



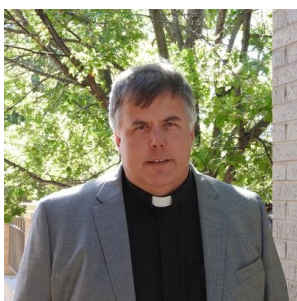
THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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

Falling in Love: Listening for God's Call for Our Lives



Father Bill Carroll, Rector

The following is a modified version of the sermon from the Baccalaureate Service for the graduating seniors and their families at the Trinity School of Texas.

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

These are the words of Father Pedro Arrupe, who led the Society of Jesus, aka the Jesuits, at a time of great renewal in mission. Among other things, he is asking the question of vocation. What does it

mean to find our unique calling from God? How is God's love at work in our lives? And how does God's love relate to the choices we make and the work we do? Choices like where we live, who our friends are, whom we love, and what we do for a living. Second Corinthians 13:11-13 is often appointed for Trinity Sunday. It is about the mystery of one God in three persons, from which our parish takes its name. The lesson contains one of the earliest Trinitarian formulas in the New Testament: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.” These days, most teaching about the Trinity stresses the biblical revelation that “God is love.” God is pure, self-giving love—boundless and free. And so, God sends Jesus to live and die for other people. And God pours his Spirit into our hearts—to restore loving fellowship to a world that is so often torn apart by our violent contempt for each other.

Dearly beloved, a big part of life is figuring out who we are and to whom we belong. It's about sharing the love of God (which he gives us so freely) with others. It is about discovering the imperfections of the people who surround us, and learning to love them anyway. It is

about making and breaking friendships. It's about falling in and out of love. It's about learning what to do with our freedom. It's about making mistakes and learning how to move on. People often ask young people what they want to do with their lives. Sometimes, it is okay not to have an answer, but we should always be looking for an answer (perhaps several answers).

Truthfully, the quest never really stops. Even those of us who are older should always be exploring this question. Our answers will likely change along the way. As we live and love and learn, our answers change day by day. Discerning our vocation is an ongoing task. To quote the title of a recent book, we are “Always Discerning.” But, when we find God's call for us, the pieces of the puzzle come together, and everything else starts to make sense. We become more loving when we respond to God's call. We become more loving, more merciful, and more kind to other people. We become more fully ourselves. And, no matter how hard our life gets, we know that it's worth it. And so, whatever life brings, remember this: Fall in love with something. Above all else, fall in love with God. It will change everything.

Fr. Bill +

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



Family Promise of Longview HOPE IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS

Poverty is a complex problem. Solving it requires solutions that integrate people and community resources. Family Promise connects people in need with people who want to help and turn compassion into action. Through partnerships with caring local church congregations and volunteers, they provide safe shelter, meals, training, and care to help families find gainful employment, become stable in a permanent home, and regain financial independence.

To learn more about Family Promise, please visit their website at Familypromiseoflongview.com

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll or Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep them informed of any pastoral issues that they may need to know about. You can reach them at any time:

Fr. Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

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They will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10:00 PM 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 their urgent attention.



Children's Church

Children's Church will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume after our youth and family minister, Rachel White comes to be with us. Children beyond nursery age are always welcome in the service and invited to sit with their parents in church.

For more information about Children's Church, Please contact Fr. Bill at frbill@trinityparish.org

We have a fully staffed nursery available for infants - 3 years from 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. The nursery is located in the former Flanagan Room in the hallway behind the nave.



For more information, please contact
Jan Barth at (903) 452-4861
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June Parish Events

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Monday, June 12th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

SENIOR MEN'S DINNER

Tuesday, June 13th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

WEEKLY

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Tuesdays afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

CROCHET GROUP

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On hiatus until September

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mike Martin (6/01)	Mary Faries (6/11)
Terry Todd (6/01)	Trevor English (6/14)
Gabe Hart (6/02)	John Sloan (6/14)
Steffani Jones (6/03)	Terry Gish (6/17)
Barney Jones (6/03)	Marilyn Hampton (6/18)
Ellia English (6/04)	Carolyn Russell (6/21)
Matthew Orndorff (6/06)	Clay Abernathy (6/26)
Ava Collins (6/10)	

Mike and Lynne Abernathy (6/01)
Terry and Michelle Gish (6/01)
Daryell and Melissa Crawford (6/03)
Dee and Patty Shappell (6/08)
Bill and Heather Bane (6/08)
John and Shirley Griffin (6/09)
Tim and Jacqui Baker (6/14)
Randy and Gina Peters (6/16)
Gayland and Dinah Rushing (6/16)
Dennis and Phyllis Jolley-Smith (6/18)
Jim and Eleanor Heinz (6/18)



July 2nd immediately following
the 10:30 worship service

In the Parish Hall



TST Summer Camp is a fun-filled, action-packed summer program for children 3 years old - 5th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

SCAN for
Camp details and to
reserve your spot today!



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TODAY**

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The Season of Pentecost



The season after Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year begins on the Monday following The Day of Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes **Trinity Sunday** which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These “propers” are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. Proper 29 is designated for use on the Sunday closest to Nov. 23. Prior to the 1979 BCP, Sundays in this long period of the church year were identified and counted in terms of the number of Sundays after Trinity Sunday instead of the number of Sundays after Pentecost. This period is also understood by some as “ordinary time,” a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance, as in the Roman Rite adapted after Vatican II.