

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

THE GOOD NEWS

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As I'm sitting here, the Holy Trinity bell is tolling out the hour – ten distinct rings reminding me of my mid-morning obligations. Well, that's one purpose. Mainly though, for most people in the area it's simply pretty noise; a part of the ambient background of our lives.

One of my favorite things to do is to read medieval mysteries, usually from the 11th to 15th centuries. Of course, they're fiction, but with all good fiction, they are placed in a fairly accurate historical setting. I mean, you can't have King Harold running around in 1069, now can you? (He was killed in 1066)

What made me think of this at 10:00 am is that church bells were an integral part of daily life for both the religious and the secular. Bells didn't ring out hours so much as they rang out the start of the various services of the church starting with Lauds at dawn and ending with Compline at bed-time, about 7pm. Of course, there was also Matins at 2 am, but hopefully they didn't ring the bell. Bells also rang in times of emergency, or to mark the death of a monk/priest or an important townsman.

What the bells of medieval England tell me is that the church was, to a great extent, the point around which all of life revolved. People would mark time by the monastic hours: right before Compline; right after Lauds for example. And, people actually went to these services (well, maybe not matins).

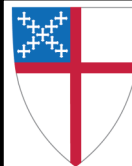
There were times the church abused its role in society, but more often, it was a place of security, stability and refuge from the drudgery of daily life.

I don't like waking up at 2:00 am, and I think I'd get tired of going to 7 services a day. But, I do wish the church had a more central role in peoples' lives. I wish people saw the church as a place of security, stability and refuge. I wish the church earned that centrality. I wish the sound of the bells did more than add to the cacophony of life. Maybe I'm being too cynical. Perhaps, and hopefully, the bells at least remind people that there is a church that wants people to know that it is still there. Our bells don't call people to our services, but they do call people to recognize a pattern of life which includes church as an integral part. Church bells – I know I'd miss them. I look forward to their familiar sound. Ah, there they are. 11 tolls. Life goes on. Fr. Bob

Upcoming
Meeting:
Vestry Meeting
Monday
October 12th
at 6:00 pm
Parish Hall
Mask Required!



Meeting
October 5th
5:30 pm
Parish Hall



Sundays
8:00 am RITE I
10:30 am RITE II

Social Distancing and face masks are required!

The back "musikgarden" door will be unlocked on Sundays. As long as there is any demand for it, the 8:00 service will be held every week as a Rite I Eucharist. We are looking at options for small gatherings such as coffee after services. Fr. Bob will be discussing this with diocesan clergy in mid-October. Since we don't have a Sexton, we will need volunteers to set it up and clean up. If you ever have questions, ask a vestry member, staff, or Fr. Bob and we'll get it answered.

Prayer List

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

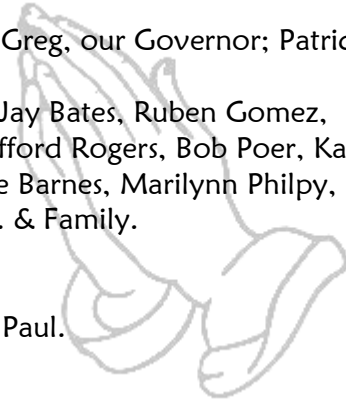
FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Barbara Jowell, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Clifford Rogers, Bob Poer, Kathryn, Rayna Kennedy, Diane Brown, Jim May, Chris Herpel, Debbie Tripp, Elaine Barnes, Marilynn Philpy, Marilyn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

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

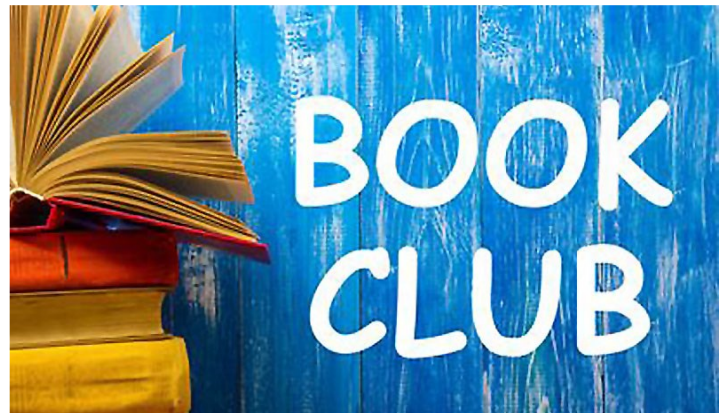
FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

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

FOR SOULS OF THE DEPARTED: Marty Banner, Henry King



- 4th - Phyllis Peek
- 5th - Marilee Runyan, Vicki Donnell, Barbara Jowell
- 7th - Terry Jolliffe
- 11th - Kay Arrell
- 14th - Ron King
- 15th - Sarah O'Leary
- 17th - Don Olive
- 18th - Bill Cox, Joey Parker
- 19th - Debbie Levander
- 22nd - Rick Glasscock
- 23rd - Delayne Wellen
- 24th - Ann Eubanks, Anna Chester, Stella Byrom
- 31st - Stephen Gesell



October 22nd
4:00 pm
Home of Christy Hudgins
1800 W Cuthbert
The Lions of 5th Avenue
by Fiona Davis



Due to Covid-19,
our Annual Trunk or Treat has been cancelled.

Youth Confirmation

Our goal, if there is interest, is to start Youth Confirmation class October 18th, during the Sunday School hour 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room. We only offer these classes every other year. Youth 6th grade and up are invited. We will have an orientation with the Youth and Parents. We don't have a bishop visit set at the time but hope it will be in the Spring. Packets for potential youth have been mailed out. Please prayerfully consider if the confirmation of your Baptismal covenant is what you want to commit to, and let Paula Howbert know you are interested *by October 4, so we can make plans.*

Paula Howbert, 432-553-4951

Mark Your Calendars!

2020 Diocesan Convention

Friday- October 16th virtual platform,
live streamed on Facebook.

HT's delegates will meet in the Parish Hall
for all votes!



All Saints Sunday November 1st

If you are remembering loved ones who have passed away, let your church join you in prayer and remembrance.

Call or e-mail the church office and let us know who you are remembering and we will include them in our prayers the week of All Saints and All Souls.

Names must be in the church office
By Monday October 26th

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UTO is COMING next month!

Know where your
UTO box is?

Adding coins and prayers gives a lift to you
and everyone else.

UTO Sunday is November 1st

and it will be here before you know it!

**keep up the good work, and don't
forget your little blue box.**

Our pets are a blessing to us...



..join us in blessing them!

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 4 at 2:30pm
on the front lawn.

The service will be broadcast
on FM 90.1

for those that want to stay in
their cars on Illinois.





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HOLY TRINITY

1412 West Illinois Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - October 4, 2020
8:00 Rite I
10:30 am Rite II
2:30 pm Blessing of the Animals

Monday - October 5, 2020

Tuesday - October 6, 2020

Wednesday - October 7, 2020

Thursday - October 8, 2020

Friday - October 9, 2020

Monday October 12th - Parish office closed

Closed

for Columbus Day Holiday



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