



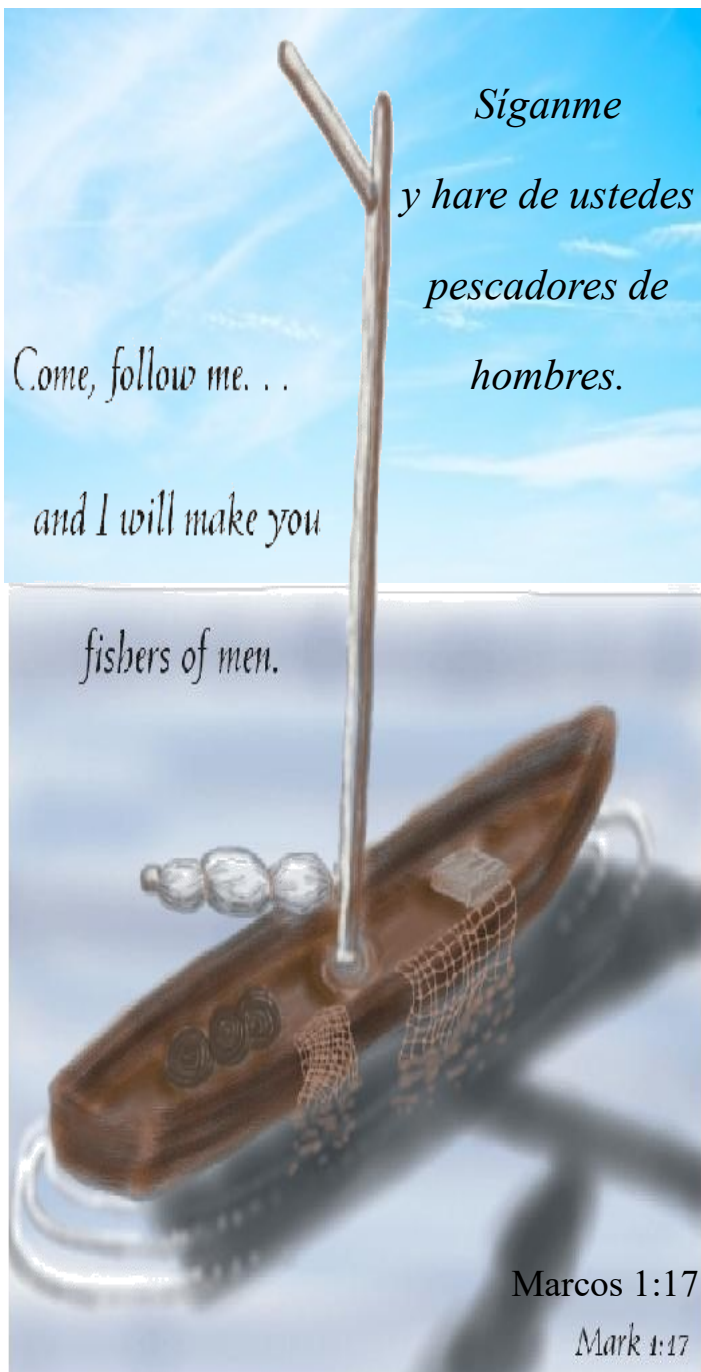
Saint Paul of the Cross

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."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021



Marcos 1:17

Mark 1:17

Welcome! ¡Bienvenido!

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

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PARISH INFORMATION

Please read the guidelines before attending Mass
(Website: saintpaulofthecross.org)

Lea las directivas antes de asistir a Misa
(Website: saintpaulofthecross.org)

English Mass: Sunday 10am

Misa Dominical: Domingos a las 7am y 1 pm

Misa de Vigilia: Sábado 7pm

(registration to attend Mass onsite is needed)
(la registraci3n para asistir a Misa es necesaria)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

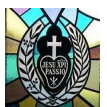
Sacramento de la Reconciliaci3n:

English: Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
(or contact the office for an appt.)

Español: Jueves: 7:00pm-8:00p
Sábado: 2:00pm-4pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office
for information.

Anointing and Visitation of the Sick:
Contact the Pastor or the Parochial



*Served by the Passionist
Community*

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Two years ago, on September 30, Pope Francis named this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'The Sunday of the Word of God,' intending it to be a day for the Catholic world to celebrate, reflect upon, and spread the Word. One might reasonably ask, "Why designate a particular Sunday for this, aren't we supposed to do this every Sunday?" And the answer is, "Of course." However, our Holy Father is a discerning human being, and he knows how easily we tend to forget, take for granted, or mechanize the things we do habitually. In his Apostolic Letter instituting this special Sunday, Pope Francis stated: *"To listen to sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy: this is the great challenge before us in life. God's word has a power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity."* How true!

How often do we catch ourselves hearing or reading the sacred Scriptures and failing to allow what we have just heard or read to slip out of our consciousness. Whether we hear the Word of God, particularly during liturgical celebrations such as the Mass, or read it in the quiet of our homes or gardens, we must also ponder it, that is, we must allow it to sink in and create something new within us. Remember God saying in the Book of Revelation, "Behold, I make all things new?" (Rev. 21:5) God is always at work within us if we open the door, so to speak. When we ponder the Word we have heard or read, we are opening the door and welcoming that Word to our inner self. It is there that real transformation begins and takes hold of us.

This experience has to become habitual; one cannot dip into it every once in a while. We have to make time for it to happen every day. God may seem to work slowly in us but God works steadily using every opportunity to enter more deeply into our lives, constantly forming and shaping us into the image of Christ. Of course, due to our human limitations, that work is never completed so long as we are in this world, but it can come close. We see that in the lives of so many canonized and uncanonized saints who listened to the sacred Scriptures and then practiced mercy. One such is Hall of Famer, Hank Aaron who died this past Thursday. We remember him as a stunning athlete, but he was throughout his life a real person who struggled within himself and without with real challenges, especially racism, growing as a human being and child of God. I don't know his religion, but he surely gave evident signs of one who heeded the word of God and practiced mercy. In paying tribute to him the Saturday AJC quoted him as saying: *"...I just feel like noting that we have belongs to us. It was given to me by God, and when I leave here, I don't know of anybody who will go with a casket full of money. Why not let somebody else enjoy whatever I've been fortunate enough to accumulate?"* (Among other works of mercy, Hank Aaron established his "Chasing the Dream" foundation for the education of poor children.) I single him out because he was so much more than a super athlete; as a human being, he has given an outstanding example of one who hears the word of God and acts on it. There are others, many others, and you and I know their stories as well.

Today, Pope Francis asks us to open our minds and hearts to God's Word and to give witness to it by the lives we lead. In this, we must look after one another by always encouraging, sometimes prodding, never scolding or condemning, but always brightening the day by our lives so that others, seeing our good works, might be drawn through us to the Light of all life.

May this Sunday of the Word of God be "a day of awakening", as Pope Francis calls it, for all of us!

— Fr. Jerome, C.P.

STEWARDSHIP

January 17, 2021 \$6,360.00
Total Needed: 12,500

Offertory

Online	\$1,030.00
Sunday Offertory	\$1,797.00
Mail in/Walk in	\$3,533.00

Other Collections and Contributions

Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry	\$165.00
Debt Reduction	\$80.00
Donation	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul-Archdiocesan	\$50.00
Georgia Bulletin	\$23.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul-SPOTC	\$10.00

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

SPOTC Goal	\$39,200.00
Total Pledged and Received	\$38,834.89
Amount Received	\$30,569.89
Number of Donors	151

Capital Campaign 2017-2022

Pledges January 17, 2021	\$1,070.50
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STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and Father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling *me* - at this moment, in these circumstances? need to abandon in order to follow Him?

UPDATE: The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for persons with health reasons or other concerns remains until further notice. If you live with or care for a high risk person, we strongly encourage you to view a [live streamed Mass](#) or go to the [Saint Paul of the Cross Facebook page](#) for our live streamed Masses.

ACTUALIZACIÓN: La dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Misa Dominical para personas con motivos de salud o preocupaciones permanece hasta nuevo aviso. Si vive o cuida de una persona de alto riesgo, le recomendamos encarecidamente que vea una [Misa en vivo](#) o vaya a la página de [Facebook de San Pablo de la Cruz](#) para nuestras Misas en vivo.

**OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND, RECOVERING AND HOSPITALIZED
NUESTROS ENFERMOS, CONFINADOS, RECUPERADOS Y HOSPITALIZADOS**



Mary Wiggins
Jeanie Sadler
Jean Ashe
Alfreda Yancey
Janelle Todd
Delores Green
Walter Longino
Annette Whittaker
Carolyn Stoutermire
Julie Ward
Gwendolyn Kelly

Mary Williams
Lynda Porcher
Grady Belcher
Angela Morales
Josie Johnson
Vivian Lee
Billie Rosendall
Eleanor Kimbrough
Humberto Palacio
Clement Lisi
Dolores Walker

William Fuller
Espanola Collins
Lawrence McDaniels
Carolyn Beal
Tammy Nelson
Cynthia B. Demery
Phenecia Morris
Barbara Wilt
Evella Chretien
Caresia Gillis
James E. Stokes

Bernese Meyer
Mary Baldwin
Mjumbe Ashe
Bernese Luther
Ruth Hammond
Donald Kendrick, Sr
Myrtle Davis
Clifford Chandler II
Tisha Baldwin
Anna McCanis
Barbara Jones-Cruter

Julius Alexander
Cynthia Safford
Maryann Brooks



Mass Intentions for the Week of: January 24-30, 2021

SUNDAY/DOMINGO: People of the Parish - Miembros de la Parroquia

MONDAY/LUNES-THURSDAY/JUEVES: (Private Mass -Misas privada:

Intentions of the Donors / Intenciones de los Donantes

FRIDAY/VIERNES (Private Mass -Misas privada: The Maliakal Family (req. Sheeba Maliakal)

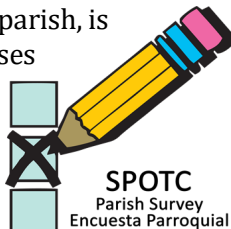
SATURDAY/SÁBADO (Private Mass -Misas privada):

The Brooks & Smallwood Families (req. Mary Ann Brooks)

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 7:30PM: Rosamma Philip (req. Shibu Kozhikattu)

Ash Wednesday Mass Attendance Preference

Survey. Saint Paul of the Cross, your parish, is preparing for the Ash Wednesday Masses on February 17, 2021. If you intend to be physically present for Mass on Ash Wednesday, please respond to the survey by clicking [here](#) or going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XFJBLZ>. The survey deadline is Monday, January 25, 2021. We need and appreciate your input.



Encuesta de preferencia de asistencia a Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza. San Pablo de la Cruz, su parroquia, se está preparando para las Misas del Miércoles de Ceniza el 17 de febrero de 2021. Si tiene la intención de asistir físicamente a la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza, por favor responda la encuesta haciendo clic [aquí](#) o yendo a <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XFJBLZ>. La fecha límite de la encuesta es el lunes 25 de enero de 2021. Necesitamos y agradecemos sus comentarios.

'LIVE LENT' BY JOINING A SMALL VIRTUAL GROUP FOR LENT

During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, why not join a small group for six weeks and participate in 'Live Lent', an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. Small groups will meet virtually for 60 minutes once a week beginning the week of February 14th. This faith-sharing program provides meditations for you to use on the other days of Lent. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

⇒To register, please click [here](#) and follow the instructions or go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549AFA928ABFA7-live>. If you have any problems registering, please call Patricia at 404-696-6704.



INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Horario de Misa Dominical: Domingos a las 7am y 1pm * **Sábados:** Misa de Vigilia a las 7pm

Para asistir a cualquiera de las Misas es necesario [registrarse](#).

Haga clic [aquí](#) para la Misa a través de Facebook

Horas de Oficina (Trabajo Remoto): Lunes-Viernes, de 9am-4pm

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Correo Electrónico: stpaulofthecrossatl@gmail.com **Website:** saintpaulofthecross.org

P. Patrick Daugherty, CP: 404-696-6704 Ext. 11 * **P. Luis Lopez-Galarza, CP:** 404-696-6704

"... Acogiendo al extranjero, sirviendo al pobre, liberando a los oprimidos, defendiendo la justicia, y amandonos el uno al otro."

La llamada nos exige responsabilidad con el don.

Jonas es el que se empeñó en no obedecer al Señor cuando lo invita a ser su portavoz. Sabe que hay que escuchar la voz del Señor, pero hace justo lo contrario, no le importan los Ninivitas en peligro. No aprende que desviarse del recto camino, siguiendo los planes de Dios, lleva a la perdición. No quiere escuchar el mensaje del Señor y por tanto el anuncio de la salvación. Se creyó dueño de su mensaje.

Olvidó que la misión de un enviado es simplemente convertirse él mismo en palabra para poderla repetir fielmente y que ésta produzca los frutos que el Señor espera. El profeta interfiere convencido de que la palabra será lo que él mismo quiera y así va al fracaso.

Jonás rechaza y ha de sentir el amargor del fracaso de su palabra porque nunca ha de prevalecer sobre la Palabra del Señor 'que no puede retornar al cielo, como la lluvia, sin dar sus frutos'.

Esta puede ser la situación de quienes hemos tenido en nuestra vida la tarea de anunciar al Señor y nos hemos desviado tantas veces de hacerlo como el Señor nos ha indicado.

Él se encargará de todos modos de que esa palabra lleve a cabo su mensaje y aún a contracorriente, incluso de sus mismos enviados, ha de llegar el mensaje al corazón de los elegidos a recibirla. La llamada a ser portavoz del Señor exige fidelidad y responsabilidad de nuestra parte.

Nos tienta constantemente el mismo demonio que tuvo Jonás: ver sólo la maldad de una humanidad desorientada y aplicarle el mismo el castigo merecido, pero Dios es misericordia y espera nuestra enmienda y nuestra conversión.

P. Luis, C.P.

Promesa de Proteger. Promesa de Sanar
Queremos ayudarte a recuperar tu vida.

TÚ importas. TÚ eres familia

Estamos aquí para escuchar y tomar acción!

Para reportar abuso por parte del personal de la iglesia:

Línea Directa de Informes de 24 Horas de la

Arquidiócesis de Atlanta: **888-437-0764**

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**

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 2: The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21: First Sunday of Lent

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

Feb. 2 La Presentación del Señor en el Templo

Feb. 17: Miércoles de Ceniza

Feb. 21: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

OUR PARISH STAFF

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