Solemn Vespers

and the

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of

The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes

as the Fifteenth Bishop of Savannah

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
With praise and gratitude to Almighty God
THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH
joyfully announces the
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by Principal Consecrator
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Archbishop of Atlanta

and Co-Consecrators
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Bishop of St. Petersburg
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN G. NOONAN
Bishop of Orlando

in the presence of
THE MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
Titular Archbishop of Gunela
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

VESPERS
September 22, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
September 23, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
Ordination of a Bishop

HIS HOLINESS

Pope Francis
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND

Christophe Pierre
Titular Archbishop of Gunela
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J. Kevin Boland
Bishop Emeritus of Savannah
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Stephen Douglas Parkes
Bishop of Savannah
The Most Reverend Stephen Douglas Parkes

BORN
June 2, 1965
Third Son of Ronald and Joan Parkes
Mineola, New York

BAPTIZED
June 20, 1965
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Massapequa, New York

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
May 5, 1973
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
Syosset, New York

CONFIRMED
October 21, 1978
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Massapequa, New York

ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE
April 12, 1997
Cathedral of St. James
Orlando, Florida

ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD
May 23, 1998
Cathedral of St. James
Orlando, Florida

ORDAINED TO THE EPISCOPATE
September 23, 2020
Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist
Savannah, Georgia
A bishop’s coat of arms is distinguished by a sign of his rank. That sign, placed over a shield, is a version of an ecclesiastical hat that was worn in processions as late as 1870. By heraldic tradition, the coat of arms includes the arms of the bishop and the arms of his jurisdiction, in this case the Diocese of Savannah, represented on the left side of the shield.

The Lamb of God at the base of the shield recognizes the centrality of the Eucharist in both the life of the Church and Bishop Parkes. The Lamb is carrying the flag of victory (over death) which gives hope for the future. It also points to John the Baptist, patron of the Diocese of Savannah, who introduced Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

The fleur-de-lis at the top of the shield shows the Bishop’s personal devotion to the Blessed Mother. He served 16 of his 22 years of priestly ministry at Annunciation Catholic Church in the Diocese of Orlando, where Mary is their patron saint. The fleur-de-lis is also on the coat of arms for the Diocese of Orlando, for whom he was ordained a priest in 1998.

The final component of the Bishop’s shield is the palm frond across the middle. This honors St. Stephen, who is both the patron of the Bishop and honors the date of his parents’ reception of the sacrament of matrimony on December 26, the Feast of St. Stephen. The palm itself is a symbol of martyrdom, hence used to represent St. Stephen, the first martyr for the Church.
Past Bishops of Savannah

The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. 2011–2020
Motto: PAX ET BONUM (Peace and All Good)

Motto: CHRISTUS IN CORDE (Christ in the Heart)

Motto: To Add Joy to Your Faith

Motto: SERVIAM (I Serve)

Motto: NIHIL SINE DEO (Nothing Without God)

Auxiliary Bishop

The Most Reverend Gerald P. O'Hara 1935–1959
Motto: VITAM IMPENDERE CHRISTO (Life for Christ)

Motto: AVE MARIS STELLA (Hail Star of the Sea)

The Right Reverend Benjamin J. Keiley, D.D. 1900–1922
Motto: DOMINUS MEUS ET DEUS MEUS (My Lord and My God)

The Right Reverend Thomas A. Becker, D.D. 1886–1899
Motto: ORA PRO NOBIS (Pray for Us)

Motto: SENTIANT OMNES TUUM JUVAMEN (May All Experience your Aid)

The Right Reverend Ignatius Persico, D.D. 1870–1872
Motto: CRUCE QUID SECURIUS (What is Safer than the Cross?)

The Right Reverend Augustin Marcellin Verot, S.S., D.D. 1861–1870
Motto: FIDE ET VIRTUTE (By Faith and Virtue)

The Right Reverend John Barry, D.D. 1857–1859

The Right Reverend Francis X. Gartland, D.D. 1850–1854
Motto: VINCIT VERITAS (Truth Conquers)
COLLECT FOR THE MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Courtesy of the Saint Pio Foundation, present with us is a relic of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio): gauze which wrapped his hands, soaked with blood from the stigmata.

After each service, you are welcome to approach and reverence the relic.
Solemn Vespers

Presider
THE VERY REVEREND DANIEL F. FIRMIN
Administrator of the Diocese of Savannah
**PRELUDE**  
Psa 118

*Howells*

Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

**PROCESSION**  
Entrata Festiva  
*Peeters*

**INTRODUCTION**

Presider and All

_O God, come to my assistance._ Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**HYMN**  
*LOBE DEN HERREN*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so
3. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is

keep creation! O my soul, work and defend us; Surely his
in us adore him! All that has praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
life and breath come now with praises before him!

Come, all who hear: Brothers and sisters, draw
Have you not seen All you have needed has
Ponder a new What the Almighty can
Let the "A-men!" sound from his people afar
near, Praise him in glad adoration!
been Met by his gracious or dain ing?
do, Who with his love will be friend us.
gain. Gladly with praise we adore him!
Please be seated.

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1: God has crowned his Christ with victory.

PSALM 20
A prayer for the king’s victory

Left: May the Lord answer in time of trial; may the name of Jacob’s God protect you. May he send you help from his shrine and give you support from Zion.

Right: May he remember all your offerings and receive your sacrifice with favor. May he give you your heart’s desire and fulfill every one of your plans.

Left: May we ring out our joy at your victory and rejoice in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your prayers.

Right: I am sure now that the Lord will give victory to his anointed, will reply from his holy heaven with the mighty victory of his hand.

Left: Some trust in chariots or horses, but we in the name of the Lord. They will collapse and fall, but we shall hold and stand firm.

Right: Give victory to the king, Ó Lord, give answer on the day we call.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Cantor repeats the antiphon.
Antiphon 2: We celebrate your mighty works with songs of praise, O Lord.

PSALM 21: 2-8, 14
Thanksgiving for the king’s victory

Left: O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king; how your saving help makes him glad! You have granted him his heart’s desire; you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

Right: You came to meet him with blessings of success, you have set on his head a crown of pure gold. He asked you for life and this you have given, days that will last from age to age.

Left: Your saving help has given him glory. You have laid upon him majesty and splendor, you have granted your blessings to him for ever. You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

Right: The king has put his trust in the Lord; through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm. O Lord, arise in your strength; we shall sing and praise your power.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Cantor repeats the antiphon.
Antiphon 3: Lord, you have made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 4: 11; 5: 9, 10, 12

Redemption Hymn

Left: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. For you have created all things; by your will they came to be and were made.

Right: Worthy are you, O Lord, to receive the scroll and break its seals.

Left: For you were slain; with your blood you purchased for God men of every race and tongue, of every people and nation.

Right: You made of them a kingdom, and priests to serve our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Left: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Cantor repeats the antiphon.
See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are. Dearly beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND OATH OF FIDELITY
Before he is raised to the Order of the Episcopate, the Bishop-elect must make a Profession of Faith and take an Oath of Fidelity. This is a sign of his communion with the Church, with the Holy Father, and with the College of Bishops.

Blessing of the Episcopal Insignia
The Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

RESPONSORY

Through all eternity, O Lord, your promise stands unshaken.

Your faithfulness will never fail.

Through all eternity, O Lord, your promise stands unshaken.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Through all eternity, O Lord, your promise stands unshaken.

Please stand.
Antiphon: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

INTERCESSIONS

Presider: Let us praise Christ the Lord, who lives among us, the people he redeemed, and let us say:

Rorate coeli et optime a terra: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Lord, king and ruler of nations, be with all your people and their governments, inspire them to pursue the good of all according to your law.

Deacon: You made captive our captivity, to our brothers and sisters who are enduring bodily or spiritual chains, grant the freedom of the sons of God.

Deacon: May our young people be concerned with remaining blameless in your sight, and may they generously follow your call.

Deacon: May our children imitate your example, and grow in wisdom and grace.

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Deacon: For Bishop-elect Stephen Parkes, that he will please Almighty God with his holiness, instruct us by his virtues, and fill us with the truth of the Gospel. 🙏

Deacon: Accept our dead brothers and sisters into your eternal kingdom, where we hope to reign with you. 🙏

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON

5. Alve, Regína, * máter mi-se-ricórdi-æ : Ví-ta, dulcé-
do, et spes nóstra, sálve. Ad te clamámus, éxsu-les, fí-
li- i Hévæ. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et fléntes in hac lacrimárum válle. E-ia ergo, Advocáta nóstra, íllos tú-os mi-se-ricórdes ócu-los ad nos converte. Et Jésum, benedí-
ctum frúctum véntris tú- i, nóbis post hoc exsi-li- um osté-

PROCESSION Grand Chœur Dialogue Gigout

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Prelude
Fanfare and Chorus
Buxtehude

Please stand.

INTROIT
Gaudete In Domino Semper
Mode I

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near. Do not be anxious over anything;
But in all manner of prayer, let your requests be known unto God.

Philippians 4

HYMN
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft: O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear. O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfolds rich blessings ings on our way, O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
5. O every one of tender heart, For giving others, take your part, O praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him.
O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of eve with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him.
O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Providing us a-bun-dant show. O praise him, O praise him.
The fruits and flow’rs that verdant grow, Let them his praise on him your care. O praise him, O praise him.
All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and lay Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!
SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PRESENTATION OF THE ELECT

The Very Reverend Daniel F. Firmin, Administrator of the Diocese of Savannah, presents the Bishop-elect to the Principal Consecrator, the Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Archbishop of Atlanta, saying:

Most Reverend Father, the Church of Savannah asks you to ordain this priest, Stephen Douglas, to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

The Archbishop asks him:

Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

He replies:

We have.

The Archbishop says:

Let it be read.

All sit while the apostolic letter from Pope Francis is read by the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Titular Archbishop of Gunela and Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America.

This letter testifies to the desire on the part of the Holy Father that a man receive the third and final degree of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. After the reading, all present give their assent to the election of the Bishop by saying:

Thanks be to God.

The assent may also be given by means of applause. A deacon shows the mandate to the College of Consultors.
GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

COLLECT

Please be seated.
Liturgy of the Word

READING I  
JEREMIAH 1:4-9
Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM

The word of the Lord came to me thus: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. "Ah, Lord God!" I said, "I know not how to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord answered me, Say not, "I am too young." To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, See, I place my words in your mouth!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Marier

The Lord is my shepherd, there is no thing I shall want.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta:
Tú mismo me preparas la mesa,
en verdes praderas me hace reposar
a despecho de mis adversarios;
y hacia fuentes tranquilas me conduce
me unges la cabeza con perfume
para reparar mis fuerzas. R
y llenas mi copa hasta los bordes. R

Por ser un Dios fiel a sus promesas,
Tu bondad y tu misericordia me
me guía por el sendero recto;
acompanarán
nada temo, porque tú estás conmigo.
todos los días de mi vida;
Tu vara y tu cayado me dan
y viviré en la casa del Señor
seguridad. R
por años sin término. R

READING II  
FILIPENSES 4:4-9
Mr. Mark McLaughlin

Hermanos: Alégrese siempre en el Señor; se lo repito: ¡alégrese! Que la benevolencia de ustedes sea conocida por todos. El Señor está cerca. No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud. Y que la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, custodie sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

Por lo demás, hermanos, aprecien todo lo que es verdadero y noble, cuánto hay de justo y puro, todo lo que es amable y honroso, todo lo que sea virtud y mereza elogio. Pongan por obra cuanto han aprendido y recibido de mí, todo lo que yo he dicho y me han visto hacer; y el Dios de la paz estará con ustedes.
En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los fariseos: “Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. En cambio, el asalariado, el que no es el pastor ni el dueño de las ovejas, cuando ve venir al lobo, abandona las ovejas y huye; el lobo se arroja sobre ellas y las dispersa, porque a un asalariado no le importan las ovejas.

Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas. Tengo además otras ovejas que no son de este redil y es necesario que las traiga también a ellas; escucharán mi voz y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor”.

The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.
Archbishop of Atlanta
Rite of Ordination

Please stand.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heavenly throne,
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
Finger of God’s right hand
His promise teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which never decays
Confirm our mortal frame.
Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee the eternal Son,
And thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son;
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.
VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

1. Ve - ni Cre - á - tor Spí - ri - tus,
2. Qui di - ce - ris Pa - rá - cli - tus,
3. Tu se - pti - för - mis mú - ne - re,
4. Ac - cén - de lu - men sén - si - bus,
5. Hó - stem re - pél - las lón - gi - us,
6. Per te sci - á - mus da Pa - trem,
7. De - o Pa - tri sit glo - ri - a,

Men - tes tu - ó - rum ví - si - ta:
Al - tis - si - mi dó - num De - i,
Di - gi - tus pa - té r - næ déx - te - ræ,
In - fun - de - a - mó - rem cór - di - bus,
Pa - cém - que do - nes pró - ti - nus:
No - scá - mus at - que Fi - li - um
Et Fi - li - o, qui a mor - tu - is

Im - ple - su - pé - na grá - ti - a
Fons vi - vus, i - gnis, cá - ri - tas,
Tu ri - te pro - mis - sum Pa - tris,
In - fir - ma no - stri cór - po - ris
Du - ctó - re sic te præ - vi - o,
Te - que u - tri - ús - que Spí - ri - tum
Sur - ré - xit, ac Pa - rá - cli - to,

Quæ tu cre - á - sti pé - cto - ra.
Et spi - ri - tá - lis ún - eti - o.
Ser - mó - ne di - tans gú - tu - ra.
Vir - tí - te fir - mans pé - pe - ti.
Vi - té - mus om - ne nó - xi - um.
Cre - dá - mus om - ni tém - po - re.

Please be seated.
EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Bishop-elect alone rises and stands in front of the Archbishop at the cathedra.

Archbishop: The ancient rule of the holy Fathers ordains that a Bishop-elect is to be questioned in the presence of the people on his resolve to uphold the faith and to discharge his duty. And so, dear brother, do you resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, which we are about to pass on to you by the laying on of our hands?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles and preserved in the Church everywhere and at all times?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to build up the body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in the unity of that body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of Saint Peter the Apostle?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as a devoted father and sustain them with the help of your fellow ministers, the priests and deacons?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord’s name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers, and to all who are in need?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord’s fold?

Bishop-elect: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of high priest without reproach?

Bishop-elect: I do, with the help of God.

Archbishop: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

Please stand.
LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

While the Bishop-elect lies prostrate on the floor, all kneel in prayer for him and for the Church.

After the singing of the litany, the Archbishop stands with hands outstretched and says:

Graciously hear our petitions, O Lord, and pour out upon this your servant the power of your blessing, flowing from the horn of priestly grace. Through Christ our Lord.

All answer:

Amen.

All rise. The Bishop-elect kneels at the cathedra.
LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The Principal Consecrator, the Co-consecrators, and all Bishops present impose hands on the head of the Bishop-elect, signifying that the ordination of a Bishop is a collegial act of the Order of Bishops, incorporating a new member into their community for the service of the Church.

While the Book of the Gospels is held above the head of the Bishop-elect, the Prayer of Ordination is said. This ancient prayer invokes the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Bishop-elect and recalls the importance and role of the Bishop within the Church.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
who dwell on high
and look upon the lowly,
who know all things before they come to be,
and who laid down observances
in your Church
through the word of your grace;
who from the beginning,
foreordained a nation of the just,
born of Abraham;
who established rulers and priests
and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers,
and who, from the foundation of the world,
were pleased to be glorified
in those you have chosen:

All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the prayer:

Pour out now upon this chosen one
that power which is from you,
the governing Spirit,
whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
the Spirit whom he bestowed upon the holy Apostles
who established the Church in each place
as your sanctuary
for the glory and unceasing praise of your name.

Then the Archbishop continues alone:

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts,
that this your servant
whom you have chosen for the office of Bishop
may shepherd your holy flock.
Serving you night and day,
may he fulfill before you
without reproach
the ministry of the High Priesthood;
so that, always gaining your favor,
he may offer up the gifts of your holy Church.
Grant that, by the power of the Spirit of the High Priesthood, he may have the power to forgive sins according to your command, assign offices according to your decree, and loose every bond according to the power given by you to the Apostles.

May he please you by his meekness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you through your Son Jesus Christ, through whom glory and power and honor are yours with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever and ever.

All answer:
Amen.

ANOINTING OF THE HEAD

The Archbishop anoints the head of the newly ordained Bishop with holy chrism, saying:

May God, who made you a sharer of the High Priesthood of Christ, himself pour out upon you the oil of mystical anointing and make you fruitful with an abundance of spiritual blessings.

Psalm 110

Christ our Lord is a priest for-ev-er like Mel-chi-z-e-dek of old. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

INVESTITURE

The Archbishop presents the Book of the Gospels to the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching.

The ring is presented by the Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Savannah. The Archbishop places the ring on the ring finger of the newly ordained Bishop’s right hand, saying:

Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church.

The miter is presented by Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Rhonda Voynich. The Archbishop places the miter on the head of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

Receive the miter, and may the splendor of holiness shine forth in you, so that when the chief shepherd appears you may deserve to receive from him an unfading crown of glory.
The crosier is presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Kristina Pinto and family. The Archbishop gives the pastoral staff to the newly ordained Bishop, and says:

Receive the crosier, the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God.

SEATING OF THE BISHOP AND THE KISS OF PEACE

Ecce sacerdos magnus

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God.

Therefore, by an oath, the Lord made him increase among his people.

He gave him the blessing of all nations,

and confirmed his covenant upon his head.

All stand. The Archbishop invites the new Bishop to occupy the cathedra and officially take possession of the diocese. He is now the Bishop of Savannah. The small candle at the top of the reredos is lighted to signify that the See of the Diocese is no longer vacant.

After setting aside his pastoral staff, the newly ordained Bishop rises and receives the fraternal kiss from the Archbishop and the Co-consecrators.

The Mass continues in the usual manner.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Dee Parkes

Mr. and Mrs. John and Micheala Fencik
Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Behold, O God our Defender

Howells

Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Psalm 84

SANCTUS

Mass for the City

Proulx

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

Proulx

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un-
il you come a-

AMEN

Proulx

Rite of Ordination 45
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ego vos elegi
Mode I

I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia.

John 15

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and that our sharing in the Eucharist is the sign of our oneness and unity in the Catholic Church. We invite Catholics who are prepared and properly disposed to receive Holy Communion today to come forward at this time. Others present not receiving Holy Communion today are invited to join with us in prayer and song.

COMMUNION MOTET

Panis angelicus
Franck

The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals; the bread of heaven puts an end to prefigurations.
O wondrous thing! The poor, the slave and the humble feed on their Lord.

St. Thomas Aquinas

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Concluding Rites

The newly-ordained Bishop is led through the Cathedral, blessing all who are present.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Te Deum laudamus

Mode III

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin’s womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come, then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

REMARKS

The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
Fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah

SOLEMN BLESSING

O God, who care for your people with gentleness
and rule them in love, endow with the Spirit of wisdom
those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,
that from the flourishing of a holy flock
may come eternal joys for its shepherds.

♫ Amen.
As in your majestic power
you allot the number of our days
and the measure of our years,
look favorably upon our humble service
and confer on our time the abundance of your peace.

† Amen.

Give a happy outcome to the tasks
that through your grace you have laid upon me,
whom you have raised to the rank of Bishop;
make me pleasing to you in the fulfillment of my duties,
and so guide the hearts of people and pastor,
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd
nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock.

† Amen

And may Almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

† Amen.

DISMISSAL

HYMN

CRUCIFER

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod, our
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the
3. Each new-born follower of the Crucified bears
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise

King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
with the seal of him who died.
dead to the Crucified for victory!

POSTLUDE

Canzon Septimi Toni

Gabrieli

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HISTORY
Founded in 1850, the Diocese of Savannah contained the entire state of Georgia and a large portion of Florida. In 1937, it was redesignated the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta. In 1956, the Diocese of Atlanta was erected and the name returned to the original.

PATRON
St. John the Baptist
Feast: June 24

PATRONESS
Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception
Solemnity: December 8