



St. Paul of the Cross

Roman Catholic Church
551 Harwell Road, NW Atlanta, GA 30318

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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2015



... And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Mathew 3:17

Welcome!
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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,

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to a conclusion the rather brief liturgical season of Christmas. But we have had some very beautiful and meaningful celebrations over these past few weeks of the Mystery of God's becoming one with us in Jesus, and I hope that we will all be able to savor this unbelievable Event for some time as we now move into a few weeks of "Ordinary Time."

Lent will be upon us before we know it—Ash Wednesday occurs February 18th — and so we will take up the task of preparing for another great Event that reveals the real meaning of the Nativity — the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Savior. All of our life as Christians pivots around these two realities which actually are two different aspects of the fundamental mystery of God's love for us.

This "Ordinary Time" is the first of several which will occur over the course of this year, each spaced between the other great liturgical seasons so that we might have time to weave the mystery of God's love for us into the day-in-day-out ordinariness of our lives. Rather, better put, so that God can do the weaving. As Christians we are called to live out in our own lives the mystery of God's love and thus impact the world of which we are a part. This requires work of us: working at our prayer life, at bettering our relationships with others, and, in the process, opening ourselves up more to God's will. When this happens, it should come as no surprise that extraordinary things often do occur in the ordinary times of our lives. This certainly has been the experience of the saints. There is no reason why it cannot be ours as well. May you have the best of times in the ordinary times of your life.

— Fr. Jerome, C.P.



Our Condolences.....

To Mr. Jose Gordillo and family on the loss of his beloved mother,
Alejandrina Carbajal
who passed from this life on January 6, 2014 in Mexico.

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

Let us keep Mr. Gordillo and all the family in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 4—10 2015

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

*MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
7:30 a.m. : Living and Deceased Passionist Benefactors*

*WEDNESDAY, 7:30 a.m. and SATURDAY, 9:00 a.m.:
Communion Service*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 11, 2015 *The Baptism of the Lord*

9:00 am Rosary

11:45 am Religious Education Classes

Monday, January 12

2:00 pm: Legion of Mary

7:30 pm: ESL Teachers Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

10:00 am: Jolly Bunch

7:00 pm English Prayer Group

7:00 pm: Pastoral Council

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 pm Catholic Adult Education

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Spanish Mass

Thursday, January 15

3pm—4pm Bible Study

7:00 pm: Finance Council

Friday, January 16

6:30 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Saturday, January 17

1:00 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Celebration
at Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 3-4, 2015: \$ 11,645.00
(Includes mail-in contributions)

Needed: \$10,170.00

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| <i>Offertory:</i> | \$10,000.00 |
| <i>Solemnity of Mary, January 1st</i> | \$669.00 |
| <i>Georgia Bulletin</i> | \$393.00 |
| <i>Initial Offering</i> | \$280.00 |
| <i>Holy Christmas</i> | \$275.00 |
| <i>Religious Education Program</i> | \$20.00 |
| <i>Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry</i> | \$10.00 |
| <i>2015 Lector Workbook</i> | \$10.00 |

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| Capital Campaign Goal: | \$900,000.00 |
| <i>Pledges Received to Date:</i> | <i>\$626,699.00</i> |
| <i>Payments Received as of Sept 21, 2014:</i> | <i>\$512,372.8</i> |

Capital Campaign Contributions may be made up to the end of June 2016.

2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is carried out every year from January to December to raise funds for the support of many of its operations, some of which directly benefit our parish.

A goal is set each year for every parish based on a certain percentage of the previous year's income. **The goal set for St. Paul of the Cross for the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is \$38,300.00.** If the combined pledges of individual parishioners/families do not match this goal, the parish as a whole becomes responsible for the balance of the payment. On Commitment weekend, February 7-8, 2015, please pledge according to both your conscience and to your means. As Catholics we are called to support not only our own parish church but also the Archdiocesan and Universal Churches, for we are all one body sharing the same Life, caring responsibly for one another.

OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

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,
William Leggett.



CPR Training at St. Paul on Saturday,
January 31st 2015

CPR (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation),
there will be pre-registrations
after each Mass this weekend and next.

For any questions or concerns please contact Lavata Carter 678-755-9068 .

BUILDING YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE IT STARTS

Building your Marriage before It Starts, is a one-day parish-based marriage preparation workshop developed by Grace and Growth Counseling Center and Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

When: Saturday, January 24th 2015

Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church 4465 Northside Drive
NW Atlanta, GA 30327

Presenters: Licensed Clinical Social worker, Mary E. Hughes and Linda Sweeney team with Fr. Paul Burke and Stephen and Ellen Cocks, a married couple of the parish.

Cost: \$150 per couple.

Registration is required by January 20, 2015. for more information or to register, please contact Tracey Pucci at 404-252-4513 or tpucci@hscat.com.



Any adults interested in becoming an Acolyte at St. Paul please contact Julius Gamble at 770-500-7552. We are having a Training and Scheduling meeting on Saturday, January 24th, 2015 at 2pm in the Media Room.



New Congregational Hymnal for a New Year!

Last weekend we introduced the 2nd Edition of *Lead Me Guide Me* hymnal to the congregation. **Please note that we are following a new procedure with the new hymnals. As you enter the church, you will be given your hymnal by a Minister of Hospitality and you are asked to return your hymnal to a Minister of Hospitality before you depart the church. No hymnals are to be left in the pews.** This may take a bit of an adjustment, but our intention is to safeguard the hymnals and maintain them in good condition. Your cooperation is essential and appreciated.

On the front inside page of the hymnal, you will find a label indicating the person or persons to whose memory or in whose honor that hymnal has been dedicated as well as the name of the donor. May we suggest that you offer a prayer for those persons?

As you page through the 2nd edition of *Lead Me Guide Me*, you will note some differences in comparison with the 1st edition. For example, the music for several new Masses suited for community participation has been included. Some old familiar hymns are missing but a variety of newer hymns is spread throughout the book waiting to be sung.

The Worship Commission spearheaded the purchase of our new hymnals as part of our commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the parish. **If you have not yet donated a hymnal you may still do so by contacting a member of the Worship Commission or a Minister of Hospitality. The donation for each hymnal is \$20.** We are grateful to all who have supported this worthy cause.



UPCOMING EVENT

- 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 the Unborn
- Jan. 25th: Parish Assembly immediately after 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Feb. 1st: National Day of Prayer for the African-American Family
- Feb. 2nd: World Day for Consecrated Life
- Feb. 18th: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 21: Parish Liturgy Workshop—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Ministry Repast Team Retires

For many years a faithful and devoted group of now older parishioners have provided a wonderful repast for bereaved families following the funeral of their loved ones. After thoughtful consideration, the Pastoral Ministry Team decided that they were no longer capable of providing this service and informed me that, as of December 31st, they would relinquish this responsibility.

Having consulted both the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, I have decided regretfully that due to our limited pool of human and other resources, we will no longer be able to continue this service to bereaved families. However, we will continue to provide facilities free of charge for funeral repasts as well as a list of recommended local caterers. Relying on the understanding of parishioners, and with profound thanks to the Pastoral Ministry Repast Team, I am Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jerome McKenna, C.P., Pastor

Attention Families with Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School age children:

A representative of **Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School** will talk at our church (after each Mass) on Sunday, January 25, 2015 to inform us about the school and its application process.

Also, **Saint Peter Claver** will be holding an Open House to give families a tour of the school and to learn about their educational program, application, and admissions process. For more information contact Meaghan Schroeder at 404-241-3063 ext. 119 or mschroeder@spc-school.org.

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*

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ACTIVIDADES PASTORAL HISPANA

Bautismo: Todos los meses en el Segundo Domingo, previa preparación,

Matrimonio: Febrero, Mayo y Septiembre los días Lunes a las 7:00 p.m.

Catequesis de Adultos: Enero, Marzo, Abril, Junio, Septiembre y Octubre los días Martes a las 7:30 p.m.

Quinceañeras: Febrero los días 7 y 14 de 8:00am a 1:00pm

¡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

Numero de Teléfono (Emergencia): 304-280-3588

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 acompañó 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

Enero 11, 2015

EL BAUTISMO DE JESUS

Mis queridos Hermanos, hoy celebramos la fiesta del **Bautismo del Señor** y con ello cerramos el Ciclo de navidad. La idea central del mensaje de este día está en el **misterio de su persona**, que es **“manifestación”** (Epifanía) **del Padre, lleno del Espíritu, Hijo amado.**

El testimonio de Isaías y del apóstol Pedro en las lecturas de hoy.

- ◆ Ya el profeta Isaías nos invita a la conversión cuando no dice: “Que el malvado abandone su camino, y el criminal sus planes, que regrese el Señor” Y acaba con un canto a la fecundidad de la palabra de Dios, a la que compara con la lluvia y la nieve que empapan, fecundan y hacen germinar la tierra.”
- ◆ San Pedro en la segunda lectura nos recuerda que “todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo, ha nacido de Dios.” Y mas adelante, en una clara referencia al bautismo, nos dirá que Jesucristo “es el que vino con agua y sangre.”
- ◆ San Marcos en el evangelio nos presenta el testimonio de Juan cuando nos dice: “Detrás de mi viene el que puede más que yo..... Yo os he bautizado con agua, pero El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo.” Otro testimonio digno de mención es la actitud de Jesús. El no rehusó ponerse en la cola de los pecadores porque no ha venido a condenarlos sino a darles la **salud** (la salvación); es reconocido por la voz que viene del cielo (¿ésta es la auténtica manifestación!) como el “Hijo del Padre, lleno del Espíritu que ha venido a llevar a cabo la misión de dar **la salud** (la salvación) curando nuestras heridas.

Este misterio mis Hermanos, nos invita a pensar en nuestro bautismo. ¿Como lo vivimos? ¿sentimos que, como Jesús, tenemos que cumplir?. Esta misión la llevamos a cabo por medio de la “evangelización”. ¿Me siento un evangelizador?. Es importante, mis Hermanos, que cada uno se esfuerce en reflexionar sobre la misión a la que Jesús nos invite a vivir. Y sentir el gozo interno, de anunciar con nuestra palabra y nuestro obrar el mensaje de Jesús.

P. Alberto, C.P.

MINISTROS EL 18 DE ENERO 2015

Lectores: Verónica Cruz– Humberto Ozuna

Ministros de la Eucaristía: Pedro e Isel Cruz–David y Alicia Venancio Cruz

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

Monaguillos: Lucero Ramirez—Fátima Gervacio Ramón