ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Shield

Issue 107 December 2025

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
8:00am Liturgy of the Word
Holy Eucharist Service is at 10:00am every Sunday in person or live stream on Facebook.

Chrismon tree

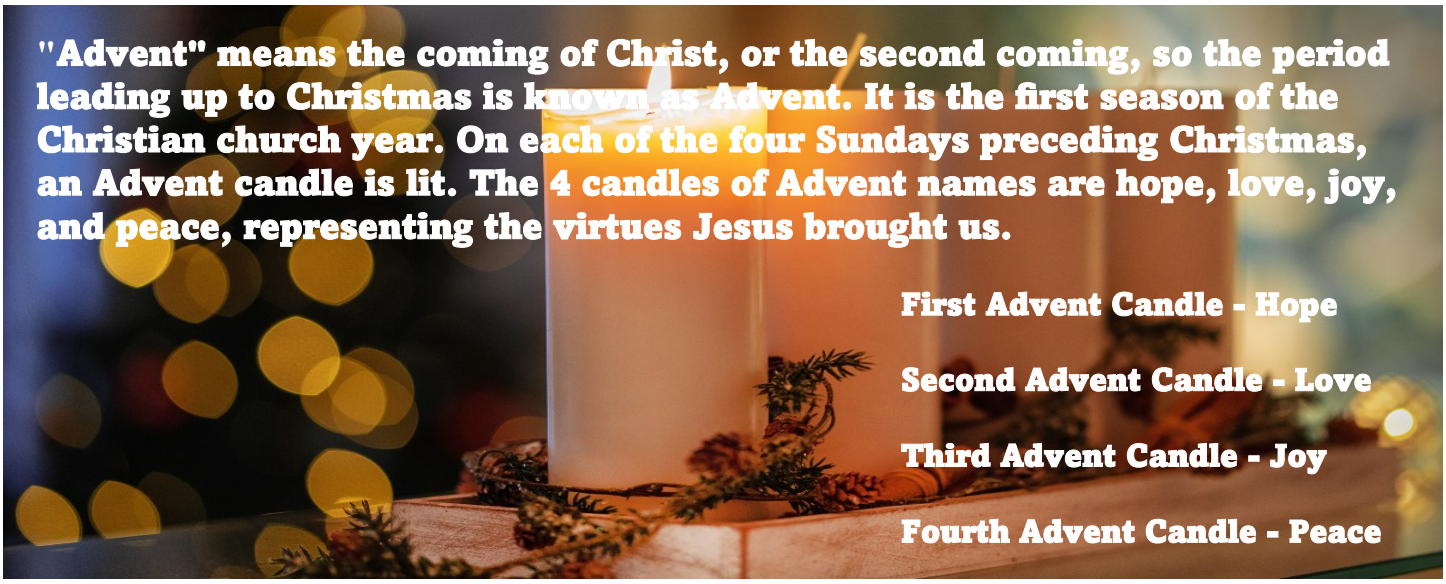
St. Paul's Chrismon tree will be decorated on November 30 and placed in the Guild room If you would like to place an ornament on the tree for your family. Please bring it to church with your name on the back so we know who it belongs too.

Stewardship Drive

St. Paul's is working on the budget for next year.
Pledge envelopes and cards will be available soon. Please continue to pray for St. Paul's.

Poinsettias for Christmas

The church will be beautifully decorated for Christmas with poinsettias. If you would like to place them in memory, honor etc. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can email me the information at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.



St. Paul's Angel Tree

St. Paul's will have an Angel Tree from Salvation Army this year. We will have the tags soon. If you have any questions, email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.

Book Study during Advent

Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret will be leading a study for Advent. We will meet in the Guild Room from 9:15am to 9:45am. So, come to church early, and enjoy the Season of Advent.

Salvation Army

St. Paul's will participate in the Salvation Army—Ring the Bell. On Wednesday December 17, from 9;00am to 3:00pm St. Paul's will ring the bells at Wal-Mart Super Center in West Orange. We are in need of volunteers to ring the bells. If you are interested you can contact the office or sign up on the sign up sheet in the nartex. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 409-883-2969 or

Dec. 18, 2025, 6 p.m. "The Longest Night Chapel Service", 1st United Methodist Church, Beaumont

Dec. 21, 2025, 5 p.m. "Festival of Lessons and Carols", St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaumont

Holy Innocents Feast day—December 28

Male infants slaughtered by King Herod the Great in Bethlehem in an unsuccessful attempt to kill the "king of the Jews." The Gospel of Matthew, ch. 2, records that the wise men, or Magi, from the east were seeking the child who was born king of the Jews. They had "observed his star at its rising," and came to pay him homage. They told this to Herod, which frightened him "and all Jerusalem with him." Herod feared that the young "king" would threaten his throne. The chief priests and scribes told Herod that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. They also told him when the star had appeared. Herod told the wise men to search diligently for the child in Bethlehem and tell him when they found the child. He said he wanted to go to the child and pay him homage. The wise men found the child Jesus and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But the wise men were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and "they left for their own country by another road." Herod was furious when he realized that he had been tricked by the wise men. He ordered the death of all male children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under. The child Jesus was not harmed because Joseph had been warned in a dream to escape to Egypt with Jesus and Mary. The feast of the Holy Innocents has been dated from the fourth century in Bethlehem and from the fifth century in North Africa and Rome. It is a major feast of the Episcopal calendar of the church year, observed on Dec. 28. The collect for this feast prays that God will receive "into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace" (BCP, p. 238). The hymns "In Bethlehem a newborn boy" (Hymn 246) and "Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child" (Hymn 247) are especially appropriate for the feast of the Holy Innocents. https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/holy-innocents-the/

St. Paul's Ministries

What are the Ministries of the Church?

It's taking action and getting involved in the church to serve its mission. Have you thought about helping in some way. We are approaching the beginning of the year, and are in need of some people helping with our ministries. If you would like to join the altar guild, flower guild, ushers, vestry or become a Eucharistic minister or lectors. Please let us know by contacting me at 409-883-2969 or stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com. Please give a prayerful consideration to joining a ministry. Thank you and may God bless you!

Here is the list of the different ministries of St. Paul's:

The Mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

ACOLYTES
The Ministry of Altar Server is a very important role in the celebration of the Service.
If you wish to serve God at His altar, we have adults and children in our acolytes ministry.

ALTAR GUILD
This Altar Guild prepares the altar for all services of the church, Sunday service, funerals, weddings and any services we may have in the sanctuary.

FLOWER GUILD
A blooming ministry that provides beautiful altar flowers for the church each week.

GRIEVING COMMITTEE
A committee where Family and friends of parishioners of St. Paul's will be provided a meal on the day of the funeral service. The Chairman will plan the menu, and call the team asking for food. The team will also set up, provide drinks and clean up after the meal.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
The Ministers assist the clergy during the Holy Eucharist. This ministry has to go through training and be licensed by the diocese. They also serve as Lay Readers during the service.

LECTORS
The Lectors proclaim God's word by reading the 1st reading (old testament) and the Psalm in the worship service.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES
The Homebound Ministry is a special group that brings Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

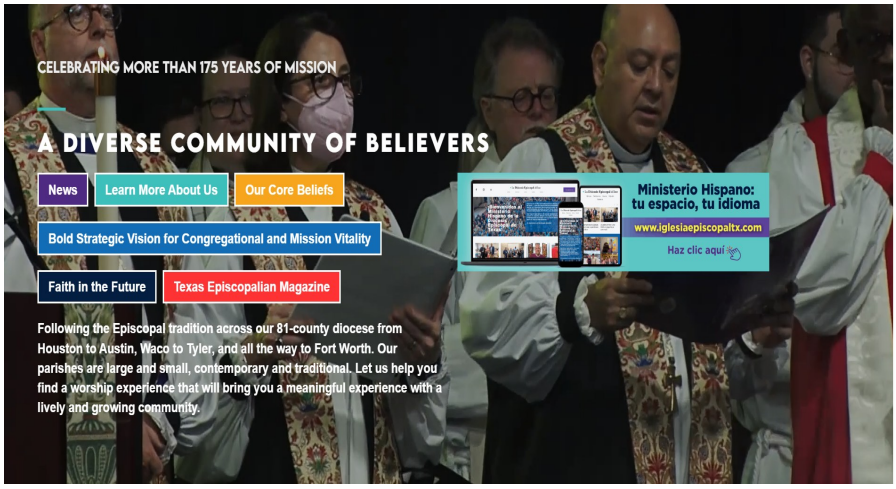
MUSIC MINISTRY
The Music Ministry consist of an adult volunteer choir and they lead our 10:00 am service with music relevant to the service. The choir practices at 9:00 on Sundays prior to the 10:00 service. The Music Ministry is under direction of our accomplished Organist and Choirmaster, Dr. Don Ball, Jr.

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
This order is for the women of the Episcopal Church and are dedicated for prayer, service and evangelism. If you are in need of prayer, please email the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969. All information is kept confidential. If interested in joining, please contact a member.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
All women of St. Paul's are members of the ECW.

Happy Birthday

Houseman, Garrett	12/02
Gilbeaux, Mr. Troy	12/06
Jackson, Yolanda	12/06
Michaelis, Tomy	12/08
Darby, Craig	12/10
Cleaver, Jay Todd	12/15
Michaelis, Cedric	12/20
Geis, Mrs. Pat	12/22
Bean, Monica	12/23
Breitenstein, Robert	12/28
Delafosse, Pierre	12/28
Hagen, Mr. Matt	12/29
Hollier, Mr. Gavyn Edward	12/31



Happy Anniversary

Reeves, Eric & Annie	12/31
Quebodeux, Bay & Keely	12/31

Click here to Read stories from the Diocese.

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

Art Class is every Wednesday at 9:30am.
If you are interested in joining, contact Shirley Marshall.

Shield Information is due December 15.
Vestry Meeting is Sunday December 21 after the 10:00am service..

December Feast Days

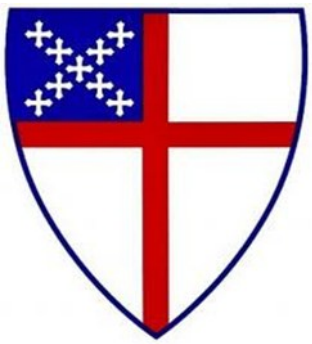
December 21	St. Thomas
December 25	Nativity of Our Lord
December 26	St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
December 27	St.. Evangelist John, Apostle
December 28	Holy Innocent

The Game Group
The Game Group will meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Jay Todd Cleaver, Haley & Dennis, and baby Ezra, Amanda, Betty & Don Ball, Sr., Don Ball, Jr. & Friends Greg & Karen Ball, Paula Burton, Hal Bean, Bill, Anne Breitenstein, Doris Byrd, Carolyn, Glenn & Carolyn Curran Chandler Family, Kayla & Mackenzie, Ian Cheek, Robert Cheek, Chris, Sharon Debes, Dena, Martin & Hannah Dugas, John & Teri Duos, Elizabeth, Maggie Farrington, Tim Fading, Tom & Marsha, Chris Gayle Pete Garcia, Ben Garcia, David Haley, Ricky Haley, Sue Hagan, Ray Hancock, Patsy , Carolyn Hessong, Mimi Hollier, Delmos Hooker, Rosie Hurst, Yolanda Jackson, Allen Jones, Jerry & Sherlon Jones, John & Marie Kaitlyn Hogg, Deborah Kibodeaux, Mackenzie, Megan, Peggy Lane, Jasper, Jimmie Avera, Peggy Johnson, Lori, Ruby Madeline, Mary, Ken & Debra Kenric, Bruce and Roxanne McGraw, Justin Morvant, Walter Rotsch, Rosemary, Molly Sartin, David Silk, Easton Smith & family, Ronnie Sonnier, Pete & Delores Sterling, Paul, Ken Slaughter, Terese & Liam, Judy Taylor and Craig Taylor, Kendal Thomas, Susan Torrence, Nancy Walker, Alyssa Wilson Catherine, Kady Michaelis,, Vines Family, Lynette, Tom, Grace & Kate , Joe Cavallero, Kay Shelton ShaRee Baumgartner, Bob & Linda Maxwell, Betty & Bruce Lemke, Sandy Bell, Reilly Shaw

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1401 W. Park Ave.
Orange, TX 77630



Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Holy Eucharist (Family Service) 10:00am
In person, Live Stream Service on
Facebook every Sunday at 10:00am.