

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



THE GOOD NEWS

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Can you believe that Ash Wednesday is February 17? Lent is about to begin. I have to admit that it's felt like Lent ever since last Lent. Just saying that makes me realize that I usually view Lent as a dreary, gray, blah time of the year. Most of the music in church is sort of dirge like. It's as if we're supposed to be walking around with a little thundercloud over our head like that old cartoon character Joe something. Lent isn't really supposed to be a depressing, spirit draining season. On the other hand, it's not a time for frolicking through daisies. Lent is a time to think deeply, to really look into our presumptions, habits, words, thoughts and actions. It's a time to recognize that there are parts of our make-up that need work. I like to measure my words, actions and thoughts against the promises we make in the baptismal covenant:

To continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. In other words, be faithful in attending church.

To persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin to repent and return to the Lord. Don't despair over our brokenness.

To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. Don't be afraid of being public about our faith.

To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves. Yeah, even that guy.

To strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. Again, even that guy.

When I do that, I can see that I don't always meet the mark. But I also see that there is a path to becoming a better keeper of my vow. We promise all these things, "with God's help". We know we have God's help. It's not expected that we can follow our vows alone. It takes not only God, but our community of faith as well.

You know, it might be interesting to take each of these 5 vows and spend time with them over the 5 weeks of Lent. The first week, think on how church, Communion and prayer shapes us and how faithful we are in them. The next week look at how we resist temptation and what repentance means to us. And so on through the weeks.

Lent is a solemn time. We're to take our faith seriously. But it doesn't have to be somber. If ashes and sackcloth help, put them on. If dancing and even saying (horror of Episcopal horrors) Alleluia, help, do it. Lent is a time for each of us to become our best, or at least better, selves. As always, with God's help. Fr. Bob

Ash Wednesday, February 17

COVID 19 has forced changes in many things we do in the church. Physical contact is unsafe, changing the way we offer blessings and even administer Communion. It certainly has affected community meals and the like. So, this year's traditions will have to adapt.

There will not be a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Perhaps you could have one in your own home.

On Ash Wednesday, it has been a tradition for the priest to make the sign of the cross on one's head with ashes, signifying that "we are dust and to dust we return". This is actually a fairly new tradition. The earlier tradition was to sprinkle ashes on one's head. This is still done in some churches.

The Roman Catholic church has said that if ashes are to be imposed, they are to be sprinkled on the head. The Church of England has also mandated this method. So, being somewhat of an Anglo-Catholic, Fr. Bob will be following their lead.

We will still have the traditional Eucharist with imposition of Ashes at 7:30 am and 6:00pm. From 11:30 to 1:00 we will offer "drive-in ashes to go". There won't be a liturgy (the ashes will be blessed at the 7:30 service). As a car drives up, in front of the church, ashes will be sprinkled on each person in the car with the traditional words.

While quite different, we hope these changes will meet your spiritual needs in these unusual times. Fr. Bob

Upcoming Meeting:
Vestry Meeting
Monday,
February 8th
at 6:00 pm
Parish Hall
Mask Required!



February 17th
7:30 am - Eucharist & Ashes
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Drive In
Ashes (Illinois Parking lot)
6:00 pm - Eucharist & Ashes



LEMS and Video
Sound techs. Each
week the bulletin is
emailed out on Fridays.

Please check the Bulletin for the
correct lessons for the upcoming
Sunday!

Thank you Parish Office

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: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Yvette, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Bob Poer, Jim May, Katheryn, Debbie Tripp, Harry Harrison, Marilyn Allen, Marilyn Philpy, Bill Schammel, Adalyn Grace, Diane Brown, Gracie Morgan, Marianne Green, Florinda Gomez, Ellia, Viola, Robert Stewart, Mary Collier, Denise, Linda & Mark Hales.

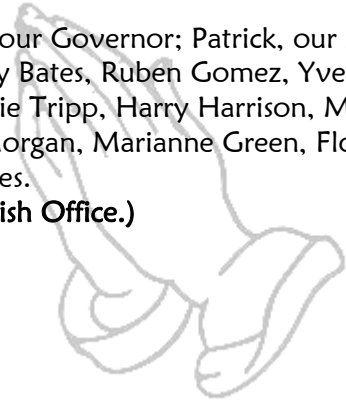
(If a name has been removed that you would like replaced please call the Parish Office.)

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

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

FOR ALL EXPECTANT FAMILIES

FOR THE DEPARTED: Jane Williams, Laura Morrow



In Loving Memory

Jane Williams
memorials given by

Sherry & Phillip Bell
Sally Bradley
Corrine & Steve Bowers
Sara & Bill St. Clair
Eloise & Bob Davenport
Mary de Compiegne
Marion & Bob Frazier
Abbie & Will Giraud
Marion & Tim Goudeau
Cathey & Harry Graham
Cornelia & Robert Hely
Carla & Danny Holeva
David Chase Kincannon
Sue Marshall
Kara & Gehl Mittelsted
Jan & Gary Philpy
Peggy & Gene Schafer
Sylvia & Robbie Shepard
Peggy Simmons
Alison & Wilson Smith
Nancy & Robert Stewart
Joan & Robert Whitt
Jennifer & Trey Wilson



1st- Joanie Holt
2nd-Bert Bostic, Gavin Mittelsted
7th-Mary de Compiegne
8th Lee Majors, Vangi Peek
13th-Elaine Magruder, Emily Holeva
16th- Mark Philpy
17th-Anne Hover, Brad Jones,
Ashlyn Hansen
19th- Ellen Reedy
21st-Evelyn Carnes, Mary Blake
22nd-Marion Frazier
25th-Brett Smith
28th-Terry Wilkinson, Jane Kauffman

A Special thanks to Christy Hudgins for leading our Altar Guild teams during the Pandemic year. We appreciate Nancy Stewart heading it up this year!

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☘ Drive-Thru Pantry February 13th 9:00 am- 11:30 am ☘



Fresh altar flower arrangements may be donated to honor a friend or family member, to remember a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any reason you wish.

In order to donate a flower arrangement, please call the Parish office (432.683.4207) or email us at Kara@holytrinity.org to select a date.



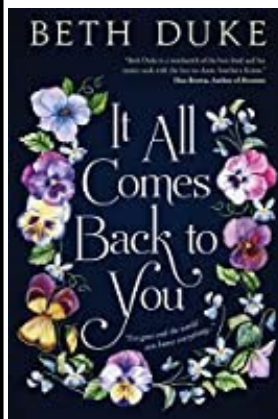
**Lenten Series
Wednesdays
February 24th - March 17th**

We will be having a Lenten Series on Wednesdays in hybrid form. Each program will start at 6:00 and last no more than an hour. Those who wish to gather in person may do so. We'll meet either in the Parish Hall, or in the Nave, depending on our numbers.

We will also be live on Zoom. A link to join the program will be mailed out to everyone. If you've not used Zoom, it is easy, and you don't need to have a Zoom account to use it.

Fr. Bob has invited some of his clergy friends to speak on whatever they want, so it should be very interesting. (Fr. Bob's talking about St. Patrick on, you guessed it, March 17.)

We hope you will join us.



Thursday,
February 25th
It All Comes Back to
You

By: Beth Duke

Hosted by: Gretchen Bakke

4:00 pm

1613 W. Pecan



Holy Trinity Preschool

2021-2022 Registration

REGISTRATION DATES

February 8-12

Current
Students

February 16-19

HT
Parishioners

February 22-26

Open
Enrollment

HOURS & DAY OPTIONS

2, 3 and 5 Days Per Week Options (3mo-PreK-3)

5 Days Per Week Program (PreK-4 and Bridge)

Program Hours: 8:30 am -2:30 pm

Extended Hours: 7:30 am-8:30 am and 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Registration Instructions

Current Families: A link will be emailed to you on February 8th for you to re register through our software system. We will charge the \$150 registration fee to the account we have on file.

Parishioners: Please email waitlist@holytrinity.org on the dates listed above with your registration paper work found on our website. In the subject line of the email please put HT Parishioner. In the body of the email please put your name, your child's name and their DOB. We will confirm we received your email and contact you if we have a spot available. There is \$150 registration fee that will be charged electronically if space is available.

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1412 West Illinois Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - February 7, 2020
8:00 Rite I In Person & (Livestream)
10:30 am Rite II In Person
& (Livestream)

Parish Office Closed
February 15th



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

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

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• Carla Holeva - Senior Warden
• Kate Menaul
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• Paula Howbert - Treasurer

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