



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."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2014



May the *God of Hope* fill you with all **Joy** and **Peace** as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **Hope** by the power of the *Holy Spirit*.

Romans 15:13

The First 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. Fr. Jerome McKenna, C.P., *Pastor*
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Rev. Mr. Joseph Goolsby, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. George Smith, *Deacon*



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, with the celebration of this First Sunday of Advent, the church has been invited by Pope Francis to observe *The Year of Consecrated Life*. It will extend from now until February 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated Life. This year marks the 50th anniversary of *Perfectae Caritatis*, a Vatican II decree on religious life, and *Lumen Gentium*, its wonderful constitution on the Church. The Holy Father's intention is to call the whole church to a grateful remembrance of the recent past and to look to the future with hope.

I mention this now because, with so many other important issues that need to be addressed today, it would be easy to let this reminder about religious life slip by unnoticed. Having just enjoyed with Fr. Alberto, a delightful Thanksgiving visit by brother Passionists, Fathers Alex and Nelson, of our Birmingham Community, I have all the more reason to be thankful that I belong to the Passionist religious community and to share a few thoughts about the importance of religious communities in the church. While I cannot mention everything — there will be time to discuss more during the year — I do want to state that one of the great values of religious communities is that, for the most part, their members are not confined to any one diocese or archdiocese. By their very nature, religious orders exist to respond to specific needs of the church and the world. While every community has its beginnings in a particular diocese or archdiocese, many grow, receive the eventual approval of the Pope, and expand beyond national boundaries and even circle the globe. The Jesuits, the Franciscans, the Dominicans, the Marists, and yes, even the Passionists can claim a global presence, crossing national, cultural, and racial boundaries, thus giving witness to the universal call to holiness, and the value of common effort in bringing the Gospel to all peoples. More — much more — to come. - Fr. Jerome, C.P.

STEWARDSHIP

God bless you for your self-sacrificing generosity.

Nov. 22-23 2014: \$5,864.75 **Needed: \$10,170.00**
(Includes mail-in contributions)

Offertory:	\$5,419.75
Catholic Campaign Human Development	\$327.00
All Saints:	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$205.00

Capital Campaign Goal:	\$900,000.00
Pledges Received to Date:	\$626,699.00
Payments Received as of Sept 21, 2014:	\$512,372.89

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014

If you still have a pledge balance to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY CONFIRMED

Jorge Bautista Alvarez, Freddy Alejo, Kimberly Bello, Lorenzo Garcia Cabrera, Nelidad Carachure, Anabel Corona, Esperanza Corona, Llenibed Corona, Jonathan Coronado, Martiel Garcia, Yenifer Garcia, Fatima Gervacio, Araceli Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Yaquelin Hernandez, Marco Antonio Ortiz, Humberto Ozuna, Sandra Ozuna, Johnathon Pacheco, Brandon Solano, Kevin Solano, Hector Zurita

Sunday, November 23, 2014

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 30-December 6, 2014

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

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

*TUESDAY and FRIDAY 7:30 a.m.:
+David and +Stella Ogbonna (req. Henry Ogbonna)*

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 30 2014

9:00 a.m.: Rosary (English)

No Religious Education today for Children and Youth
Classes resume next Sunday, December 7th.

12:30 p.m.: Rosary (Spanish)

Monday, December 1

2:00 p.m.: Legion of Mary (Media Room)

7:30 p.m.: EASL Team meeting (Media Room)

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 p.m.: English Prayer Group (Monastery Chapel)

7:00 p.m.: Bible Study—Spanish (Spiritual Center)

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 p.m.: Mass (Spanish) (Spiritual Center)

7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Ed (Media Room)

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 4

3:00-4:00 p.m.: Bible Study—English (Spiritual Center)

Friday, December 5—FIRST FRIDAY

12:00 Noon: Mass and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m.: Hispanic Prayer Group

8:00 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 6—FIRST SATURDAY

10:30 A.M.: Worship Commission (Media Room)

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Daisy Johnson, Mary Williams, Philip Wiltz,
Leslie Collins, William Crowder, Katherine Whitfield,
Grace Hinds, Daisy Barham, Mary Wiggins,
Eugene Thomas, Jeanie Sadler



Stroke Scan *Plus*

This weekend of November 29th and 30th, Jaime Valencia (Stroke Scan Plus) will be here attending all Masses to announce the ultrasound screening. He will be doing pre-registration after each Mass for the ultrasound screening scheduled for December 10th 2014.

For more information see special insert in this week's bulletin.

NOTICE

Bulletin announcements must be submitted to Parish Office by noon of the previous Tuesday.

ATTENTION!

Mark your calendars and remember this date, December 20th!



The Young Adult Ministry is having a Christmas Party following the 4pm Mass on Saturday, December 20th. It will be potluck, so everyone is encouraged to bring something.... Food, friends, anything and everything. See the bulletin or Facebook SPX YAMS for additional details.

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
-Second Edition

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 2nd 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 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 Baptistry 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. Please donate as many as you can.

Waiting in Joyful Hope.

our Advent & Christmas refectio booklet by Bishop Robert F. Morneau, as well as ***One Bread, One Body***, are available. Be sure to get your copies at no cost before leaving church today. Booklets for youth and children will be distributed during Religious Education class time next Sunday.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

Jesus is the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures.

We invite you to join other parishioners this coming **Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room** to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program

Priest, Prophet, King.

Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet, and king, and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission through this new series of presentations and discussions. Come, join the ongoing St. Paul of the Cross Adult Catholic Education Program.

The next formal season of Adult Religious Education will begin Wednesday, January 7, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our National Patroness
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Dec.12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 17th: Advent Communal Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

OUR PARISH STAFF

- 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*

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We are here to listen and take action!

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



¡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.

ACTIVIDADES PASTORAL HISPANA**Catequesis Adultos**

Noviembre . martes = 4 - 11 - 18 - 25 a las 7:30 p.m.

Grupo Misionero

Noviembre . miércoles = 5 - 12 - 19 - 26 a las 7:30 p.m.

Cursillo de Cristiandad

Cada 1er y 3er jueves de cada mes escuela dirigentes a las 7-9 p.m.

Misa Semanal

- miércoles a las 7:30 p.m.
- Viernes a la 7:00 p.m.

**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



Noviembre 30, 2014 Primer Domingo de Adviento

Mis queridos Hermanos, nuevamente comenzamos un Nuevo Año Litúrgico. El Tiempo de ADVIENTO. Es el tiempo de PREPARACION para la NAVIDAD. EL MENSAJE DE ESTE PRIMER DOMINGO es el de la VIGILANCIA. “Velad, nos dice la Palabra de Dios, Velad, la venida del Señor está cerca.

EL ESPIRITU SANTO, MAESTRO DEL ADVIENTO

La Liturgia del Adviento alimenta en los fieles la espera confiada de la 'parusia', (la venida del Señor), iluminada por los textos mesiánicos del Antiguo Testamento y vivida en la perspectiva de Navidad, que renueva la memoria de las promesas divinas ya cumplidas, aunque no definitivamente aún. Así pues, el Adviento, con su carácter de ESPERA de la venida del Señor, que es a la vez del pasado y la del future, es un tiempo adecuado para redescubrir en la propia vida el Proyecto de Dios y manifestar, si los cristianos son dóciles a la acción del Espíritu Santo. El Adviento es el Tiempo del Espíritu Santo, que fue el verdadero Precursor de Cristo en su primera venida. El Espíritu Santo habló por medio de los profetas: “Has tenido paciencia con ellos por muchos años y les has advertido por tu Espíritu por boca de tus profetas”. Es el inspirador de los oráculos mesiánicos (Ls 11, 1-9). Por el poder del Espíritu, el Verbo se encarnó en el seno de la Virgen (Lc 1,35). Isabel, llena del Espíritu Santo, reconoció y proclamó a María “Madre del Señor (Lc 41, 43)”.

Como vemos, mis Hermanos, La Sagrada Escritura nos ilumina en este gran misterio y corresponde a nosotros el tartar de profundizar en ello. De este modo iremos creciendo en el conocimiento del misterio del Dios-con-nosotros y con su Gracia podremos llegar a ser sus ‘testigos creíbles’. Es importante invocar constantemente al Espíritu Santo para que no sólo nos ilumine sino también que nos de la fuerza necesaria para proclamarlo no solo de palabra sino con toda nuestra vida de compromiso Cristiano. Que sea este Tiempo de Adviento todo un esfuerzo de caminar en la luz de Cristo.

P. Alberto, cp.

MINISTROS EL 07 DICIEMBRE 2014

Lectores: Juan Pacheco y Lucino Gopar
Ministros de la Eucaristía: Jorge y Maria Patiño –Alma Robles-José Gordillo
Guías: Roberto González; Araceli Hernández; Juan Pacheco; Antonia Pacheco—Verónica Cruz
Monaguillos: Nelida Ozuna—Luz Ramirez