



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.



A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES: ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

On August 11, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi. This remarkable saint was both an early companion of St. Francis and a founder of a distinctive religious community for women. Clare was a member of a noble family, whose aspirations for their daughter included a suitable marriage that would strengthen their position in a society torn by civil war. Nevertheless, she remained steadfast in her desire to follow Jesus in the way of the “little poor man of Assisi.”

Over the decades, Clare stood toe to toe with many powerful men, including the pope himself, about her resolve not to compromise in the ways that she felt called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Clare is remembered as the first woman to write a monastic rule under which other women would live. The document is both rigorous in its spiritual practice and compassionate toward the needs of real women. It was approved on the saint’s deathbed.

Clare’s spirituality was lived out in the cloister, separated from outsiders and the ways of the world. At the same time, however, she was actively involved in the lives of others, largely through her wide network of personal relationships. Additionally, her advice was sought by other women, as well as the early Franciscan brothers. She lived longer than many of the early members of the Franciscan movement and became one of the foremost guardians of its founding vision. In addition to poverty, humility, and Christlike love, the spirituality of Clare and her sisters placed a premium on contemplation. For them, this prayer took the form of a loving gaze upon the poor and humble Jesus, incarnate and crucified, who gave their lives meaning and joy.

The following is an excerpt from her fourth letter to another noblewoman, who was to lead a community of Poor Clare nuns in another country, namely Agnes of Prague. In it, Clare addresses herself as to a great lady called to be the “queen” and “spouse” and “daughter” of Jesus Christ. I believe that Clare’s appeal to Agnes should inform our relationship with Jesus today:

Happy, indeed, is she to whom it is given to share this sacred banquet,
to cling with all her heart to Him

Whose beauty all the heavenly hosts admire unceasingly,
Whose love inflames our love,
Whose contemplation is our refreshment,
Whose graciousness is our joy,
Whose gentleness fills us to overflowing,
Whose remembrance brings a gentle light,
Whose fragrance will revive the dead,
Whose glorious vision will be the happiness of all the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Beloved, as we strive to remain faithful to Jesus in a world that often follows other masters, may he so enflame our devotion, that we “cling with all our hearts to him.” May we steadfastly follow Jesus in all God’s ways of love.

Fr. Bill+

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector
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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.



Children's Church returns on August 10th.
Please join us for our Godly Play Open House on
Sunday, August 3rd during the 9:15 AM coffee hour.
For more information, please contact Rachel White -
rwhite@trinityparish.org

The nursery will return in August
Date to be announced.

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.



Do you need prayer for yourself or a loved one?

The Daughters of the King prayer ministry will pray for you. Place your request in the Prayer Box at the back of the nave. You can keep the details as nonspecific or as detailed as you wish. Use initials, anonymous, child of God, human in need, **no need to sign your name**. You can request prayer for healing, guidance, special concerns, bereavement, protection - whatever you need.

Requests are always confidential.



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AUGUST PARISH EVENTS

Daughters of the King

Monday, August 11th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 17th • During the 10:30 AM Service

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, August 19th • 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 5th**

Crochet Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Inquirers' Class

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall • **Starts back August 13th**

FAITH Women's Bible study

Thursdays at 6:00 PM • Library • **Starts back in September 4**

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Boren (8/02)

Linda Wiggins (8/03)

Joe Mraz (8/03)

Carla Mann (8/03)

Jim Shelby (8/04)

Patti McElligott (8/05)

Camp Stevens (8/07)

Julie Fowler (8/07)

David Wilcox (8/07)

Mary Catherine Gest (8/07)

Nathan Linseisen (8/08)

Marie Pliler (8/09)

Charlotte Wilks (8/09)

Linda Leath (8/09)

Michael Maly (8/13)

Tom Gignilliat (8/13)

Jessica Wilkinson (8/14)

Beth Turner (8/15)

Charles Davis (8/16)

Micah Collins (8/18)

John Griffin (8/22)

George Pliler (8/24)

Dawn Maly (8/26)

Peggy Rochford (8/26)

Sharon Keese (8/29)

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)



If you have a child, grandchild, or niece or nephew that is 4th/5th grade and older, we would love to have them join our acolyte ranks! Summer is a great time to train and get ready for the school year. Acolytes typically serve on a once-a-month rotation, so the time commitment is relatively low. If you are interested, please contact Tovah Robertson at 903-452-6758.

GODLY PLAY OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 3RD, 9:15 - COME AND SEE



CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS **8/10**

A New Inquirer's Class beginning Wednesday, August 13th

We will meet for dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the inquirer's class. Those who have questions about Trinity or the Episcopal Church, or who are seeking confirmation or reception into this branch of the Church from another communion are encouraged to talk to Father Bill and attend the classes.

For more information, please call Father Bill at (903) 399-1190.

An Invitation to Dive into the Bible

by Mother Vivian Shelby



One of the best ways to grow your relationship with Jesus and other Christians is to study the scriptures, church history, theology, and Christian ethics. We have an amazing group studying just that in our Education for Ministry program (EfM). Our groups meet once per week for 3 hours from August – May for prayer, worship, discussion, and theological reflection. This is an incredible way to get to know the Bible, your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to challenge yourself to hear what God may be saying to you about your life.

Please come and join us! You can email: MotherVivian@TrinityParish.org
or call/text her 832-846-7072.

Website about EfM program/curriculum
<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry>

Trinity Service Calendar

August 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost	August 10, 2025 9th Sunday after Pentecost	August 17, 2025 10th Sunday after Pentecost	August 24, 2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm	Psalm 49:1-11	Psalm 33:12-22	Psalm 82	Psalm 103:1-8	Psalm 112
2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel					Luke 14:1, 7-14
Altar Team	Collins Team	Charles Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team
Coffee Hour	Michelle G.	Cherry S.	Bill B.	TBA	TBA
Flower Delivery	Christine P.	Nancy Sawyer	Dot & Charles F.	Patsy & Bill C.	Nancy S.
8:00 AM Service					
Verger	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.
Ushers	Thomas Team	Abernathey/Tucker	Abernathey/Tucker	Peters Team	Thomas Team
L. E. M.	Jack W.	Mike A.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Jack W.
10:30 AM Service					
Verger	Scott J.	Bill K.	Rocio M.	Scott J.	Bill K.
Ushers	Gray/Pryor	Howard	Tate	Martin/Sikes	Wilcox
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.	Jessica W. Margaret Ann W.	Richard J.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Richard J.	Jim S.	Alan R.	Richard J.	Jim Sawyer
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 17

During the 10:30
AM Service

