

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

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## Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday March 5.  
St. Paul's Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist service is at 6:00pm.  
All are welcomed.**

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*Liturgy of the Word 8:00am*

*Holy Eucharist Service is at 10:00am every Sunday  
in person, and live stream on Facebook.*



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We will service pancakes, sausage, bacon, and orange juice . Come join us.**

**Wednesday Night Soup Supper and the movie "The Chosen"**

We will be watching "The Chosen", Part II and will have a soup supper every Wednesday night during Lent starting March 12 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. All our welcome to come anytime. If you have any questions contact the office at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

**Mark Your Calendar for April 2025:**

**Palm Sunday April 13**

**8:00am Morning Prayer**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist**

**Maundy Thursday April 17**

**6:00pm Agape Meal**

**6:45pm Service**

**Good Friday April 18**

**12:00pm Noon**

**Holy Saturday**

**Easter Sunday April 20**

**8:00am Morning Prayer**

**9:00am Breakfast**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist**



**Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00am.**

**Remember to spring forward one hour.**

## 176TH DIOCESAN COUNCIL RECAP!

Fort Worth Convention Center

Fort Worth, Texas

February 7-8, 2025

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# RECAP!

## **CAMP ALLEN**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Diocesan Council 2025! We are thrilled to share updates from Camp Allen. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the Back to Nature Campaign, we opened the new Quiet House in January and making great progress on the Bishop Quin Hotel Wing, set to open this fall. With just \$1M left to raise, we appreciate your continued support to complete these projects.

Please mark your calendars for these 2025 events:

- *Abundant Living*: March 17–19
- *Birds & Blooms*: March 21–23
- *Mahjong Retreat*: May 5–7
- *Mom Camp*: July 18-20
- *Labor Day Family Camp*: August 29–31
- *Forever Young*: September 22–24
- *Fly Fishing Retreat*: October 17–19
- *Gramps Camp*: October 17–19
- *Holiday in the Pines*: December 12–24

Visit [campallen.org/registerforevents](http://campallen.org/registerforevents) or call 936.825.7175 for details and registration.

**Summer Camp 2025**- Registration is open for our week-long, Christ-centered summer camp for youth aged 8 to 16. Located just 45 minutes south of Bryan/College Station, sessions are filling fast. Register at [campallen.org/summercamp](http://campallen.org/summercamp). Scholarship assistance is available!

**Rally Day**- Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, February 23, at your church! See the enclosed yellow flyer for details, including downloadable graphics, service announcement text, and promotional materials.

**Starry Nights Events** - Save the date and join us as we bring the mission of camp to the city for an evening of fun as we raise support for scholarships and programs. Get tickets at [campallen.org/starrynights](http://campallen.org/starrynights).

- **Austin**: Thursday, May 1, 2025, Junior League of Austin (Honoring The Rev. Chuck Treadwell).
- **Houston**: Thursday, October 2, 2025, The Revaire, Houston (Honoring Sheila and Tad Mayfield).

We encourage you to share the enclosed marketing materials in your church. For newsletter updates, email us at [info@campallen.org](mailto:info@campallen.org). Thank you for supporting Camp Allen's mission to provide transformative experiences in a Christ-centered community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Faithfully,



## The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to The Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Annunciation celebrates the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she was to become the mother of the Messiah, and her willing submission to God's will, whereupon the Word of God was conceived and made incarnate in her womb. The celebration of the feast probably began in the East in the fifth century and was introduced into the West in the sixth and seventh centuries. By the time of the Tenth Synod of Toledo in 656, it was celebrated nearly universally in the Church. While the feast falls exactly nine months before December 25, it is likely that the dating of the birth of Jesus depends on the dating of his conception, rather than the other way round. There was widespread belief among Jews of the late Second Temple period in the "integral age" of prophets and other great men of God, like Abraham; that is, that their lives formed an integral whole, and that they died on the same dates as their birth or conception. Thus, from a presumed dating of the crucifixion to March 25, the angelic announcement to Mary and the conception of Jesus were dated to March 25, and the birth of Jesus to December 25, nine months later.

Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive and bear a Son who would be the Messiah, the Son of the Most High, whose name would be Jesus. Astounded, Mary asked how this could be so, since she was a virgin and as yet unmarried. The angel replied that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and that the power of the Most High would overshadow her, and through this divine means she would conceive. "With God," said Gabriel, "nothing is impossible." The same God who had caused Mary's elderly and barren cousin Elizabeth to conceive would also cause her to conceive without the agency of a man. The Messiah was to be born, "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13). Mary was chosen by the grace of God to be the mother of the Messiah, and so Gabriel called her "favored one", and Mary's assent to the angelic announcement opened the way for God to accomplish the salvation of the world, so that all generations call her "blessed" (Luke 1:48).. <https://forallsaints.wordpress.com/>

## St. Joseph Feast Day– March 19

March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph where we recognize the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the earthly father of Jesus. St. Joseph is remembered for his faith, obedience to God's will, and steadfast guardianship of Mary and Jesus. His life is an example of humility, righteousness, and the virtues of a devoted caretaker and provider.

St. Joseph, though mentioned sparingly in the Scriptures, plays a pivotal role in the story of Jesus's early life. We are introduced to St. Joseph in the first chapter of Matthew where we are given his genealogy, showing that he is a direct descendent of King David. After establishing this, Matthew continues his account of Joseph. Upon discovering that Mary was pregnant, Joseph intended to quietly dissolve his betrothal to protect her from public disgrace. However, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, revealing that the child Mary carried was conceived by the Holy Spirit and instructing him to take Mary as his wife. Joseph obeyed God and married Mary.

Later, Joseph received word that he had to return to the town of his birth for a Roman census. In Luke 2:1-7, Joseph journeyed with Mary, who was great with child, to Jerusalem. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born. They discovered that there was no room for them in the inn so Joseph searched until he found a stable where Mary could give birth. There, in a humble setting, Jesus was born, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and placed in a manger.

Forty days after Jesus' birth, the Holy Family went to the temple in Jerusalem where, according to the Law of Moses, where Mary and Jesus were presented to the Lord and sacrifices were made on their behalf. It was there that they had a profound encounter with Simeon and Anna who recognized and proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah.

Later, Joseph was warned in a dream about King Herod's intent to kill Jesus. Joseph immediately took the family to Egypt. After Herod's death, Joseph was instructed in a dream to return to Israel. He settled the family in Nazareth, Galilee.

The last mention of St. Joseph is found in Luke 2. Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover. When Jesus was 12, they went according to their custom. As Mary and Joseph were returning home, they realized that Jesus was not part of their group. They returned to Jerusalem and found Jesus in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. Mary asked Jesus why he had done this to him, that they had been searching anxiously for him. Jesus replied, "Why were you searching for me?" "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. Luke 2:49-52 <https://ardf.org/blog/celebrating-the-feast-of-st-joseph>



Morris, Haley	3/01
Waguespack, Brittany Lorree	3/03
Bromley, Reese	3/03
Giblin, Keith	3/05
Waldrum, Mr. James	3/07
Odom, Lin	3/10
Hollier, Amber	3/10
Rotsch, Mr. Walter	3/11
Baldwin, Mrs. Amber	3/14
Latta, Mary W.	3/15
Bean, Foss	3/15
Walker-Winfree, Krispen	3/21
Walker, Bob	3/27
Hall, Mrs. Donna	3/27
Silk, David	3/28
Works, Brandi	3/31

**Happy Anniversary**  
Jones, Jerry & Sherlon      3/15

**Altar Flowers**  
There is a sign up sheet for Altar Flower in the nartex.  
We will not have any flowers on the altar during Lent.  
If you would like to place in honor, memory etc. of someone please fill out the sign up sheet in the nartex.

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)

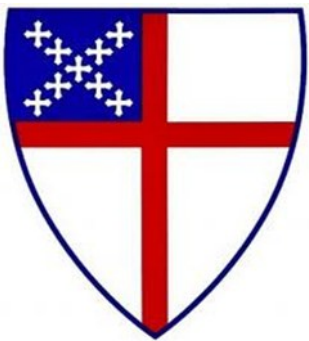
Shield Information is due March 15.  
Vestry Meeting is Sunday March 16 after the 10:00am service..

**The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday**  
On the 1st Sunday of the month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.  
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).

**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.

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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.**