Sacraments

Baptisms  Arrangements should be made in advance.
Confessions  Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
                     Saturdays: 11:00 am to 11:45 am
                     Also by request at other times.
Weddings
Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Please call parish office for more information.
Anointing of the Sick  By request for those who are seriously ill.

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INTROIT

Iudica me Deus

Mode IV

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning, rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. Psalm 42

HYMN

DUKE STREET

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;

What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;

He lives, my everlasting Head!
He lives, to help in time of need.
He lives, to bring me safely there.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Vatican XVII

1., 3. Lord, have mercy. 2. Christ, have mercy
COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I
Thus says the Lord GOD:
O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,
Ezekiel 37:12–14

O my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 130

Psalm 130
Proulx

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.
If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.
For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

READING II
Romans 8:8–11

Brothers and sisters:
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh;
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him.

But if Christ is in you,
although the body is dead because of sin,
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Bower

Glo- ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.
GOSPEL

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how much he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.
CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Lord, hear our prayer.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You.
Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life.

Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Inclina Domine

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.
Preserve my soul, for I am holy: my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.
Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon you. Psalm 85

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SANCTUS

Cantor, then All:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then All:

Ho-san-na in the high-est, in the high-est.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN


AGNUS DEI

First, misere- re no-bis. 2. Do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When the Lord saw the sisters of Lazarus in tears near the tomb,
he wept in the presence of the Jews and cried:
“Lazarus, come forth.” And he came out, hands and feet bound,
the man who had been dead for four days. John 11
LIVING THE EUCHARIST PRAYER

Loving God, you called us each by name and gave your Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us. Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak his name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share his love with those who are far away.

We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. May they come to know his all-surpassing love. May that love transform every element of our society. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When shall I come to thee? Your joys when shall I see? of the same Par - tak - er ev - er be!

2. There Mag - da - lene has left her tears, And cheerful ly does sing With bles - sed saints, whose har - mo - ny In ev - 'ry street does ring.

3. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see Your end - less joy, and
Hello Cathedral Parishioners! I take this opportunity to write to you, via email, just to say “hello” and to assure you that you are all in our prayers here at the Cathedral Rectory! I especially want to let our “seniors” know that we are praying for you and for your good health. This is a scary time. Perhaps not since the yellow fever epidemic of the 1850’s has the Church in Georgia faced such a problem. Last Sunday at the Cathedral, at the Mass which was livestreamed, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh preached and reminded us all of the wonderful words of St. Teresa of Avila: “Let nothing trouble you, let nothing make you afraid. All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains everything. God alone is enough.”

As a result of the Mayor’s order to “shelter-in-place” the Cathedral will be closed until the 8th of April. We will assess the situation accordingly after that date. Archbishop Hartmayer has directed the Priests and Parishes of the Diocese to plan not to celebrate public liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. Those liturgies will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Archbishop and the Priests of the Cathedral, and will be available via livestream for our parishioners and for the whole Diocese of Savannah. I encourage you to set aside time to watch them, via livestream, and participate in them. The schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, April 5th**, Palm Sunday Mass – 10:00 AM.
- **Tuesday, April 7th**, Mass of the Chrism – 7:00 PM.
- **Thursday, April 9th**, Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00 PM.
- **Friday, April 10th**, Liturgy of the Passion - 12:00 PM.
- **Friday, April 10th**, Stations of the Cross – 3:00 PM.
- **Saturday, April 11th**, Easter Vigil Mass – 8:30 PM.
- **Sunday, April 12th**, Easter Sunday Mass – 10:00 AM.

I would also encourage everyone to pray the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, which has been provided by the US Conference of Bishops, for assistance and healing during this time of pandemic. It is included in the bulletin today. I also recommend praying the Rosary with your family during these days. Although we are not able to hear confessions during this time, I encourage everyone, as the Holy Father and Archbishop Hartmayer have said, to confess one’s sins with genuine sorrow to God and to make a sincere act of contrition, and to resolve to seek confession as soon as the circumstances will allow.

Finally, I know that everyone is suffering because of the downturn of the economy, loss of jobs and loss of income. But if you are able to give, as you always do so generously, please remember the Cathedral. Our revenue has been reduced substantially and we will have difficulty paying the regular bills and the payroll. Please send or mail in your envelopes and regular contributions! The online giving is a wonderful option. Just go to [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org) and click on the green button for online giving. You can sign up to give automatically. If you have any problems signing up, you can email Brenda at [cathedralext@aol.com](mailto:cathedralext@aol.com).

Although the Parish Office is closed at this time, please don’t hesitate to call at 912-233-4709 if you have any questions or particular needs. May God bless you during these difficult days and grant you his peace.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
La Pieta Finally Inside the Cathedral after 57 years

According to an article published in the Savannah Evening Press on July 30, 1963, the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences gave a 1,000 pound marble statue of the Crucified Christ, cradled in the arms of the Madonna, similar to the famed “Pieta” by Michelangelo, to Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The three foot high, half ton work of art, was executed in Florence in 1856 by Italian sculptor Domenico Menconi, who was known for religious figure carved marble sculpture. It was brought to America by cotton merchant Charles Green, who built and resided in the well-known Savannah mansion, the Green-Meldrim House located on Madison Square.

Since the statue was in the Green Mansion during the Civil War, it was no doubt viewed by General William Tecumseh Sherman during his sojourn in Savannah, when he stayed in the house. In his book, “Sherman’s March,” the author Burke Davis, seems to confirm this when he describes the Green Mansion as one of the city’s most striking houses, “a blend of Georgian and Victorian Gothic, with battlements, a cast-iron porch and stained-glass windows, it’s rooms filled with Italian sculpture and European canvases.”

It became part of the collection of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences around the turn of the century, when the statue was given to the museum by Charles Green’s daughter. And in the 1960s, at the suggestion of his granddaughter, that “La Pieta be placed in a more religious setting where it could be better seen”, it was donated to the Cathedral. Accepted on behalf of the Cathedral by Rector, Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, unfortunately the statue was placed on the 2nd floor of the Rectory and has not been widely viewed for the past 57 years.

Earlier this week it was moved into the Cathedral where it will finally “be in a more religious setting where it could be better seen.” It was placed on the left side of the entry to the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel across from the painting of Our Lady of Good Counsel, which is next to the Annunciation stained glass window. These beautiful works of art create a holy tableaux of the role of Mary, the Mother of God, in Jesus’ life. She was with Him when He came into this world as well as at the end of His life when He was crucified, died and was buried.

Many thanks to Jackson Walker of Sea Island Bonded Storage and his crew Brian Tippen and Kendrick Green plus Omar Elkhalidi and Jimmy Sheehan for making this happen.
As we enter this final week before Holy Week, the narrative of Jesus’ life on earth builds to a climax. In the Gospels of the last two weeks, Jesus gave water to those who thirsted and light to those who could not see. Water and light are essentials of life. Today we hear Jesus giving life itself to someone who has died. The giver of water and light is also the giver of life itself. Let us thank God for the gift of our Savior as we prepare for the final two weeks of Lent.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 29, 2020

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- William Thomas Duffy
- Anna Chuc Nguyen
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
- Intentions of Patrick Eng
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

TUESDAY
- Gertrude Boland
- David Ferraro

WEDNESDAY
- Intentions of Joanne Johansen
- Anna Chuc Nguyen

THURSDAY

FRIDAY
- Barbara DeBerardinis

SATURDAY
- John Thang Dang

Social Apostolate
Still Feeding the Homeless!

Due to the public health emergency declared by Governor Brian Kemp and the CDC recommendation to limit gatherings to 10 people or less, we have had to make some changes here at the Social Apostolate. Effective immediately, the thrift store is closed for sales. Donations of clothing and household items will not be accepted. For now, the Crisis Intervention Office and Shower Program will remain open, but clients will be seen by appointment only. Please contact us (912) 233-1877 to schedule an appointment.

Although we are no longer able to serve meals in our dining room, we would still like to continue to feed the homeless of downtown Savannah by providing them with a bag of food they can use to prepare lunch at their campsite, but we need your help!...

We are in need of sliced bread, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup, canned spaghetti or ravioli, crackers, peanuts, and bottles of water. Donations of food can be dropped off at the Social Apostolate Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:00 PM.
Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.