

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



THE GOOD NEWS

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As I'm writing this, it is 26 degrees outside. Tomorrow it's supposed to be 50 and Thursday, it'll be in the 70's. I knew it was cold yesterday when Bert wore long pants to work and Colby wore them to school. That'll change tomorrow.

People living in west Texas are used to sudden changes in the weather. Of course, we said that in Michigan as well, but I've never seen a place like this. The furnace working in the morning and the AC in the afternoon.

I guess change is a constant in our lives. 2020 is a year of changes. It's not just the weather that's kept us guessing. The economy, racial discord, political posturing, and of course, the incredible changes wrought by the pandemic. Like many of us, I have a hard time remembering what day it is.

In the midst of all this uncertainty, I remember a prayer from my youth that is still in the prayer book:

“Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (1928 BCP)

“... that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help.” God knows that that the uncertainty of our lives cause confusion, fear, and even doubt. Yet, God stands ready to help us through them.

I've said many times that I don't believe that God pulls the strings on God's creation like some sort of cosmic puppet-master. God didn't bring about the novel Corona virus. God didn't cause civil unrest. God didn't make oil drop to record lows. At the same time, I don't believe God will raise oil prices, solve racial discord or miraculously cure COVID-19.

What God will do, is doing and has done, is to give us “the Peace which passes all understanding”. God assures us that God will always be present with us; loving us, calming us, weeping with us, laughing with us. God stands by everyone caring for the sick and dying. God holds the hand of those in the last moments of their life. God “wipes the tears from [our] eyes”.

When we prayer the prayer above, we are asking God to do that which God is already doing. As well as showing that we trust in God's mercy and grace, it reminds us of the same. We are God's beloved, no matter how much of a roller-coaster life seems to be.

Trust in God to be with us in the “changes and chances” of life. We will get through this together with God's “most gracious and ready help.” Bob+

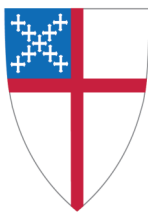


Holytrinity.org
All Saints Sunday Services
November 1st
8:00 am & 10:30 am

All Souls Vigil
November 2nd, 7:00 pm



Thursday,
November 26th
10:00 am
Livestream



Due to the increasing hospitalization and infection rates in Midland, we will suspend in person services through at least November 22nd.

We will live stream both 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Prayer List

THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT: Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.

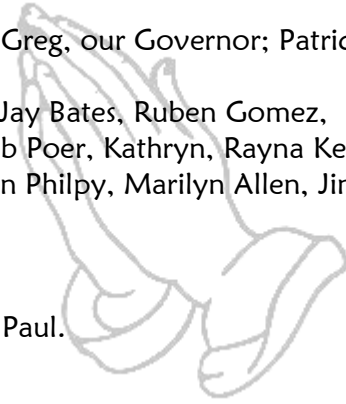
FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Clifford Rogers, Bob Poer, Kathryn, Rayna Kennedy, Diane Brown, Jim May, Chris Herpel, Debbie Tripp, Elaine Barnes, Marilynn Philpy, Marilyn Allen, Jinna, Alyssa Smith, Trish Golding, Gracie, Viola, J.M. & Family, J.R. & Family.

FOR ALL THOSE IN QUARANTINE, OR AFFECTED BY COVID-19.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

FOR THESE EXPECTANT FAMILIES: Jaci & Hank, Brenda & Mark, Emily & Paul.

FOR SOULS OF THE DEPARTED:



1st- Lara Nieman, Andie Parnell

2nd- Jim George

3rd- Florence Larsh, Whitney Newman

6th- Gretchen Bakke

7th- Chas Howbert

10th- Mason Montgomery

12th- Kara Mittelsted

13th- Will Green

15th- Pat Blonkvist, Stephanie Schwartz

21st- Chris Newman

22nd- Petie Staub

26th- Ricky Patterson

27th - Kevin Leoffler

**In Loving
Memory**

Barbara Jowell

memorials given by

Susan Carter

Ronald Ingram

Sue Marshall

Richard and Jan McMillan



Upcoming Meeting:
Vestry Meeting
Monday, November 9th
at 6:00 pm Parish Hall
Mask Required!

UTO UPDATE

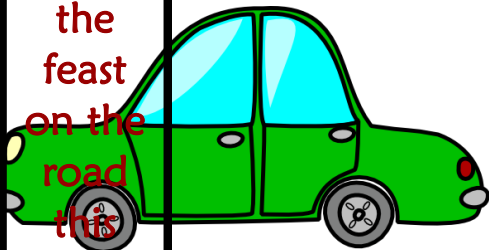
Our Fall UTO Ingathering was scheduled for November 1, 2020. Due to the rise in Covid cases, in person services have been suspended for the next few weeks.

We have not been able to bring our UTO boxes to church since November 2019. We will schedule an Ingathering as soon as it is safe to do so. While we can't meet in person, we can still support our brothers and sisters in Christ in need of our UTO prayers and gifts by continuing to pray and collect coins. If your box is full, use a cup and transfer contents into a plastic bag for our next Ingathering. If you have a blue box, even if it's full, keep it in a place you see it every day. Prayers and gifts, no matter the size, help the giver as well as the recipient. Please stay safe, and we will look forward to gathering together as soon as it is safe to do so. Blessings, Your UTO Team



Fall Back
November 1st
Don't forget to set
your clocks back
one hour.

We are taking the feast on the road this year,



we will be collecting

**THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE**

for Jubilee Center of Midland. Final Collection - November 18th at 5:30 pm



Collection will begin
November 1st
Please drop off items
In a bag at the
Parish office Door.

Drive thru collection is
November 18th
5:30 - 7:30 pm.
On the Illinois Ave
parking lot.

Jim Bakke, Jody Gilles, Damon
Tipping & Don Olive will take
your donations.



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HOLY TRINITY

1412 West Illinois Ave
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Sunday - November 1, 2020
8:00 Rite I (Livestream)
10:30 am Rite II (Livestream)
All Saints Day

Monday - November 2, 2020
7:00 Live Stream All Souls Vigil

Tuesday - November 3, 2020

Wednesday - November 4, 2020

Thursday - November 5, 2020

Friday - November 6, 2020

**Parish Office
Closed**

**November 11th
Veterans Day**

**November 25,26,27th
Thanksgiving Holiday**

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