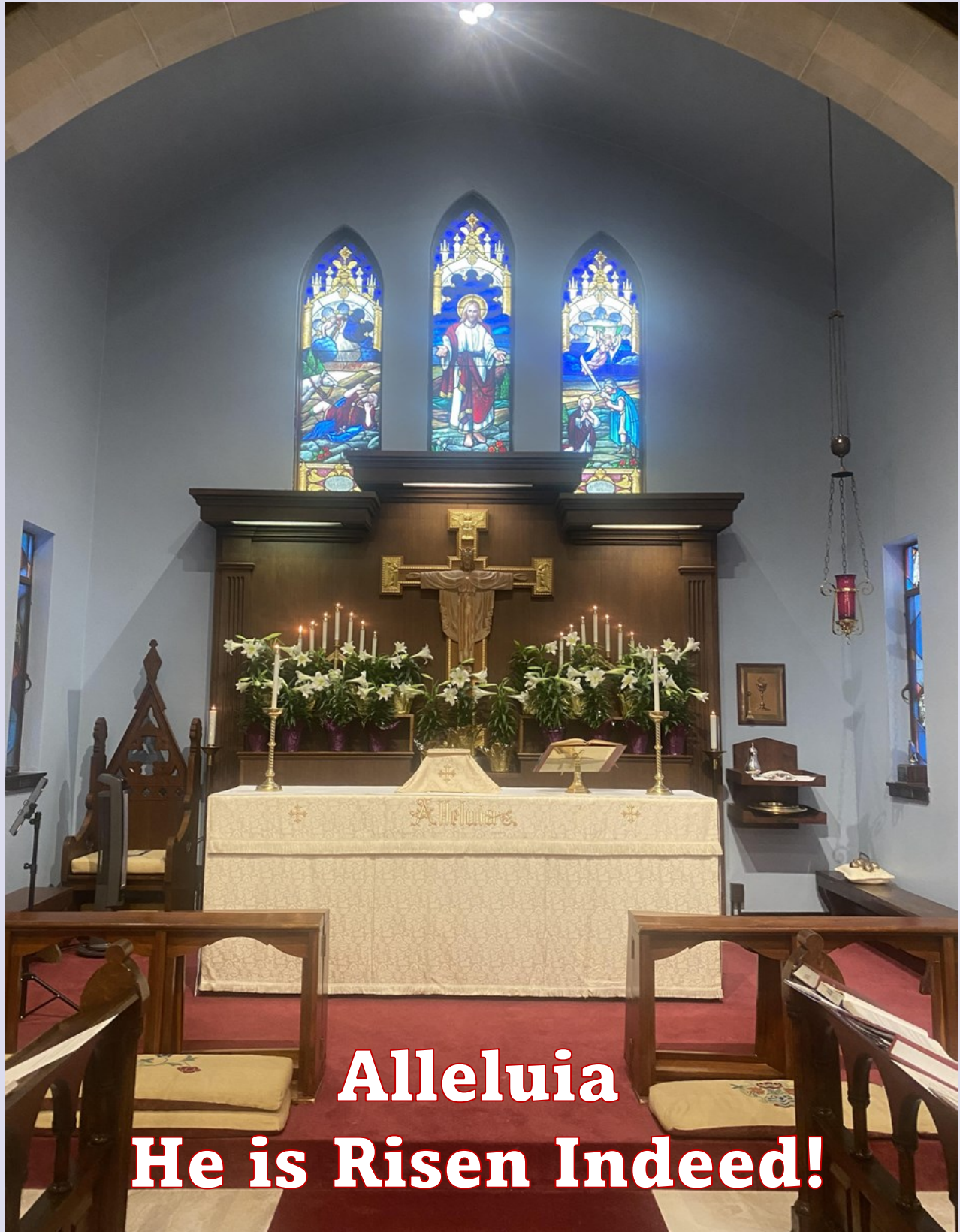


ST. PAUL'S  
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# St. Paul's Shield

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**Alleluia**  
**He is Risen Indeed!**

St. Paul's Holy Week started with Maundy Thursday and our Agape Meal in the parish hall. Then Good Friday in the church at noon and then Easter breakfast and our joyous occasion of Easter Sunday. Come join us for our Easter Season. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!



# The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

## The EDOT Grande Texas Family Reunion

### May 3 @ 12:00 am - May 5 @ 12:00 am

Join us for the very first Grande Texas Family Reunion! A weekend of fun at Camp Allen, just for us!

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** Registration will include: room, meals, snacks, select activities, evening socials, & entertainment Retreat

**Rates: Hotel Lodging \$210 per room, 4 person max**  
**Program/Meals: \$125 per person (kids age 2 and under are free)**

**Activities: (subject to change) Zip line Bounce houses Horseback Riding Skeet Shooting Petting Zoo Giant Swing Canoeing Movie Night Campfire with Smores There will be a live band performing each night Bishop Doyle will be leading worship Sunday morning.**

**[Click here for this and other stories.](#)**

### Small Church Network Gathering – Spring 2024

#### Putting Your Best Foot Forward: How to Improve the Message You are Sending

Join Bishop Fisher and members of the Diocese of Texas staff for our Spring Small Church Network Gathering at Camp Allen, Sunday, April 14 – Monday, April 15. Registration will begin at 4pm on Sunday. There will social time with Bishop Fisher, dinner, then program starting at 7pm. We will wrap up our time together with lunch on Monday.

At this gathering, we will discuss ways for each church community to put their **BEST FOOT FORWARD**.  
By...

Looking at intentional and unintentional messages, through your communications and facilities.

Asking what you want people to know about your church community.

How to get the word out!

Bring ideas, stories, handouts, mailers, webpage, and Facebook information to share with your colleagues in small church ministry!

Please register for this Small Church Network gathering at [www.campallen.org](http://www.campallen.org)

Small Church Network gatherings are for those in churches with generally 50 or fewer in Average Sunday Attendance. Lay folks and clergy are welcome!

Scholarships are available. Please contact Kathy Dunn at [kdunn@epicenter.org](mailto:kdunn@epicenter.org) if you need assistance.

**[Kathy Dunn \(she/her/hers\)](#)**

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## The Annunciation

The Gospel of Luke records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would bear the Messiah. Since the fifth century, the Church has commemorated the Annunciation with a feast day, and it is listed as a feast in the 1662, 1928, and 1979 Books of Common Prayer. The Feast of the Annunciation falls on March 25th, exactly nine months before the Church celebrates Christmas. Having such an important feast day fall regularly in the middle of Lent poses a bit of a liturgical conundrum, so when the Annunciation falls in Holy Week or

Easter week (called Bright Week in Orthodox churches...isn't that a great name!), the Feast of the Annunciation is transferred to the first Monday after Easter Week.

The Annunciation is one of the most important feasts of the Church year as it marks two major points: the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior and the response of Mary: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." [www.stdavidsbythesea.org](http://www.stdavidsbythesea.org)

## St. Mark Feast Day-April 25

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who is sometimes referred to as John Mark in the New Testament. Both Mark and his mother, Mary, were well respected in the early Church. Mary's house served as a meeting place for Christians in Jerusalem.

Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. He later accompanied Barnabas alone and we are told that he was in Rome with apostles Peter and Paul. Mark is also attributed with founding the Church in Alexandria, one of the original four main sees of Christianity.

It is believed that Mark wrote the second Gospel while in Rome, sometime before the year 60 A.D. Originally written in Greek to be more easily read by Gentiles converting to Christianity, it is commonly believed that Mark was requested by the Romans to document the teachings of Peter.

[www.stmarksirving.org](http://www.stmarksirving.org)



**Easter Lilies**  
**St. Paul's was beautifully decorated for Easter with lilies.**  
**If you ordered any they are \$10.00 each.**

### Altar Flowers

**There is a sign up sheet for Altar Flower in the narthex.**  
**If you would like to place in honor, memory etc. of someone please fill out the sign up sheet in the narthex.**



## Happy Birthday

Miller, Mr. Bill	4/01
Cheek, Ian	4/05
Harrison, Ms. Kathi	4/07
Cheek, Kayla Hughes	4/08
Curran, Glenn	4/09
Morris, Gabriel	4/11
Morris, Eli	4/17
Michaelis, Sarah	4/18
Waguespack, Megan Nicole	4/18
Burhom, Maury	4/19
Hollier, Mrs. Mimi	4/23
Lincecum, Mrs. Shana	4/24
Cook, Stephen	4/24
Hancock, Mrs. Ruth	4/28

If you would like to be on St. Paul's email list, please email the office at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or call at 409-883-2969. Peace and Blessings to you!

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you want to or know anyone who wants to be added to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please contact the office at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com)

Shield Information is due April 15.  
Vestry Meeting is April 17 at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

## Game Group

The Game Group meets every Thursday at 10:00am in the parish hall. We are always learning new games. No skill is required.

Come join us  
and have a lot of fun!

If you have any questions,  
you can email me  
At [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or  
409-883-2969

## Art Class

Art Class is every Wednesday at 9:30am in the parish hall.

Instructions are given by Shirley Marshall.

The cost is \$5 per class.

Come join us. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or 409-883-2969.

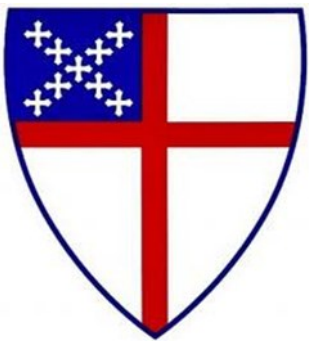
## The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday

On the 1st Sunday of each month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.

We will give the offering to Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services.

If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo line. If you have any questions, please contact me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

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**Morning Prayer 8:00am  
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am  
In person, Live Stream Service on  
Facebook or from our website every  
Sunday at 10:00am.**