



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

MARCH 2025
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.



Ash Wednesday:
"Now is the day of Salvation!"
Services on Wednesday March 5
at 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

"The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (BCP, p. 855)

"We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God... See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" (2Corinthians 5:20, 6:2)

Billy Graham used to do a radio program entitled the "Hour of Decision." For Christians, that time is always **NOW**. Throughout the season of Lent, God renews our prayer life and practices of discipleship, including the "works of mercy." In Jesus Christ, we are called to practice radical forgiveness, justice, mercy, and love with every last human being.

In Holy Baptism, we are called to the apostolic work of sharing the Good News of what God has done, once and for all, in Jesus. We are to let people know how God loves them and to show them God's new and better way to live. The life that Jesus lived, the death that he died, and the blood he shed for us sinners compels us to turn back to God—and back to each other. As Dorothy Day once observed, "I only love God as much as the person I love the least."

Ash Wednesday services are on Wednesday, March 5 at 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM. We will observe the Sundays in Lent with worship focused on repentance and renewal in God's ways of mercy and love. In the Name of the Church, I invite you to a holy Lent. For, in the words of the Prayer Book, "the whole congregation" is thereby "put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith." (BCP, p. 265)

"See now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation!"

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 Family Minister
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
Sammy York, Endowment Board President

VESTRY

Christine Prior, Senior Warden
John Michaels, Junior Warden
William Keese, Treasurer

Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

Class of 2026

Tisha Grotemat, Elise Hill, William Keese, Jim Sawyer

Class of 2027

Valerie Ibeji, Wesley Linseisen, Gail Martin, John Michaels

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Windridge Riding 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 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.



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 behind the nave.



FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

What: *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*, a Lenten Study by Barb Roos

When: Every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

March 6th - April 9th

Where: The Church Library

Who: All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends. Contact Elise or Vicky about ordering a copy of the book being used.

Call Elise Hill (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752

Come learn the Word of God and meet new people through fellowship and conversation

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

March 9th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



MARCH PARISH EVENTS

Countdown to Lent - Shrove Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, March 4th • 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM • Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th • 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

Service of Compline

Sunday, March 9th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, March 10th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, March 18th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Study and Dinner

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

FAITH Womens' Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM • Church Library

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kathy Gray (3/01)

Avie Caroline English (3/07)

Charles Thomas (3/08)

Ted Skeans (3/10)

John Martin (3/11)

Alan Robertson (3/13)

Glenn DeWitt (3/13)

Glenda Mann (3/14)

Emily Sparks (3/16)

Gary Fletcher 3/17)

Gayland Rushing (3/17)

Patsy Charles (3/17)

Christy Collins (3/21)

Wyatt Scott (3/27)

Jim and Nancy Sawyer (3/07)

Chris and Tisha Grotemat (3/08)

Barney and Rachel Jones (3/10)

Michael and Linda Leath (3/12)

Tali and Jessica Wilkinson (3/25)

First Quarter Trinity Veteran's Meeting on February 2, 2025

Dinah Rushing

The meeting was called to order by Gayland Rushing. The opening prayer was led by Stan Wiley, and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all seven attendees (Gayland, Stan, David, Lynn, George, Todd, and Dinah). We were blessed to have a new member, Todd Schumann, Coast Guard, join our group. Our focus for this meeting was the Memorial Sunday, May 25, 2025 agenda. Stan will be the flag bearer and speaker for the 0800 service and Gayland will do the same honors at the 1030 service. We plan to be at Teague Park on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025 around 0900-1200, to visit, encourage, and pray with fellow veterans and their families, and to provide help finding names on the Vietnam Wall via the computer app, virtualwall.org. We will also pass out a book, *Psalm 91, God's Shield of Protection*, by Peggy Joyce Ruth to any interested veteran, and bottled water as needed. May God continue to bless America and the past, current, and future veterans of the United States armed forces. Remember, freedom has never been free!

Gear Up for Lent - Mother Vivian Shelby

I have been a musician since I was six years old, and “practice makes perfect” is truth. When I was rehearsing a classical piece for a concert, my teacher would give me so many exercises to do – scales, finger exercises, etc. Only after I completed those would I begin to practice the actual piece I was going to perform. I would start by learning one section at a time. If there was a particular part I was struggling with, she would have me practice it very slowly then pick up the tempo as I got comfortable. But, as time approached for the performance, she would have me play these sections faster than they needed to be as it made the performance pace feel more natural. After weeks of building intensity, I was finally ready for the concert.

As we approach the beginning of Lent, I invite you to think about our practice of Christianity in the same way. Through the seasons in our Liturgical Calendar, we experience deeper worship and study at certain times of the year and less at others. This creates a beautiful rhythm for our lives.

Lent is one of those seasons where we are called to shift our attention and commit to different practices as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. It is a time to practice, doing “exercises” to deepen our relationship with God, diving deep into something different, which will help us notice new feelings about what God needs from us.

Just as I received clarity of my ability when practicing a new piece of music, I wish for you an intensity during Lent that will make Holy Week and Easter fresh for you.

Trinity Service Calendar

March 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	March 2, 2025 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	March 9, 2025 1st Sunday in Lent	March 16, 2025 2nd Sunday in Lent	March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43a	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Altar Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Charles Team	Sticher Team
Coffee Hour	Bill B.	Cherry S.	Trinity Men	Linda L.	Michelle G.
Flower Delivery	Jim & Nancy S	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT
8:00 AM Ser- vice					
Verger	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Peters Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Peters Team
L. E. M.	Mike A.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Jack W.	Gayland R.
10:30 AM Service					
Verger	Bill K.	Linda L.	Bryan W.	Bill K.	Linda L.
Ushers	Martin/Sikes Team	Wilcox Team	Gray/Pryor	Howard Team	Tate Team
Readers	Trevor E.	Richard J.	J. Wilkinson M. Wilkinson	Tricha W.	Trevor E.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Alan R.	Jim S.	Richard J.	Sammy Y.	Richard J.
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1

You are
cordially
invited to
Trinity Church's
"Countdown to
Lent" Pancake
Supper



When: Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Where: Trinity Parish Hall
Serving: Delicious Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit and
King's Cake Catered by Christi Allen
All are welcome: Invite your friends, children, grandchildren
and Trinity's children/youth invite a friend

\$10 Donation Suggested

"Countdown to Lent" includes:

- **Annual Bike Parade** at 5:00 p.m. (Miss Rachel will help the children decorate their bikes); and
- **Games throughout the evening!**

Pancake Toss, Lenten Word Search and
Entertainment! Fun for the Entire Family!

This is a time of celebration and remembrance before
we commit ourselves to our Lenten journey.

Come and Enjoy Fellowship and Community!!

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Countdown to Lent Shrove Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, March 4th

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Complete details on the insert
enclosed.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th

12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion

