



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

June 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

**JUNE 7
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Rev. Mark Maquire
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer**

**JUNE 14
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Sandy Meier**

**JUNE 21
MORNING PRAYER
Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter**

**JUNE 28
HOLY EUCHARIST
The Right Reverend Amy Meaux
Lay Reader - Kate French**

A Message from the Bishop's Warden



Dear Friends in Christ,

Over my years as Bishop's Warden, I have enjoyed sharing thoughts with you. Sometimes it is on a scripture we have read in church and that scripture and life clicked with me in some way, but often I share interesting things I have read. Today I am going to try to summarize and quote from an article in the Fall 2025 *The Anglican Digest* written by The Very Rev. Sam Candler in which he discusses the cross. He is talking about why people have crosses in church on the altar or in procession, on our walls, or even around our necks.

He reminds us that in Jesus's day, the cross was used in crucifixion, a shameful form of death. He says, "It is a testament to the power of Christ that the image changed. The image became transformed. That transformation declares that even the most painful suffering and must gruesome death are not stronger than God. God is greater. God defeats death at the cross."

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To the question, “Why the cross?”, he offers three answers. First, he says, “the cross means pain.” Pain and suffering are a part of our lives, and we can’t escape it. “The way to the other side of pain and suffering is not around it, but through it. We follow Jesus and the cross because they show us the way through.” The cross gives us the strength to live through the pain and suffering in our own lives.

In the second answer he explains that “the cross means paradox.” Two contradictory things show us a truth. “It starts with the very paradox between suffering and joy, and between death and life. The cross means both death and life. People who care about the cross care about the reconciliation of ‘both/and.’ Paradox means the ability to live with opposites: for instance, in Jesus, we live with both humanity and divinity.”

His third answer is that “the cross means love. It was love that brought Jesus into the world, and it was love that led Jesus to the cross. The reason we follow Jesus to the cross is because we want to love like he loved.” The cross in our life “means that we choose to love. In the midst of pain, we choose to love. In the midst of paradox, we chose to love. In the midst of things we cannot hold together, things we cannot understand, we choose to love. In the midst of life, we choose to love, to give ourselves for each other. To forgive.”

Some of us wear crosses, some of us have them in our homes, we all have the cross in church and in our hearts. We know that Jesus teaches us to love and calls on us to love others as he has loved us. It’s not always easy, but that is what we are called to do. We can only pray to hear God’s Holy Spirit leading us into this world, helping us show God’s love in a world where love isn’t

always evident. We keep our eyes on the cross.

The Very Rev. Sam Chandler
The Cathedral of St. Philip
Atlanta, GA

NOTES FOR THE CALENDAR

JUNE 7: ORANGE SUNDAY -- We will participate in the Diocesan Orange Sunday event again this year with prayers and candles lit as we remember those who have lost their lives or been impacted by gun violence. This epidemic has touched many lives in our nation. Wear orange if you can!

JUNE 14: -- 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EUCHARIST for Mother Anne at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sedalia at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow. In lieu of a gift, people are asked to please send a card with a shared memory. We will carpool from the parking lot. The church will remain open for Morning Prayer for any potential visitors and those unable to attend.

June 28: ANNUAL VISITATION -- The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux will be with us at 10:00 AM. I am so excited for you all to meet Bishop Amy. Remember how she was elected on the first round of voting – a first for our diocese? The Holy Spirit was at work that day and continues to work through her.

SEPTEMBER 18: -- The Diocesan Youth Action council has requested to hold a planning meeting at our church on Friday, September 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. I told them we were available. I offered some cookies or coffee cake and hope you all can help me.

PRAYER LIST:

Healing: Augustus Hockaday, Fr. Mike, Kitty, Tina, Don, Steve Sheline, Kirsten, Tom, Elsie, Wes Skaggs, Dinah, Jennifer, Connie Brown



Cancer: Christy, Pat, Micheal, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M., Suzanne, Diane, Sylvia, Don, Connie, Joe Trogden, David Scott, Katie

Comfort, Strength, and Peace: Gail, Pat Decker, Doug Johnson Christy and Diane, Connie Scott, Zaha, Craig and Cam Dobreiner, Steve Sheline, Becky and John Tarver, Marie Hopkins, Linda C., Mike, Laurisa, Sherry and Keith, Don and Sheryl, Curtis and Shelley Mills

Departed: Kathy Ballou, Rick Miller, Steve Moore

Others: Peace among the nations of the world, areas affected by natural disasters, those facing personal challenges, our nation

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

8-Devoney
17-Sunny Johnson
22-Kate French