



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

MARCH 2021  
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## LENT Acceptance - Surrender Transformation

Fr. Bill Carroll, Rector

The week of snow and bitter cold that came to Longview recently began on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. We ended up having online-only services for Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday in Lent. I hope you were able to join us. It's a poor substitute for face-to-face gathering, but it's been a lifeline to our brothers and sisters. For me, the storm summed up the frustrations of the past year. At various times, we have found ourselves cooped up, lonely, isolated, anxious, depressed, angry, and afraid.

From what my clergy colleagues and friends who are mental health professionals tell me, it is a pervasive problem throughout our country and around the world. It is no good for our families and our economy. It is especially hard for those who were already most vulnerable. Let us pray that we will be back closer to normal as soon as possible and that we'll find effective ways to help our neighbors when we can. Please call me if you are struggling. I want to pray with you and help you, or help you find someone who can. Please also continue to check in on each other. Fortunately, we fared better than most of Texas. Please continue to pray for those hardest hit by Covid-

19 and by the economy, as well as by the recent storms.

The church had a burst pipe in the attic of the education wing that put the basement under a couple of inches of water. There was some additional damage to the first floor, right below where the pipe burst. Our junior warden, Robert Maly, and several staff members (Tim Baker, Bill Bane, and Leno Mancilla) have been working with Serve Pro and the Church Insurance Company to dry everything out. Please thank them when you see them. This is the third flood we've had this winter, another metaphor for the season of Lent. But things will soon be put to right (and other exposed pipes wrapped), at little cost to the church.

**Beginning this Wednesday, March 3 at 6 pm and continuing through several Wednesdays in Easter, a group of us are gathering on Zoom to read Thomas Merton's classic book on the spirituality of the wilderness, *Thoughts in Solitude* (New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1958). The book is available on Amazon, or I can buy a copy for you to pick up (903-399-1190).**

Among other things, Merton explores the difference between *solitude*, where we find freedom in the presence of God, and the *loneliness* that comes from lack of love and immersion in "unreality": "When [people] are submerged in a mass of impersonal human beings

pushed around by automatic forces, they lose their true humanity, their integrity, their ability to love...When society is made up of [people] who know no interior solitude it can no longer be held together by love." In Lent, as at other times, we can listen for God, who changes our lives and calls us into loving communion with each other.

Living in the presence of God and giving our lives to Jesus is how we learn to live with our regrets and the various parts of ourselves that we deny at our peril. One of the main lessons of Lent is about accepting who we are in light of God's grace: "The surest sign that we have received a spiritual understanding of God's love for us is the appreciation of our own poverty in the light of His infinite mercy." But, at the same time, we often deceive ourselves about who we really are. Becoming the good people God made us to be involves a journey marked by self-examination, repentance, and surrender: "Real self-conquest is the conquest of ourselves not by ourselves but by the Holy Spirit. Self-conquest is really self-surrender. Yet before we can surrender ourselves we must become ourselves. For no one can give up what they don't possess." May God use this season to show us who we are—and make us more fully human.

Fr. Bill+

## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector  
Dr. James Douglas "Doug" Stump, TST Head of School  
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator  
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries  
Jacqui Baker, Director of Children's Ministries  
Leno Mancilla, Property Manager  
Trudy Godsey, Endowment Board President

## VESTRY

Wiley Thomas, Senior Warden  
Robert Maly, Junior Warden  
TBA, Treasurer  
TBA, Clerk of the Vestry

Class of 2021

Steve Lindsey, Dinah Rushing, Wiley Thomas, Tricha Wilcox

Class of 2022

Kathy Gray, John Hall, Robert Maly, Alan Robertson

Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Trey Smith, Sallie Tullberg

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



Windridge Ridging Center is dedicated to improving the lives of those who face mental, cognitive, or physical disabilities and/or life debilitating situations. Windridge is a non-profit, community supported organization which utilizes standardized therapeutic horsemanship programs.

Windridge is a premier accredited center with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Founded in 1988, Windridge Therapeutic Center is making great strides in the lives of children and adults by providing therapeutic horsemanship programs, physical therapies, academics, and life skills.

Windridge's therapeutic horsemanship programs are funded by individuals, corporations, churches, and civic organizations. Donations received in support of these programs are investments in lives of children and adults with disabilities. Windridge is home to more than 140 participants and 70+ volunteers a week, 9 full time staff members, and 24 horses.

**Pastoral Care Needs?** Please call Fr. Bill Carroll with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep him informed of any pastoral issues that he may need to know about. You can reach him at any time:

Cell Phone - call or text (903) 399-1190 - Email: [rbill@trinityparish.org](mailto:rbill@trinityparish.org)

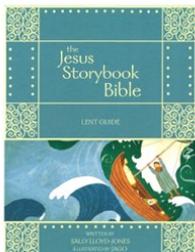
He will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10 p.m. for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need his urgent attention.



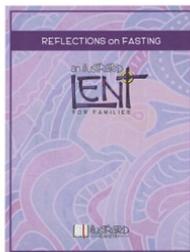
## Lenten Events

### Lenten Devotionals

Get them at the links below, or at the back of the Nave.  
[bit.ly/storybookbiblelentguide](http://bit.ly/storybookbiblelentguide) [bit.ly/reflectionsonfasting](http://bit.ly/reflectionsonfasting)



**For Younger Children**  
Works best with the Jesus Storybook Bible, but can be used with other children's story Bibles. Coloring books are available in the church office.



**For Older Children**  
Challenges our idea of fasting while encouraging us into a deeper relationship with God. Activities and coloring pages are included.



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Can be picked up at the back of the Nave in a Lenten Packet. Money collected will support Longview Community Ministries and the Women's Center of East Texas.



## Weekly Events



posted weekly to the Children's Ministry Facebook page. You can find it here:  
[Facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren)



Weekly materials are emailed to parents to assist them in leading their families in Christian Formation. If you would like to receive these weekly emails, let Jacqui know at: [jbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:jbaker@trinityparish.org)



Kids' Bible Activity Bag

"Kids' Bible Activity Bags" are at the back of the Nave. Please take the bag and contents home with you each week as a gift.



meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.! If you want to be a part of this fantastic group, let Jacqui know and she'll send you a link.

# HAPPENINGS IN MARCH

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Monday, March 8 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

## MEETING OF THE VESTRY

Tuesday, March 9 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

## PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28  
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

## LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings at  
7:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting  
To join the study, please  
email Fr. Bill at  
frbill@trinityparish.org for  
info about how to log in.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at  
6:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting  
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## WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

12:15 PM Wednesdays

# March

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Kathy Gray (3/01)       | Janet Brown (3/16)     |
| Rachel Rowe (3/05)      | Russell Rowe (3/16)    |
| Ron Fadal (3/08)        | Emily Sparks (3/16)    |
| Charles Thomas (3/08)   | Keely Barbe (3/17)     |
| Ted Skeans (3/10)       | Patsy Charles (3/17)   |
| Jan Stanley (3/10)      | Gayland Rushing (3/17) |
| Jacob Baker (3/13)      | Christy Collins (3/21) |
| Alan Robertson (3/13)   | Harper White (3/26)    |
| Glenda Mann (3/14)      | Jonathan Scott (3/27)  |
| Elizabeth Stroup (3/15) | Olivia Lawson (3/28)   |

Jim and Nancy Sawyer (3/07)  
Barney and Rachel Jones (3/10)  
Michael and Linda Leath (3/12)



Join us to learn more about Trinity School of Texas  
**Trinity Families and Friends Open House**  
Saturdays: March 6 & April 10 10am to 12pm TST Quad

**Interested in TST?**

**Art & Garden Activities**  
in the Planted Classroom

- Make & take crafts

**STEAM Activities**  
in the Quad

- Create & take projects

*Connect on Campus*

**Campus Tours**

- Meet Dr. Doug Stump, Head of School
- Visit with faculty/staff
- Visit classrooms

**Wellness Activities**  
on the soccer field

- Outdoor games
- Yoga for kids  
(Reservation for yoga appreciated.)

**Palm Sunday**

March 28th - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
**Procession of Palms at 10:30 AM**

**HOLY WEEK**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
April 1 - 7:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**  
8:00 AM - No Holy Communion  
12:00 PM - With Holy Communion  
Followed by Stations of the Cross

**A Complete Schedule of Easter Services will be in the April Trumpet which will go out before Palm Sunday.**

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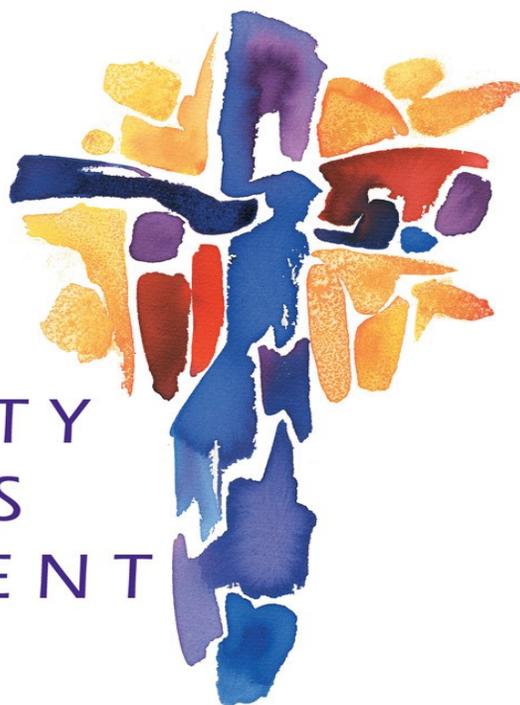
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