

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

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I want to share an Advent poem I wrote many years ago

Hope, the Holy Baby brings
That death our souls can never steal.
Fearless now our filled heart sings
Emmanuel, God's promise seal.

Joy breaks out with angel song,
Good tidings brought from heaven's height.
Voices raised the whole night long;
The new born King, our precious light.

Love, who is our father, God
Has born to us a savior child;
To whom kings and shepherds come
And worship Jesus meek and mild.

Peace which seems a distant dream,
While plague and hatred rule the day;
Angel song and starlight beam
On he who came that Christmas Day.

Hope and Joy, Love and Peace,
The promise made from times of old,
Our God born so darkness cease
And life eternal our souls hold.

Of the four conditions of humanity mentioned in the poem, and assigned to various candles in our Advent wreath, it is Hope that most clearly defines Advent and Christmas itself. For me, the baby that was born in a stable and laid in a feeding trough brings hope to a troubled and broken world. Knowing, as we do now, who that baby really is, we can have hope that we will experience Joy, Love and Peace. Even when the world is dark with fear and hatred, we know that Emmanuel, God with us, is there. May this Advent season be filled with joyful wonder at the coming birth of the One who is the Hope and Light of the world. And may your Christmas bring you profound Hope in the goodness and provision of God who inspires, heals and saves us all. Merry Christmas! Bob+



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to remember and/or honor your loved ones by decorating the church with poinsettias this Christmas, please contact the Parish office by **Monday, December 13th.** Your gift will be acknowledged in the Christmas Bulletins.

Sunday, December 5th
Second Sunday in Advent



First
Sunday
Potluck

Following the 10:30 am service. Bring a dish to share .



HT Book Club Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 15th
4:00 pm

Lisa Johnsons Home
2003 W Louisiana

Please RSVP if planning to attend
432-260-8818

or
wallstgrill16@yahoo.com

Prayer List

THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT: Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.
FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Diane Brown, Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Chris Herpel, Bob Poer, Jim May, Marilyn Allen, Marilynn Philpy, Robert & Nancy Stewart, Adalyn Grace, Diane Brown, Kevin Goodrum, Pete, Margie McKinney, David Lewis, Glenda Wilson, Bob Peetz, Chas, Holmby & Chuck, John Parker, Luke Bromm, Ray Willis, Tina Blake, David Lewis, Alyssa, Tina Blake, Jeanie Patterson, Jenness & Jody Gilles.

(If a name has been removed that you would like replaced please call the Parish Office.)

FOR ALL THOSE IN QUARANTINE, OR AFFECTED BY COVID-19.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.



December

BIRTHDAYS

1st- Catherine Cobb

2nd-John Holly

3rd-Aaron Beaver, Mollie McCabe

4th-Jack Wilkinson

5th-Nancy Stewart

6th -Kim Wilson

7th-Ed Runyan, Fariss Murphy,
Elizabeth Saldana

8th-Doris Tompkins, Lisa Tindol

12th-Jody Gilles, Kari Hennagin

Gerron Nieman

13th-Harry Graham

14th-Paula Howbert

15th-John Clay O'Leary

17th- Jim Leeton

20th- Brent Wilbourn

21st-Madison Brooks

22nd-George Hover, Abby Barto

26th-Angela Becker, Jack Turpin

27th-Thomas O'Brien

29th-Carol Jo Blake, Charles Zachry

31st-Betty Clarke, Guido Spangher,
Vicki Hurt

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 12th

Third Sunday in Advent

Children's Sermon

Christmas Party



Family Party Time for Holy Trinity Families
Come one, Come all, to our Party. There will be activities for the pre-school and elementary children, games for all ages, decorating cookies and ornaments and more! Pizza for lunch, and a lot of fun to be had. When will this happen you ask? Sunday December 12th following the 10:30 service in Parish Hall. Join your friends and plan to celebrate a little of Advent with a PARTY!!

Wednesday, December 15th

8:00 pm - Choir Party at the Newman's

Sunday, December 19th

Fourth Sunday in Advent

6:00 pm - Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve SERVICES

December 24th - Children's Pageant
rehearsal 10:00 am—Nave

5:00 pm - Children's Pageant

(Nursery available)

7:30 pm - Pre-worship Music

8:00 pm - Adult Choristers & Soloists

(Nursery available)

11:00 pm - Candlelight Service

If you are interested in serving on the Vestry please let us know. Self-nominations are being accepted!

Vestry &
Diocesan Convention Delegate

»»»»»»»»»» NOMINATIONS ««««««««««

Are you called to serve?



You'll need to be a member of Holy Trinity, with a record of giving. Confirmed Episcopalian.

Willing to serve for three years.

Vestry meetings are monthly, on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in serving as a delegate for the 2022 Diocesan Convention (in Lubbock) we are looking for nominations! Delegates are asked to pay for their registration, hotel, and food.

If you need more information - please contact Carla Holeva, Kate Menaul, Jerry Gomez, or Robbie Shepard.

Thank you! Carla 432-638-7969



Jubilee Center of
Midland
Christmas Drive Thru
Pantry December 18th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Sunday Breakfast Sign up:
Please sign up to make or bring a breakfast. Below are the spots available.
December 5th - Johnnye Montgomery
December 12th- Kelly Cunningham
December 19th-
December 26th
January 2nd -
(Call the Parish Office to sign up)

*“Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

(Matthew 11:28)

Ladies of Holy Trinity...

save the date for our

WOMEN’S RETREAT

March 25-26-27, 2022

on the Brazos River...

Casa de Milagros

casademilagroctx.org

The retreat will be led by **Rev. Mary Collier** with the focus on prayer.

‘Going to a retreat’ – the act of giving up your current circumstances and withdrawing for a time away, in a quiet secluded place where you can relax.

Financial Report

	Monthly	YTD	YTD	Annual
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Plate	5,261	57,689	77,917	85,000
Pledge	42,208	388,033	361,013	393,832
Transfers	0	0	94,410	102,993
Other	0	134,540	150,517	164,200
Total Revenues	47,469	580,261	683,856	746,025
Staff	15,323	277,821	303,639	331,242
General Operations	12,452	190,496	232,167	253,273
Apportionment	17,528	96,404	96,408	105,172
Liturgy & Worship	480	7,280	16,133	17,600
Christian Education	(1,632)	450	13,200	14,400
Membership and Community	458	4,409	6,004	6,550
Outreach	0	2,097	2,567	2,800
Pastoral Care	0	0	458	500
Preschool	5,204	39,513	13,281	14,488
Total Expenses	49,813	618,470	683,856	746,025
Income less Expenses	(2,344)	(38,209)	0	0



The Episcopal Church of the
HOLY TRINITY

1412 West Illinois Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - December 5, 2021
8:00 Rite I
9:15 am Breakfast
10:30 am - Rite II
11:30 am - Potluck

Wednesday - December 8, 2021
4:30 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm - Weds. night dinner
6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm Adult Ensemble



December 24th & 27th
for the Christmas
Holiday! New Years
Holiday December 31st



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Jubilee Center of Midland food pantry
Cereal Sundays are back every Sunday



Upcoming
Vestry Meeting:

Monday December 13th
at 6:00 pm
Parish Hall

All members of the Parish are welcome!

"Sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ with all people."

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

Class of 2022
Carla Holeva -Senior Warden
Jerry Gomez - Junior Warden
Kate Menaul
Robbie Shepard
Debbie Levander-Treasurer

Class of 2023
Brenda Avelar
Gretchen Bakke
Anne Hover-Secretary
Jimmy Leeton

Class of 2024
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Misti Schoonover
Karen Telck

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