



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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

Thoughts on the Mission and Ministry We Share

As many of you know, I am enrolled in a certificate program at Loyola University of Chicago. The main purpose of the program is to train spiritual directors to offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. For a recent assignment, I was asked to reflect on the Church's mission and especially on three central aspects of that mission, namely "pastoral ministry," "social justice," and "spiritual development." The following is an abridged version of my answer.

Pastoral ministry, social justice, and spiritual development are inseparable but distinct ministries of the Body of Christ and its members. They are given to the one Body in the one Spirit, "the Gift in whom all other gifts are given." (St. Bonaventure's phrase.) Moreover, all these ministries are empowered by that same Spirit, the "Lord and Giver of Life," who "spoke by the prophets." The unity of these ministries is found in the person of Jesus Christ, the giver of the Holy Spirit. He is the Son of God, consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit alike, as well as with our humanity through Mary, his Mother. With respect to pastoral ministry, Jesus shepherds people (especially the lost sheep of Israel and of the Gentile nations). With respect to social justice, he takes up the mantle of the biblical prophets. With respect to spiritual development, he leads people deeper and deeper into union with God.

The world (and every person and creature) is God's good gift, freely and generously given. The world is distorted by our sin and its consequences, but it remains within God's sovereign embrace and freely-given love. God continues to create the world and everyone in it, moment by moment. And what God has "wonderfully created," God has yet "more wonderfully restored" in Jesus, God's Son." (Collect for the Second Sunday After Christmas Day, BCP, p. 214). Sin distorts our relationships: with God, with each other, and with the earth. But God does not abandon us to sin, suffering, and death. Rather, in the fullness of time, God sends Jesus into our flesh, to restore broken fellowship (*koινωνia*), to set us free, and to call us into ministry. God relentlessly pursues us out of pure, steadfast love, uniting us in the "fellowship of his Son." (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Following Kathryn Tanner (one of my teachers who is a lay theologian in the Episcopal Church and now teaches at Yale Divinity School) and such Ignatian scholars as Joseph Tetlow, I believe in the universal, immediate agency of the Creator. Like Tanner, I see sin as a creature's "blockage" of the flow of an unimaginable abundance of grace, what John's Gospel refers to as "grace upon grace." This is poured out in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am convinced that the goodness of creatures can be obscured but never completely destroyed, because our very existence is the gift of our Creator. God is good and faithful without measure, even when we break faith with God.

In all forms of pastoral care, we serve as companions to others, in order to develop their spirituality by helping others to encounter Jesus through the Scriptures, as well as prayer, sacrament, community life, and the works of justice and mercy. In so doing, we are like midwives for something that the Holy Spirit is already at work to birth. At the end of the day, the Holy Spirit, who is the same Spirit that rested on Jesus, is in the lead. And our ministry is our free cooperation with the Spirit's holy work.

Fr. Bill+

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School
Rachel White, Youth and Children's Minister
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
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Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



Open to all, Newgate is a day mission where faith, dedication and purpose come together to create a safe, Christ-centered community filled with compassion, hope, and renewed dignity. Each year, Newgate Mission provides hope in the form of life-changing services including 82,000 meals, housing referrals, a community, job readiness, health and hygiene, life's essentials and transportation. More than just serving meals, Newgate is about opening doors to the entire community, returning pride, offering friendship and support without judgement, rebuilding and uniting families, and helping those who are lost to discover new paths.

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:

Father Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072

frbill@trinityparish.org / mothervivian@trinityparish.org

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

There are several Sundays in both August and September available for altar flowers. If you would like to give the gift of altar flowers during these months, please contact Bill Bane at (903) 452-9075 or bbane@trinityparish.org. Minimum contribution is \$125. Thank you very much for helping beautify our altar for Sunday services.

USHERS NEEDED



If you would like to volunteer to help usher at the 10:30 AM Service, please contact **Kathy Tate** at (318) 834-3008 or **Jeff Richardson** in the church office at (903) 753-3366.



Children's Church

Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM service and is led by our Youth and Family Minister, Rachel White. 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 Rachel White - rwhite@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



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AUGUST PARISH EVENTS

TST Back to School Fair

Monday, August 12 • Trinity School of Texas

Daughters of the King

Monday, August 12 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 18 • During the 10:30 AM Service

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, August 20 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall • Starts back August 13th

Crochet Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Study

Starts back September 4th.

FAITH Women's Bible study

Starts back September 5th.

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Boren (8/02)	Linda Leath (8/09)
Linda Wiggins (8/03)	Michael Maly (8/13)
Joe Mraz (8/03)	Tom Gignilliat (8/13)
Carla Mann (8/03)	Jessica Wilkinson (8/14)
Jim Shelby (8/04)	Beth Turner (8/15)
Patti McElligott (8/05)	Charles Davis (8/16)
Camp Stevens (8/07)	Micah Collins (8/18)
Julie Fowler (8/07)	John Griffin (8/22)
David Wilcox (8/07)	George Piler (8/24)
Mary Catherine Gest (8/07)	Dawn Maly (8/26)
Nathan Linseisen (8/08)	Peggy Rochford (8/26)
Marie Piler (8/09)	Sharon Keese (8/29)
Charlotte Wilks (8/09)	Vivian Shelby (8/31)

Mike and Marilyn Lewis (8/11)
Kevin and Pamela Wittmayer (8/13)
Charles and Linda Thomas (8/20)
Robert and Micki Maly (8/21)
Charles and Pamela Davis (8/26)
John and Karen Hall (8/28)



Trinity Veteran's Group Meeting Minutes - Gayland Rushing

The third quarter 2024 Trinity Veteran's group meeting was held at 0900 in the Adult Sunday School room on Sunday, July 21, 2024. Kudos to the flag bearers at both services for our July fourth celebration, David Maly and Dee Shappell. Our next meeting requiring flag bearers will be Veteran's Day, November 10, 2024. Lynne Abernathy has volunteered for this duty at the 0800 service. If you would like to bear the flag at the 1030 service, call or email Gayland Rushing.

Gayland will be emailing the official Veteran's Administration NEWSLETTER, when he gets it via email, to all veterans. It is full of vital and informative information concerning your benefits.

It is never too early to begin initiating your plans regarding [Wreaths Across America](#). Stan Wiley is our point of contact, 903-767-0858, for this national program at Trinity. He spoke briefly about this year's program. WAA is a non-profit organization and can be viewed online at [wreathscrossamerica.org](#). Their mission is to "Remember the fallen; honor those who serve; teach the next generation the value of freedom." This mission is carried out by thousands of volunteers across the nation as they lay wreaths on the graves of veterans throughout the fifty states and beyond. This annual national event will take place on December 14, 2024. Longview volunteers will meet at 0800 on 12/14/2024 at Rosewood Park Cemetery. You can go online at the aforementioned website and make deductible donations anytime. Remember, freedom has never been free!

When asked the question - "how many veterans have received their complimentary burial flag?", there are more nays than yays. I plan to bring the necessary forms to the next meeting, and we can each order his/her own flag. You can request a flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol on a specific date that is meaningful to you.

Even if you are not a veteran, but you have a question regarding the military way of life, feel free to call or email me.

God bless America and you,
Gayland Rushing
(903) 399-9503

Trinity Service Calendar August 2024 – Lectionary Year B

Date	August 4, 2024 11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 11, 2024 12th Sunday after Pentecost	August 18, 2024 13th Sunday after Pentecost	August 25, 2024 14th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	1 Kings 19:4-8	1 Kings 19:4-8	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18
Psalm	Psalm 78:23-29	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:15-22
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:56-69
Altar Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Snell Team
Coffee Hour	TBA	Cherry Sikes	TBA	TBA
Flower Delivery	Nancy & Jim S.	Linda L.	Dot & Charles F.	Nancy & Jim S.
8:00 AM				
Verger	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Maly Team	Peters Team	Bright Team
L. E. M.	Gayland R.	Mike A.	Jack W.	Gayland R.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Linda L.	Ben Bright	Bill K.	Linda L.
Ushers	Howard Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Kathy G./Christine P.
Readers	Trevor English	Richard Kuna	Tricha Wilcox	Jessica Wilkinson M. Wilkinson
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Alan Robertson	Sammy York	Jeff Hart	Jim Sawyer
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3

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Piney Woods
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Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church
909 Reel Road
Longview, TX 75604
Make a reservation by contacting:
Roxanne Brink @ 480-208-2966 or Susan Kuhlman @ 903-918-2261



Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 18
During the 10:30 AM Service



Children's Church resumes Sunday August 3rd!