



Office for  
Transition  
Ministry

# Ministry Portfolio

*Full Portfolio (last updated Sep 22, 2022)*

## The Church of Our Saviour, Atlanta

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Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 10/20/22.

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Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
50	1	5	1
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$70511		<b>We're in compliance with CPF requirements.</b>
Healthcare Options Clergy only	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
	<b>Yes</b>		
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
4		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$501-\$1000/year	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

*Total compensation includes SECA = \$5,011. Auto/Travel/Business = \$1,800.*

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

This past Lent we offered Experiential Stations of the Cross followed by a potluck. In past offerings this event has only been attended by members with elementary aged children. This year we focused on making sure everyone understood that all members were invited and we had 20 people of all ages attend. The program has a different activity for each station, allowing participants to become more actively involved with the stations. It also allowed our older members to have more interaction with the children of the parish outside of Sunday Mass. Watching our older members working side by side with the younger ones as we walked and experienced each station was inspiring. We had a potluck dinner after concluding the stations with a dessert of "Resurrection Rolls" made by the children at the last station. We all enjoyed the fellowship and company of our fellow parishioners and it was what instigated our "family nights" that we have begun hosting once a month to continue to grow our community.

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How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

COVID-19 pushed us into the digital age a bit faster than might have otherwise been the case. We are now live-streaming our Sunday and Feast Day services on Facebook, and recording them for later viewing. This has given the church an audience outside of the Atlanta area and allows anyone to "see what we're about", with the invitation to join us in person. It is also a valuable ministry to those who are immunocompromised, elderly, or infirm. Our digital offerings also include a cross-platform Daily Office "app" (a hyperlinked PDF document) written by our Senior Warden ([https://oursaviouratlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ddo1\\_2022.pdf](https://oursaviouratlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ddo1_2022.pdf)); this is currently in "beta" but we hope to share it with the wider world in the not-too-distant future.

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Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

reverent, welcoming, compassionate, energetic

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Worship at Our Saviour is rooted in the richness and beauty of the Catholic tradition. A love of liturgy binds our diverse parish together. Currently, Sunday Mass is at 10:00, Rite I with incense and choir. Pre-COVID, we offered two Sunday Masses (Rite I, said and sung). Music is integral to the liturgy, with a variety of mass settings used, along with plainchant and Anglican chant, and masterpieces of the choral literature. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and other sacramentals and spiritual practices are important to our worship. Morning Prayer and Holy Rosary are led by laypersons during the week. Pre-COVID, weekday masses were said. We observe High Feasts and Holy Days with Solemn Mass, and Holy Week includes a full schedule of Triduum services. Other services beloved by the community include St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals, All Souls', Kirkin' of the Tartans, and an Epiphany Pageant. We are Marian, reciting the Angelus and Regina Caeli, and observing Our Lady's major Feasts.

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How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

As a small parish, we recognize and welcome newcomers in our midst. And being a small parish, we rely on the active involvement of all parishioners to fulfill the ministry to which God calls us. Various ministries are organized into specific guilds and membership in each guild is open to all. Newcomers are readily welcomed into all guilds, and guild members often approach parishioners directly to match interest with service. Our pledge drive each year focuses not just on money, but on time and talent, and our pledge forms list all guilds and outreach opportunities so that parishioners can indicate where they wish to "pledge" their time and talent during the coming year. We also have a monthly newsletter and website which list the various guilds and opportunities to serve. On occasion, requests for volunteers are made during worship service at the announcements.

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As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

Worship at Our Saviour engages body, mind, and spirit. We do not approach liturgy casually but reverently and thoughtfully, because it is one of the few gifts we can actually offer to God. Our church and chapel provide a quiet, welcoming space to refresh and recharge through prayer, worship, and meditation. We have an adult Christian education class (Adult Forum) on Sunday mornings, where we study and discuss the Church, Scripture, and history, and nourish our minds. We enjoy opportunities to participate in social activities, including "Lemonade in the Shade" after each Mass, monthly patio parties, family dinner nights, and brunches and other dinners on special occasions. In addition, our parish enjoys a very close sense of community, as our small size means that keeping everything running requires us to work together. Many close and meaningful relationships have begun and been nurtured through time spent cooking, cleaning, or gardening with each other.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Our church and garden remain open throughout the week as a quiet place for prayer and contemplation for all. This openness is visible to the surrounding neighborhood, and many individuals make their needs known to our priest directly. Some parishioners visit the sick in the hospital as well as at home. On a weekly basis, parishioners provide sandwiches to Church of the Common Ground. Our St. Vincent de Paul Fund provides limited assistance with rent and utilities, through our priest, along with a limited number of volunteers, who work directly with those in need of help. In addition, we serve as a home for five different 12-step groups, which meet a total of 11 times a week in our parish hall.

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Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Though we are a small parish, our reach expands well beyond our own walls and connects us to the wider Church. Locally, parishioners deliver sandwiches weekly to Church of the Common Ground, a church without walls ministering to the homeless in Atlanta's Woodruff Park. In the past, we provided meals to Holy Comforter, a church serving individuals with developmental and mental challenges and sponsored art shows promoting their members' work. Working with Intown Collaborative Ministries, we collect clothing and food and provide other assistance to those in our community who are in need. We support the work of the Episcopal Church and Diocese of Atlanta through offerings, including UTO, Good Friday, and Appleton Ministry. Since the onset of the pandemic, we have live-streamed services to Facebook, attracting a number of "virtual visitors" from outside our region. We host community groups, including the oldest Atlanta chapter of AA, as well as NA and Girl Scouts.

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Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Like many of the early Anglo-Catholic pioneers, we want our parish to serve as a bridge between the gates of heaven, as experienced in the liturgy, and the various hells-on-earth that some of our human brothers and sisters live with. We have particular concern for people who are impoverished, unhoused, and ill in mind or body. We recently began two ministries-Luke 6:30 and Angels Unawares. Both provide a resource card with a greeting, blessing, and scripture ("comfortable words"); along with a listing of faith-based organizations that can provide further assistance. Luke 6:30 includes a nominal amount of money (\$1 or \$5). Angels Unawares offers a paper sack with food items, fruit juice, socks, and toiletries. We understand that a complete harrowing of the aforementioned hells is a task well beyond us, but we can and do reach out in love to anyone, offering the little bit of grace of which we are capable.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Like many parishes, we emphasize the need to dedicate our “time, talent, and treasure.” There is an Every Member Canvass that occurs in the fall, seeking pledges of not only treasure but also time and talent. Members are invited to tick the ministries they are interested in and even to propose new ones! Being a small parish, one finds that it is very difficult to be a regular attendee without also getting involved in other ways. Many members participate in several ministries, because there is much work to be done, and there is an amazing amount of dedication among parishioners. These overlapping ministries contribute to the close-knit feeling in the parish, because a given active member may know Bill from the garden guild, and Carol from the “ushers and greeters,” etc. Service can be both fun and meaningful, and contributes to the Christian friendships that flourish in our parish.

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What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

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What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?



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### Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev'd Christopher J.A. Miller	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2017-11	2022-08

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev'd C. Dean Taylor	Interim	2017-06	2017-11

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev'd Zachary Thompson	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2014-04	2017-05

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
	6	13

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
		1	20

Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School



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Worshipping Community Web site: [www.oursaviouratlanta.org](http://www.oursaviouratlanta.org)

Media Links:

Online References:

[www.facebook.com/OurSaviourAtlanta/](https://www.facebook.com/OurSaviourAtlanta/)

Languages Significantly Represented:

**English**

Provide Worship or Classes in:

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### References

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