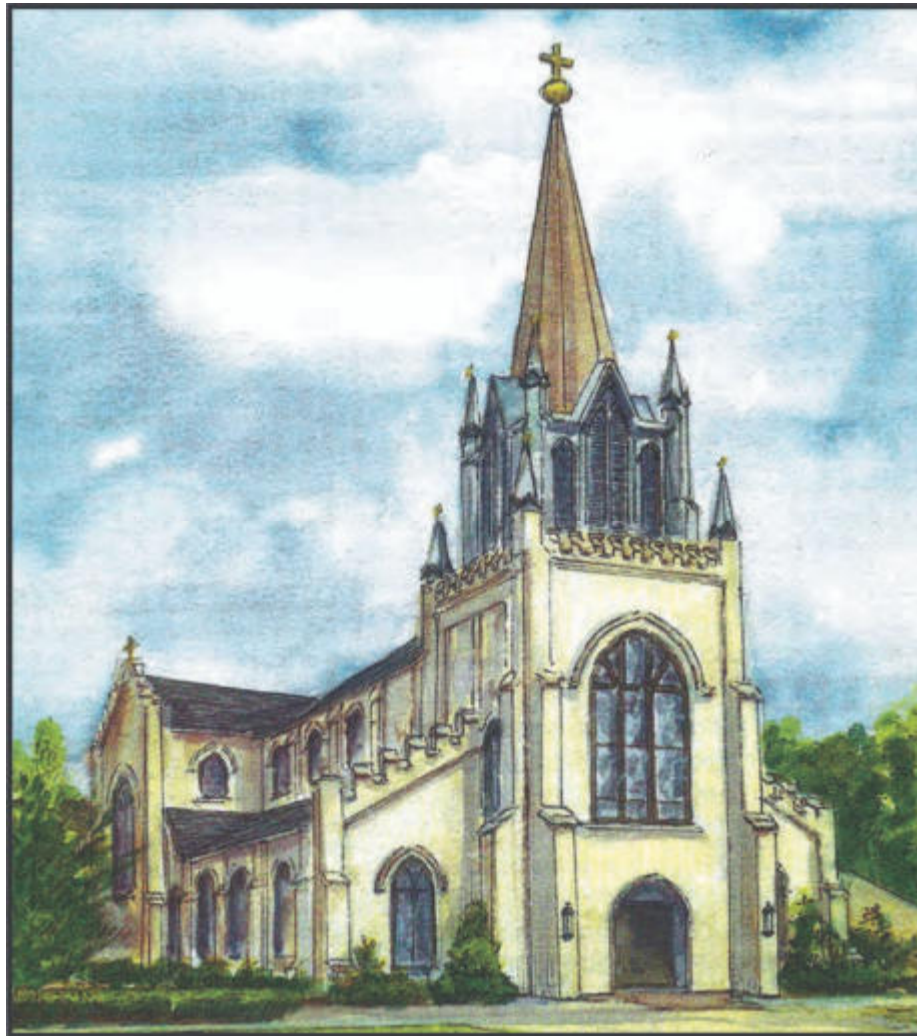


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Mass Schedule

Saturday:
5:00 p.m.
Sunday:
11:00 a.m.
Holy Days:
12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Daily (Except Wednesday): 12:10 p.m.
Confessions: Not Available At This Time
Weddings: 4 Month Notice
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March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent
Psalm 25(24):15-16

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.
Hide not your face from me.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent after the 12:10 PM Mass

Sunday March 14, 2021

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

FOR OUR SICK : Judge Michael Cielinski, Joyce Waters, Mitzi Crowe, Mehret Berhan, Pat Mullane, Jimmy White, Rachael Sandri, Jason Janney, Dylan Presley, Isla Grace Mahoney (10 Months old), Mary Garcia, Noah Beals, Bob Crawford, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Matthew Galapon, Shelby Holley, Dickie Minter, Jack Kasych, Bobby Murphy, Mathieu Rebidue, Larry Imo, Margaret Buckner, Vivian Gluck, Edwina Cruz, Skip Baker, Robert Daniels, Mary Slavik, Barry Carroll, Nasaneth Yohannes, Joseph Burke, Charles Smith, Leigh & Van Dupriest, James Dalton, Carrie Miller, Deborah Khoury, Richard Grantham, Elizabeth Grey, Charles D. Woody, Roberta Battersby, John Redman, Dorothy J. Gallagher, Jeffrey Victor, Pat Roper, Kendra Haddock, Sharon Pritchett, Vivian Bonamy, Tom McAvoy, Chris Batastini, Monika Waller, Joe Waller, Lewis Brewer, Darrell Wilson, Rose Tully, Robin Bangart, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Sandi Smith, Jessica Watts, Joseph Picariello, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest.

THE RITE OF ELECTION for the candidates of our parish family was held during the 11 o'clock Mass on February 21st. The rite is an important part of the RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) journey. In it we embrace those who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. It is also a moment of commitment by the seekers. Our elect this year: **Christian and Pam Wilson, with their sons Giovanni and Luther; Kate Lokkesmoe, Claire Byrd, John Hope and Reid Gibbs.** RCIA is not a "class". It is a process of evangelization and conversion. This happens by listening to, reflecting on, and seeing our lives through the lens of the word of God, especially the word as proclaimed throughout the Sundays of the liturgical year. The facilitators at our Wednesday night meetings are Deacon DeWayne Tillman, Nick and Myong Hope, George Gudz, Karen and Jim Anspaugh, but an integral member of the team is – **YOU!** Initiation of candidates is the responsibility of all the baptized. In the Acts of the Apostles, the final thing Jesus says to the disciples is, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (1:8). Know that your witness is a powerful tool of evangelization - the way you live, the way you talk, the way you act, in all you do. Your faith has encouraged and drawn our candidates closer to the Lord. Know the power of even your wordless witness. Let us pray for our candidates and continue to open our hearts in hospitality as the Vigil approaches and beyond.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. This year the theme is “Steadfast in Faith.” Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year’s appeal a success. Our parish target is \$58,676 and we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to our ability. Last year our target was \$59,925. – our contributions totaled \$50,095.60 which was 83.60% of our goal. We had 102 donors which means that 17.62% of our families participated. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others. To watch the video from Bishop Parkes on the Annual Appeal go to: www.diosav.org and click on the video entitled Steadfast in Faith.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday	March 6	Randy Schmidt	Memorial
Sunday	March 7	Pro Populo	
Monday	March 8	Pray for our Parish	
Tuesday	March 9	Joseph Sandri	Birthday
Thursday	March 11	Pray for our Parish	
Friday	March 12	Patricia Hallen	Memorial
Saturday	March 13	Patricia Hallen	Memorial

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOST MINISTERS</u>
Sat. March 6	5:00 PM.	Lula Huff	Kathy Oates, Eleanor Balauitan, Ish Nazario
Sun. March 7	11:00 AM	Tamara Huff	Dcn Tillman, Dave & Linda Turner

SUNDAY READINGS – MARCH 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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)



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.

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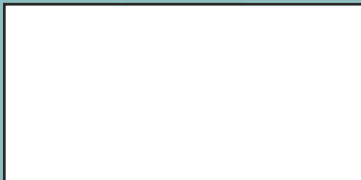
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