



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."

4th Sunday of Advent December 20th, 2015



*"...Behold, I bring unto you
good tidings of great JOY..."*

Luke 2:10

 **Welcome!**
iBienvenido!

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

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*Served by the Passionist Community
Founded in 1954*

Parish Information

MASSES

*Sunday: 7:00am (Español), 10:00am (English)
1:00pm (Español)*

Monday - Friday: 7:30am

Wednesday: 7:30am Communion Service

Saturday: 9:00am Communion Service

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm (English)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00pm Benediction: 8:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00pm (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, 3:00pm

Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 6:00pm



The Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,

As Advent draws to a close and we begin our immediate preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, I want to wish you and your families a most Blessed and Joyful Christmas. Celebrating the birth of the Christ Child is always an occasion for joyful hope. The birth of any child always brings with it the joyful hope that the child will grow, reach its potential, and leave its mark on the world.

When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are acknowledging that the hopes and the dreams of humanity have already been fulfilled, for that Child has already left his indelible mark on the world. But, as in any previous age, we are prone to wonder why our world has not recognized him or responded to his message of peace and love. Conversing with a priest friend of mine recently, a contemporary, we agreed that throughout the course of our lives, the joy of Christmas has so often been marred by war. During the Second World War, I grew up in the relative security of the United States while he grew up in a Nazi-occupied land. Today, we are all affected, no matter where we live, by what Pope Francis has termed "piecemeal" World War III. Oppression, massacres and destruction are not confined to one particular area of the globe; they can and do occur anywhere and everywhere.

Christ was born into such a world two thousand years ago and continues to be born in our world such as it is. His birthing takes place through people like you and me. We know—or should know—the Gift we have received; our task is to announce the arrival of the Prince of Peace! Inserted in today's Bulletin is Luke's account of Christ's birth. Take it home with you, reverently read it, let the message sink in, and, like the shepherds, go out and spread the Good News. "Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God."

- Fr. Jerome, C.P.

STEWARDSHIP

Dec 13, 2015: \$7,301.55

Needed: \$12,000.00

(Includes Sunday and mail-in contributions)

Offertory:	\$6,321.55
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$957.00
Immaculate Conception	\$460.00
Holy Christmas	\$130.00
Youth Religious Education	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Catholic Charities	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00

Capital Campaign Goal: \$900,000.00

Pledges Received to Date: \$626,699.00

Sacrificial Offering \$2,100.00

Hispanic Raffles \$2,150.00

Payments Received to Date: \$527,277.80

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



December 20 - 26, 2015

SUNDAY, 10:00 am: People of the Parish

MONDAY, TUESDAY, 7:30 am: Living and Deceased Passionist Benefactors

CHRISTMAS MASSES: see This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM, Communion Service

SATURDAY, 11:00 AM, Mrs. Mary Lundy Funeral Mass

Our Condolences to...

Mr. George Lundy on the loss of her beloved wife,

Mary Lundy

Who passed from this life on December 14, 2015.

Also,

To Mr. Alfred Jones on the loss of his beloved brother, **William Jones, Jr.**

Who passed from this life on December 11, 2015.

Let us keep the Lundy and Jones family in our prayers.

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. John 3:16

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 20, 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

11:30a Religious Education - School - **Last class until January 10, 2016**

11:30a Women Society - Spiritual Center

3:00p Epworth Towers

3:00p ULTREYA (Spanish) - Spiritual Center

3:00p KPC 4th Degree - School

Monday, December 21

2:00p Legion of Mary - Spiritual Center

Tuesday, December 22

- No events scheduled -

Wednesday, December 23

7:00p Adult Religious Education ONLINE

7:00p Choir Rehearsal - Church

7:30p Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 24 -Christmas- Mass Special Schedule

4:30 pm English Mass

7:30 pm Spanish Mass

Friday, December 25 -Christmas- Mass Special Schedule

12:00 am Midnight English Mass

10:00 am English Mass

1:00 pm Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 26

10:00a Christian Service Commission

11:00a Mrs. Mary Lundy Funeral Mass

OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Williams	William Leggett	Pauline Pitts
Philip Wiltz	Martha Barnes	Merlin Todd
Leslie Collins	William Crowder	Walter Longino
Grace Hinds	Matthew Catel	Bobby Morales
Daisy Barhams	Jean Ashe	Joyce McBee
Mary Wiggins	Alfreda Yancey	Richard, Ryan, Jr.
Jeanie Sadler	Janelle Todd	Michael Nyaguze
Marynell Brooks	Bryan Medina	
Myrna Yancey	Delores Green	

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened the Holy Year Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and symbolically led the gathered assembly into this wonderful New Year of Mercy.

St. Paul of the Cross Parish will be taking part in this Holy Year of Mercy. Look for announcements in this Bulletin during the year. Meanwhile, there are many special Holy Year of Mercy flyers and prayer cards on the table at the rear of the church. Be sure to take your pick and learn more about the meaning of this special Holy Year. Our Holy Father has composed a beautiful pray for the Holy Year of Mercy. It may be found on the card bearing his picture on the front.

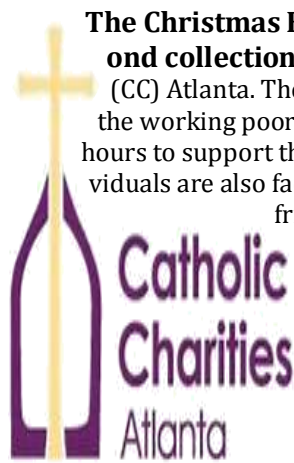
Why not pray it every day?

ONGOING ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INTERACTIVE COURSE GOES ONLINE NOW.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE:

saintpaulofthecross.org

FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ATTEND THE ONLINE CLASSES.



The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities (CC) Atlanta. Their many clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, are alone and frightened. CC Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence. Please support Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families facing challenges in our community, struggling on the margins of society, and living in poverty.

Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Thank you! Gracias!

My dear Parishioners, I want to share the joy experienced on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everything was very nice. I have seen a great willingness and a real sense of service. Thank you for this very nice gesture. Moreover, I also would like to share the news on the collection that I gave our pastor, Father Jerome. In the three raffles \$ 2,150.00 were raised, the collection of the Mass \$ 470.00, totaling \$ 2,620.00. Thanks to the contribution of four families, we paid \$ 760.00 for the Mariachis. Therefore, I want to once again give my deepest thanks and encourage everyone to continue working as a family for the good of all.

Fr. Alberto C.P

Mis Hermanos, quiero compartir la alegría vivida en la Festividad de Nuestra Madre de Guadalupe. Todo estuvo muy lindo. He podido ver una gran disponibilidad de todos y un verdadero sentido de servicio. Gracias por ese gesto tan lindo. Por otra parte, quiero también compartir la recaudación entregada a nuestro pastor, el Padre Jerónimo. Se recaudo en las tres rifas \$ 2,150.00, en la colecta de la Misa \$470.00, sumando un total de \$ 2,620.00. Gracias a la contribución de cuatro familias, se pago a los Mariachis \$760.00. Por todo ello, quiero, una vez más darles mi profundo agradecimiento y animarlos a seguir trabajando como una gran familia para el bien de todos.

P. Alberto, C.P.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 27th: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Dec. 28th: Parish Office closed

Dec. 31st: Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Parish Office closed -

Jan. 1st, 2016: **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- Day of Prayer for World Peace

Jan. 3rd: **Epiphany of the Lord**

Jan. 10th: **Baptism of the Lord**

OUR PARISH STAFF WISHES YOU ...

A Very Merry Christmas and that your celebration be filled with love and peace.



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*

¡BIENVENIDOS A SAN PABLO DE LA CRUZ!

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 11:45am - 12:30pm, de Agosto 24 a Mayo.

INFORMES:

Bautizos: Para toda información y preparación, comuníquese con: Alma Robles 678-717-9619 o Antonia Pacheco 770-891-6765.

Santo Rosario: Todos los Domingos a partir de las 12:30pm nos prepararemos para la celebración de la Santa Misa con el rezo del Santo Rosario

Presentación de los niños: Llamar a Ofelia González al 404-956-9789

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

Quinceañeras: Contacte a: Antonia Pacheco 770-891-6765 o Luz Zavala 678-704-5829.

Importantes Anuncios

Hoy, Domingo 20 de Diciembre es la última clase de Educación Religiosa de este año. Las clases se retomarán el día Domingo, 10 de Enero del 2016.

Felicidades a los niños, Dulce Maria Ozuna-Cruz y Angel De Dios Silva- Rosas quienes fueron bautizados el día Domingo 13 de Diciembre en San Pablo de la Cruz.

"En este día especial, la luz de Dios se encenderá en tu corazón...para iluminar todo el camino de tu vida"

La segunda colecta durante la víspera de Navidad y el día de Navidad beneficiará a Caridades Católicas de Atlanta. Muchos de sus clientes pertenecen a la clase obrera trabajadora y trabajan varios turnos y largas horas para mantener a sus familias. Muchos también están enfrentando una crisis en sus vidas y están solos y asustados. El personal de Caridades Católicas de Atlanta les ayuda a identificar sus problemas y les proporciona los recursos para lograr la autosuficiencia e independencia. Por favor ayuden a Caridades Católicas a proporcionar ayuda y crear esperanza a todas las personas y familias que enfrentan retos en nuestra comunidad — nuestros vecinos que viven en pobreza y aquellos que se encuentran en las márgenes de nuestra sociedad.



Diciembre 20, 2015 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento/C

Mis queridos Hermanos, ya estamos en la recta final de este Tiempo de Adviento. Este tiempo en el cual la Iglesia nos invita a prepararnos para recibir al Salvador del Mundo: **Cristo Jesús.**

El evangelio nos devuelve hoy la figura de Maria, en la visita a su prima Isabel: va a su casa, se queda allí cerca de tres meses hasta el nacimiento de su hijo Juan, para ayudarla y estar a su lado.

Este gesto de Maria la asemeja a su Hijo Jesús, porque como el, también ella quiere cumplir la voluntad de Dios: Jesús, el Hijo de Dios se rebaja del todo haciéndose hombre y Maria, llena de fe, se hace esclava del Señor, dispuesta a que se realice en ella su voluntad. **"Aquí esta la esclava del Señor; hágase en mí según tu palabra"**, como escuchábamos el día de la Inmaculada. Maria, viajando a casa de Isabel, hace un gesto que manifiesta su disponibilidad para ser ayuda y compañía, para traer y hace presente a Jesús con su amor y servicio a los demás.

Este tema queda recogido también en la segunda lectura: Jesús viene a vivir completamente la voluntad de Dios, es decir, un amor fiel y entregado, dispuesto incluso a dar la vida. Este amor entregado de Jesús es el que nos salva.



La primera lectura, que estos Domingos pasados nos ha mostrado anuncios proféticos de la venida del Señor, hoy, en la proximidad de la Navidad, presenta un texto que Miqueas dirige a la ciudad de Belén (donde nació David) con un anuncio solemne: **¡aquí nacerá el Mesías!**

P. Alberto C. P.

MINISTROS EL 27 DE DICIEMBRE 2015

Lectores: Veronica y Humberto Ozuna

Ministros de la Eucaristía: - Jose Gordillo - Alma Robles - Maria Patiño - Ofelia Gonzalez

Guías: Roberto González, Juan Pacheco, Antonia Pacheco, Verónica Ozuna y Enrique Wences

Monaguillos: Nelida Ozuna - Lucero Ramirez