



St. Paul of the Cross

Roman Catholic Church
551 Harwell Road, NW Atlanta, GA 30313

"... Welcome the stranger, serve the poor, free the oppressed, speak out for justice, and love one another."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21st , 2014



Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renew in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may some day share Your glory. We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!

Opening Our Hearts to Christ and to the World
Abriendo Nuestros Corazones a Cristo y al Mundo

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Goolsby, *Deacon*
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Served by the Passionist Community
Founded in 1954

Parish Information

MASSES

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. (*Español*)

10:00 a.m. (*English*)

1:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. *Communion Service*

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. *Communion Service*

4:30 p.m. *Saturday Vigil Mass (English)*

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Mass: 12:00 noon. (*followed by Exposition*)

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m. *Benediction:* 8:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (*or contact the office for an appt.*)

Sacrament of Baptism

First and Third Sundays (except during Lent)

Preparation Class: 2nd Saturdays of each month.

Contact the office for information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before setting a date.

Anointing and Visitation of the Sick

Contact the Pastor or the Parochial Vicar

Adult Faith Enrichment

Bible Study: Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

The Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,
With this fourth and last Sunday of Advent, we enter into a very short week of final preparation for the Feast of our Lord's Nativity. This blessed season of Advent glides in and out of our lives so smoothly — almost imperceptibly — that we are left wondering how it happened so quickly. Which leads me to think that we ought to observe a "Little Advent" in November just to gear up for this swift running month that pauses for no one as it moves steadily on its course.

It is a pity that this December has been so filled with distractions. I am not referring so much to those little events among American Christians that anticipate "Christmas," though I do wonder how they crept into Advent. No! I am concerned more about the bigger problems—challenges, if you will—that confront us: the global and national divisiveness that underlies so much of the unrest and disillusionment and pain that taint the lives of so many good people. The never-ending struggle for basic human rights not just overseas, but sadly even in this country! How do you welcome Christ into this messy world? Realistically, though, has the world ever been otherwise? The scale may be greater today, but our situation is no different than that in any other age. Which is precisely why "the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us." That Word will continue to enter our messy world until the end of time not in some magical way, but through people like us and untold others who stand in the shadow of the cross, even as you and I gather around the radiant crib. Both they and we are called to proclaim the same message in our day to our world. May the Spirit strengthen and inspire us to deliver it.

- Fr. Jerome, C.P.

STEWARDSHIP

God bless you for your self-sacrificing generosity.

Dec, 13-14, 2014: \$10,985.00 **Needed: \$10,170.00**
(Includes mail-in contributions and all listed below)

Offertory:	\$7,640.00
KPCLA Donation	\$1,000.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$975.00
Immaculate Conception	\$526.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$411.00
Holy Christmas	\$220.00
All Souls	\$55.00
All Saints	\$50.00
Catholic Charities	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Georgia Bulletin	\$23.00
Religious Education Program	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00

Our Condolences.....

To Mr. John De Foor and family on the loss of his beloved wife,
Minnie De Foor
who passed from this life on December 12th, 2014 and whose funeral will take place on December 22nd, at 12pm at Saint Paul of the Cross.

Also

To Mrs. Daisy Barhams and family on the loss of her beloved sister,
Clifford Mary Jones
Who passed from this life on December 12th 2014.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

Let us keep Mr. De Foor and Mrs. Barhams and all the family in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 21 — December 28, 2014

SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m.: *People of the Parish*

MONDAY 12:00 pm: *Funeral Mass for Mrs. Minnie De Foor.*

TUESDAY, 7:30 am: *Passionist Benefactors*

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 pm: *Communion Service*

CHRISTMAS MASSES: *see This Week at a Glance*

FRIDAY, 9:00 am: *Priest's Intention*

SATURDAY, 9:00 am: *Communion Service*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 21 2014

11:45 am: Religious Education

11:30 am: KPCLA meeting (*Spiritual Center*)

3:00 pm : Epworth Towers

3:00 pm : KPC 4 (*Spiritual Center*)

Monday, December 22

12:00 pm: *Funeral Mass for Mrs. Minnie De Foor*

2:00 pm: Legion of Mary (*Media Room*)

Tuesday, December 23

English Prayer Group - cancelled until 01/06/2015

Wednesday, December 24 -Christmas—Mass Special Schedule

4:30 pm *Bilingual Mass*

7:30 pm *Spanish Mass*

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas—Mass Special Schedule

12:00 am *Midnight English Mass*

10:00 am *English Mass*

1:00 pm *Spanish Mass*

Friday, December 26 - Christmas—Mass Special Schedule

9:00 am *Mass*

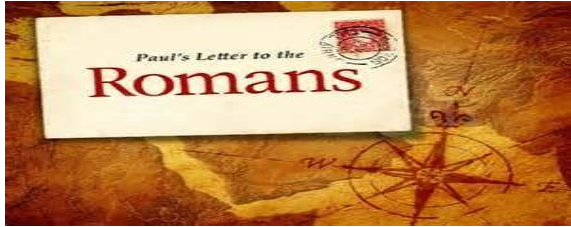
Saturday, December 27

11:00 am Lector Prep. Session (*Media Room*)

10:00 am CSC (*Media Room*)

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
 Daisy Johnson, Mary Williams, Philip Wiltz,
 Leslie Collins, William Crowder,
 Grace Hinds, Daisy Barham, Mary Wiggins,
 Jeanie Sadler, Marynell Brooks,
 Ida M. Woods, Myrna Yancey



Come and study the Word

If you are interested in studying the Word of God, Bible study will begin the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans* on **January 8th, 2015**. Please contact Linda Ryan at 70-489-1813 so you are able to receive the handout materials prior to January 8th.

ONGOING ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 The next formal season of Adult Religious Education will begin **Wednesday, January 7, 2015**
 Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for further details.

SACRED SPACE

The Advent & Christmas reflection booklet by Bishop Robert F. Morneau is no longer available; however, *Sacred Space*, the Advent/Christmas Season booklet by the Irish Jesuits, is available now. A limited number of copies available at no cost following Mass today.

2nd Edition

Lead Me, Guide Me Hymn Book



In honor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish's 60th Anniversary, the Worship Commission has asked parishioners to donate the **2th Edition *Lead Me, Guide Me Hymnal*** in memory of or in honor of their family and/or family member(s). Each donated hymnal will include a label on the inner cover page acknowledging the donor. **Already well over 200 hymnals have been reserved. Our goal is 300 copies.** Please see a member of the Worship Commission or a Choir member in the Baptistery to complete a donation form and make your check payable to St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. The cost of each hymnal is \$20.00.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014

Please note:
Final Pledge Reminders were sent December 15, 2014.
For IRS purposes, all gift payments must be postmarked by December 31



Congratulations on the baptism of

Ximena Nicole

On December 14th, 2014 at Saint Paul of the Cross.

Parents: Leoncio and Enedina Hernandez

Godfather: Esteban Vasquez

Priest: Fr. Alberto Cabrera, CP

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 28th:** Feast of the Holy Family
- Jan. 1st, 2015: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace
- Jan. 4th: The Epiphany of the Lord "Little Christmas"
- Jan. 11th: The Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 15th, 17th, 18th: Weekend Celebration of MLK, Jr.
- Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Jan, 22nd: Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn

OUR PARISH STAFF

- Ms. Patricia Elguera, *Administrative Assistant*
- Ms. Alison Mason, *Adult Faith Formation*
- Ms. Veronica Hodges-Johnson, *Religious Education*
- Ms. Kristi Crawford, *Youth Ministry*
- Dr. Lawrence Weaver, *Music Director*
- Dr. Gregory Nash, *Music Associate*
- Mr. Elmer Cortez, *Bookkeeper*
- Mr. Eric Mannings, *Facilities Manager*
- Mr. Edgardo Rubio, *Custodian*

Promise to Protect. Pledge to Heal.

We want to help you get your life back.
YOU matter. YOU are family.
 We are here to listen and take action!

To report abuse by church personnel:



Archdiocese of Atlanta
 24 Hour Reporting Hotline
888-437-0764





Velen y *preparense*, Jesús llega.

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Santa Misa en Español: Domingos, 7 a.m. y 1 p.m.

Todos los Miércoles a las 7:30 p.m. en la capilla.

Horas de Oficina: Lunes - Jueves, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

P. Alberto Cabrera, cp.: 347.819.5968

Numero de Teléfono (Oficina): 404-696-6704

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Educación Religiosa: Se ofrece a niños desde los 4 a los 18 años. Las clases son antes de la Misa de 11:45 - 12:30, de Agosto 24 a Mayo.



BAUTISMO:

Para toda información y preparación tiene que comunicarse con:

Alma Robles: 678-717-9619 o con

Antonia Pacheco: 770-891-6765



SANTO ROSARIO: Todos los Domingos

a partir de las 12:30 p.m. nos prepararemos para la celebración de la Santa Misa con el rezo del Santo Rosario. Como la Santísima Virgen acompaña a los Apóstoles en la espera de la resurrección del

Señor, así **queremos que Ella nos acompañe el para encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía.**



CONFESIONES:

* Durante la semana a cualquier hora en la Rectoría.

* Los domingos antes de la Misa de 1:00 p.m.



MATRIMONIOS:

Juan O. y Luz Pacheco: 770-823-1938



PRESENTACION DE LOS NIÑOS: Llamar,

por favor a Ofelia González: 706-659-6043



QUINCEAÑERAS: Las responsable son:

Araceli Hernández: 404-964-8121 o

Mirna García: 678-791-6110

Diciembre 21, 2014

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

• **Resumiendo el mensaje del Adviento**

En los Domingos pasados, la Palabra de Dios nos ha hablado de un adviento, de espera, que apunta hacia el futuro de plenitud que algún día alcanzaremos, pero que al mismo tiempo compromete al creyente a mantener una actitud de **VIGILANCIA** atenta a los valores del Evangelio (Primer Domingo).

Esta esperanza activa tiene que tener una expresión muy concreta: **anunciar el consuelo que Dios dará al pueblo de Israel y comprometer la vida propia a ser portadores, de palabra y de obra, de este mensaje de Dios, por que El ya nos ha enviado a su hijo Jesucristo** (Segundo Domingo).

Esta esperanza empapada de amor transforma el espíritu del creyente y vive en la **ALEGRÍA** de la proximidad siempre alentadora de Dios (Tercer Domingo).

Este cuarto Domingo va a fijar nuestra atención en el inmediato cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios pero con unos matices altamente interesantes que nos pueden ayudar a colocarnos adecuadamente en el marco de los planes de Dios.

• **¿Cómo honrar a Dios?**

El libro de Samuel presenta la figura del rey David en un momento de grandeza y de poder. Desea honrar a Dios y transformar el lugar donde reside el arca de la alianza en una casa digna de El. Sin embargo, la mayor manera de rendir alabanza a Dios **será permitiendo que El nos honre a nosotros**. Nuestras obras son importantes, pero lo son mas las suyas. Es provechoso promover iniciatias en clave evangélica, pero lo es mucho mas reconocer lo que El ya ha hecho por nosotros. Mas que gastar energías en el proyecto de lo que el hombre puede hacer por Dios nos urge **discernir en el silencio y al oración el Proyecto que Dios tiene sobre nosotros**. En los momentos de éxitos y bonanza, la tentación de soberbia puede desplazar la centralidad de Dios al olvido o al recuerdo vago y estéril. Sacerdotes y laicos necesitamos **ahondar en todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros**. Esta es la gran tarea que debemos encarar y asumir con total convicción si queremos en verdad agradar a Dios y colaborar con El en la Obra de la Redención realizada por Cristo. El nos invita a esta gran misión. Formar el Nuevo Pueblo de Dios en la justicia y en la verdad. En otras palabras viviendo de acuerdo al evangelio. A los diez mandamientos.

Que este sea nuestro propósito y nuestro esfuerzo en esta Navidad del 2014.

P. Alberto, CP.

MINISTROS EL 28 DICIEMBRE 2014

Lectores: Sabas Valverde – Maria Ramos

Ministros de la Eucaristía: Roberto y Ofelia Gonzalez– David y Alicia Venancio Cruz

Guías: Roberto González; Araceli Hernández; Juan Pacheco; Antonia Pacheco—Verónica Cruz

Monaguillos: Eddie Coronado—Kevin Ramirez