

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



THE GOOD NEWS

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Regathering for live worship...

As of now, it is our plan to resume limited in person worship on Sunday, January 17, 2021. We chose that date because it will have been long enough from any Christmas or New Year surge in COVID cases. Of course, we may have to hold off if the numbers warrant it. But for now, we will have both 8:00 Rite I and 10:30 Rite II services. Both services will also be live streamed on Facebook.

I don't know if it's better to wish you a happy new year, or to congratulate you on making it through 2020. You know how people will put dollar signs or such in the middle of bad words, so you know what they mean without having to actually write "d\$\$n" for "darn". I think I'm going to refer to last year as 2\$\$0.

Of course, January 1 isn't magic. The virus won't go away as the ball hits the pavement. Racial and political strife won't evaporate. It's really more symbolic than real. Right now, though, I'll take symbolic. 2\$\$0 couldn't take everything from us. It couldn't take the love of family and friends. It couldn't take away the church (even though church had to be different). And, it couldn't take away the love of God in Jesus Christ.

So, as we enter 2021, as St. Paul says, "hold fast to that which is good". God is good. The world, maybe not so much. But God is good. Hold fast to that and pray that 2021 is a heck of a lot better than 2\$\$0.

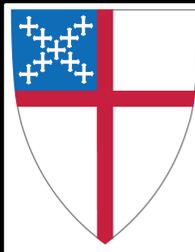
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Upcoming Meeting:
Vestry Meeting
Monday,
January 11th
at 6:00 pm
Parish Hall
Mask Required!

Please remember
to turn in your
2021 Pledge!



Stewardship



We are excited to
worship
together again in
person. Beginning
January 17th.
8:00 am RITE I
10:30 am RITE II
Social Distancing and
face masks are required!

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, Yvette Castro, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Bob Poer, Jim May, Katheryn, Debbie Tripp, Harry Harrison, Marilyn Allen, Marilyn Philpy, Diane Brown, Gracie Morgan, Marianne Green. Florinda Gomez, Bill Schammel, Ellia Viola, & Denise and Linda Mark Hales.

(If a name has been removed that you would like replaced please call the Parish Office.)

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

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

FOR THESE EXPECTANT FAMILIES: Brenda & Mark

FOR THE DEPARTED: Will Green



2nd Sylvia Shepard, Caroline Kirwan, Katelynn Gomez

4th Houston Scarborough

8th David Evans, Scott Chester

9th Elaine Barnes, Beth Brimer, Kasey Chester

10th Bill McClarty

11th Mary Griffith, David Donnell

16th Krista Kelly, Marissa Gomez

17th Heather Bostic

18th John Staub, Victoria Olive

19th Marianne Green

20th Anita Cole

23rd Kristin Perez

25th Mike Cunningham, Carter Smith

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Parish Meeting

As required by diocesan and parish canons, we will be holding our annual parish meeting at **1:30 pm, Sunday, January 24, 2021**. As of now, this will be an in-person meeting held in the

nave of the church. It will also be available on either Facebook or Zoom, or perhaps both.

Having the meeting at 1:30 will allow us to disinfect the church and set up for this rather unusual event. It will also give you time to grab lunch as there will be no food at the meeting. Bring your own drinks. Fr. Bob will look the other way if you bring them into the church. (This once.)

This will be a very abbreviated meeting, doing only those things required by the canons, namely: presenting (not voting on) the 2021 budget, electing 4 vestry members and 4 delegates to diocesan convention. Fr. Bob's "address to the parish" will be the sermon at both services that day.

The details on voting are still being worked out. Be assured that everyone participating on-line will be able to vote as well as those in person. During the meeting, children will watch a movie in the parish hall with minimal supervision and socially distanced. We do suggest that children who cannot watch with minimum supervision either stay home or with their parents. There will not be a nursery.

The nominating committee is working on a slate for both vestry and convention. If you have a suggestion or wish to run yourself, please get your nomination to the office by January 15th. These will constitute "nominations from the floor".

We ask that you let us know if you'll be at the meeting either in person or on-line. That way we can prepare the voting process and make sure we have adequate and safe seating in the nave.

To vote at the meeting, you need to be a confirmed member over 16 and "known to the treasurer" which means being a giver of record. These are the same qualifications necessary for being either a vestry member or delegate.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this unusual time.

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Thursday, January 21st

The Guest List
By Lucy Foley

Hosted by: Sandra Shiptet
4:00 pm 4212 Greenville
Leader - Judy Floyd

2021 Vestry Nominations

Vestry Election Candidates and Annual Diocesan Convention Candidates!

At our annual meeting, we elect both Vestry leaders and delegates to our diocesan convention.

(You need to be a confirmed member to be a candidate for either position.)

If you would like to be a candidate for one, or both, of these elections, please contact our nominating committee Al Telck, Orman Hubbard, Terry Jolliffe, Misti Schoonover, Gretchen Bakke, & Brenda Avelar or contact the Parish Office for more information 683.4207.



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Pictured
Grace Cathedral Labyrinth

**Relationships of Labyrinths to
Christianity.
For more information please
check out our website!**

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**2021
Parish Directory
Available on
January 24th.**

United Thank Offering

Thank you, Holy Trinity, for your support and participation in our UTO Ingathering as part of the Thanksgiving Collection for Jubilee Center. We are thankful for your efforts to help so many of our brothers and sisters in need.

The collection of Blue Boxes at the church, as well as checks that were delivered or mailed in, totaled \$825.09. Our last Ingathering was in November 2019. As you know, the world is in a far different place than it was then. Each coin collected represents an act of thanksgiving and prayer. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Our Spring Ingathering will be the first Sunday of May. We look forward to all being safely together in our church home. If you need a Blue Box, they are available in the church office.

Let's continue "Sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ with all people."

Your UTO Team



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HOLY TRINITY

1412 West Illinois Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - January 3, 2020
8:00 Rite I (Livestream)
10:30 am Rite II (Livestream)



Let's end this year with a thankful heart and start the new year with peace and faith. Let us release the bitterness and frustrations of the past year. Let us move into the next year knowing that God loves us and wants the best for us.

Let's pray that the new year will be focused on healing ourselves and the renewing of our minds.

We were not meant to do life alone! We can bring the light of hope into our own heart, home, and world.

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The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Misti Schoonover	Jerry Gomez	Brenda Avelar
Orman Hubbard	Carla Holeva - Senior Warden	Gretchen Bakke
Terry Jolliffe	Kate Menaul	Anne Hover-Secretary
Al Telck - Junior Warden	Robbie Shepard	Jimmy Leeton
	Paula Howbert - Treasurer	

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