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TRINITY PARISH LIFE GUIDE FALL 2022

Trinity Episcopal Church
Houston, Texas

WELCOME to Trinity Episcopal Church



Here you'll find a message you can understand and people you can relate to. Our doors are wide open to everyone from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

We invite you to come as you are, take things at your own pace, meet others just like you, and start a new season of spiritual growth in your life.

We believe church is more than a building or organization, it is a community of people walking through life together, lending strength and support to one another in the good times and bad. We are sure you will find something at Trinity that makes it a perfect match for you.

We desire to relate to each other with a standard of love and forgiveness. At Trinity, we choose restoration over judgment, believing that God is more interested in your future than your past, and much more excited about pointing you towards your purpose rather than pointing out your mistakes.

So, please come as you are to Trinity. God delights in our diversity. Come see what makes our Parish so unique and why you will fit right in!

This year has left us all reeling, leaning on our faith more than ever. Many ministries had to be suspended due to the pandemic. We are bringing them back in a layered, intentional approach depending on volunteer availability. Some ministries are still in the process of redevelopment in line with the priority needs of our community. Trinity looks toward the future with hope grounded in God.

A very special thanks to our Trinity Photographers for their images found in the following pages, especially Ron Mailloux, Hannah Atkins Romero, and Elmer Romero.

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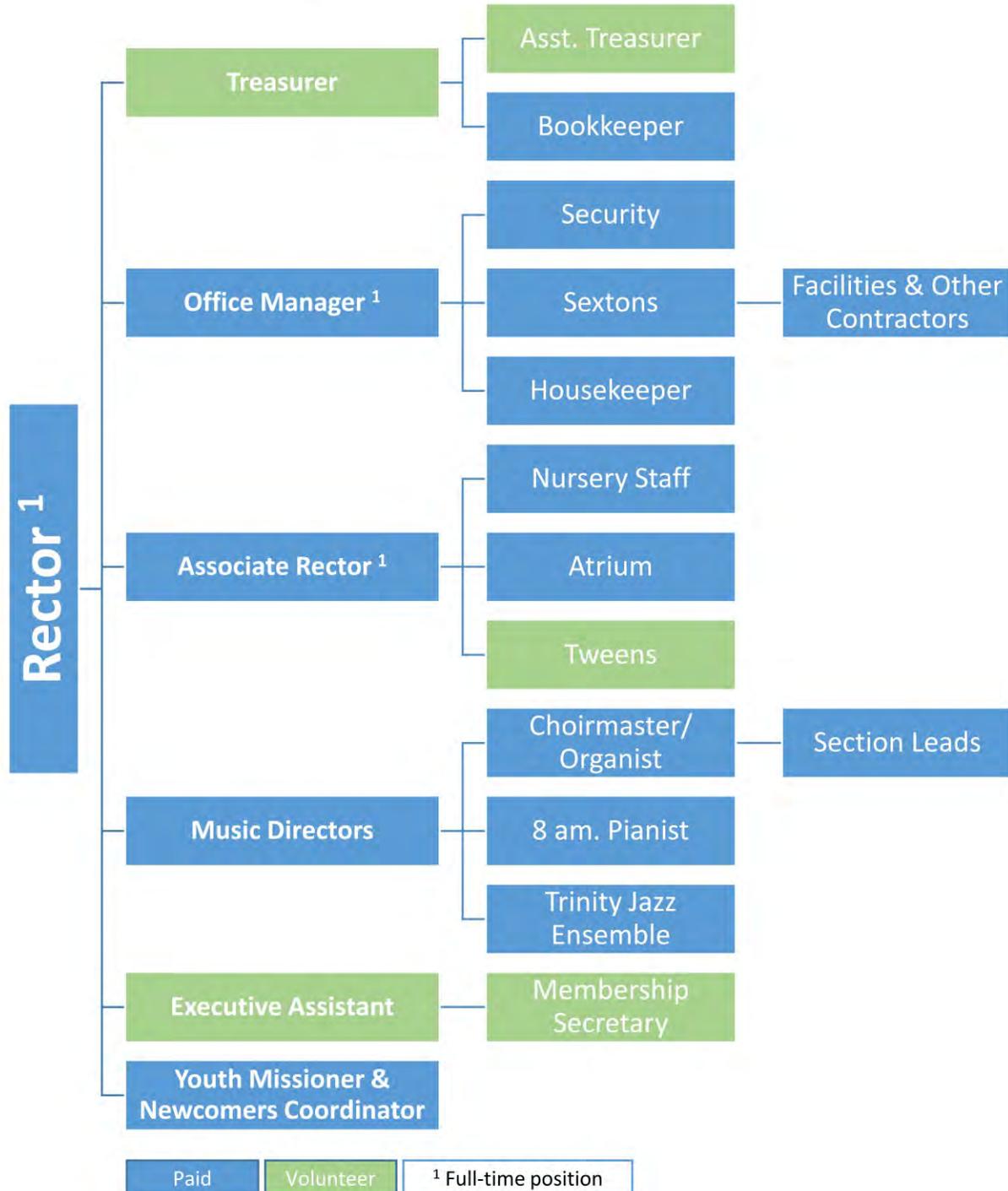
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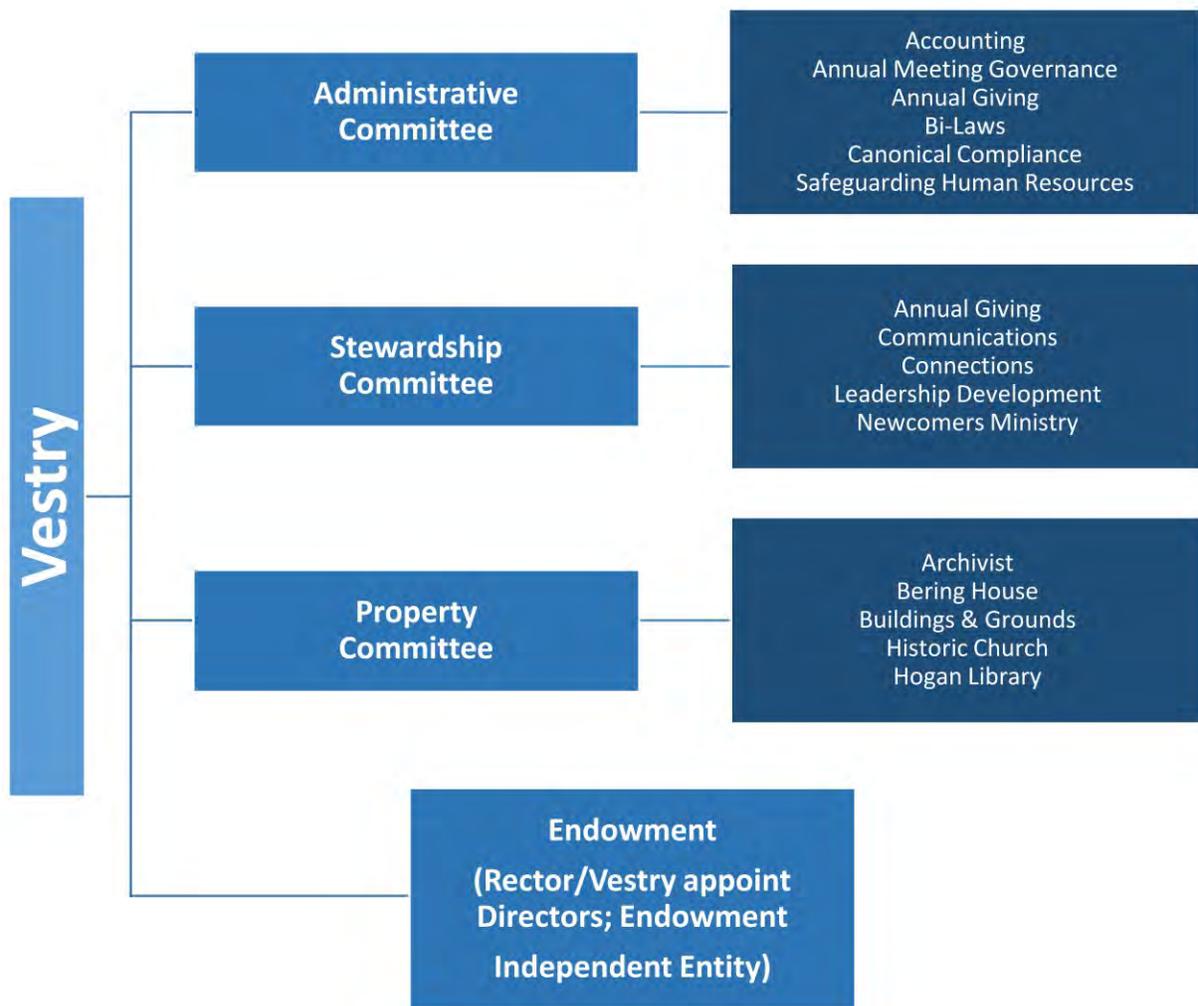
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Trinity Episcopal Church Staff Organization Chart with Office Manager



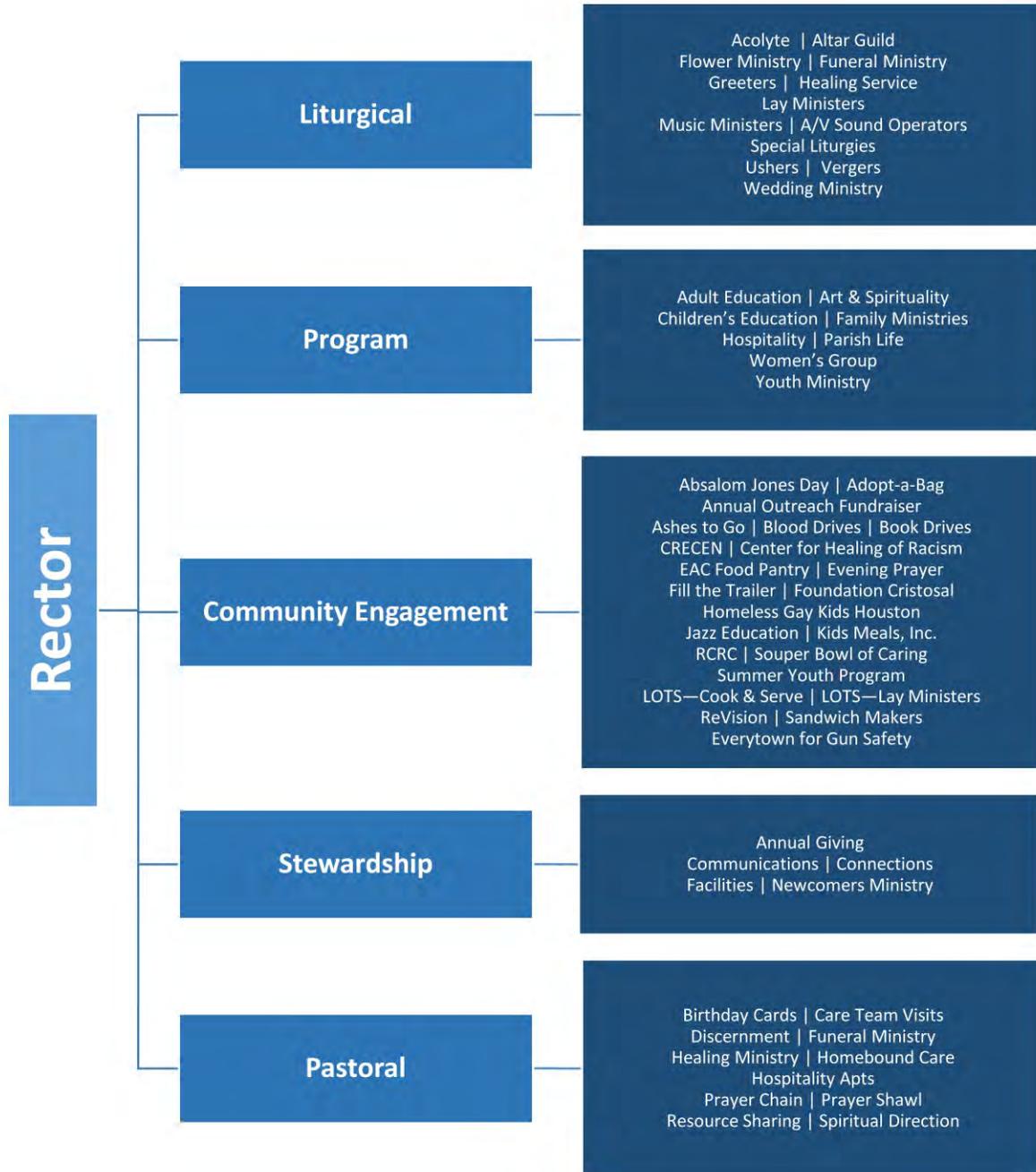
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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Organization Chart



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Trinity Episcopal Church Ministries Organization Chart



MEET Our Clergy



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero *Rector*

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins began her service as Trinity's fifteenth rector on Sunday, September 9, 2007. To prepare herself as a third generation Episcopal priest, the Reverend Atkins Romero earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Douglass College, Rutgers University and a masters degree in divinity at the General Theological Seminary in New York in May 1996, with additional masters level studies in theology at Universidad Centroamericana Jesuita in El Salvador. The Reverend Atkins Romero has most recently served as Senior Assistant Rector at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C., as part of almost eight years of her parish service there. Before joining St. John's Church, she served as Director of Theological and Christian Education in the Diocese of the Episcopal/Anglican Church of El Salvador, Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist San Salvador, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Church Santa Teresa in San Martin, San Salvador, and as Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Amatepec, Soyapango, El Salvador. The Reverend Atkins Romero is married to Elmer Romero and they have two sons together and two daughters in El Salvador.



The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes *Curate*

The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes started her curacy at Trinity Episcopal Church, July 1st, 2020. Before attending seminary, she was a bilingual education teacher and served as a lay minister and youth director at Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo. Luz has served this diocese and church in other capacities such as a deputy to the General Convention, a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution & Canons, and as Youth Ministry Liason for The Episcopal Church Office of Youth Ministries. Rev. Luz is married to Thanh Montes.

MEET the Clergy



The Reverend Dale Klitzke

Priest Associate

The Reverend Dale Klitzke and his wife of 56 years along with four children lived most of their lives in Tomah, a small town in Wisconsin. He was bi-vocational for the first fifteen years of his ministry.

He has served in churches in Tomah and Menomonie, Wisconsin as well as in Aiken, SC and part time at Holy Spirit in Houston. The Klitzkes have been involved with the Order of St. Luke and diocesan and local youth work.

DIOCESAN STAFF CONNECTED TO TRINITY



The Reverend Charles Graves IV

Missioner for Houston Canterbury

Rev. Charles Graves IV is the Missioner for Houston Canterbury, which is the Episcopal college ministry serving the campuses of UH, TSU, HCC, SJC and UHD.

A native of Maryland, Charles is a seventh-generation cradle Episcopalian. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hampton University and served as a community organizer, campaign manager and in a U.S. Senator's office on Capitol Hill before completing seminary at Yale Divinity School. Proficient in Spanish and Italian, he has also been a leader in multiple international missions, most notably as a published researcher in Ghana and as an Episcopal missionary serving refugees in Italy. Charles was ordained in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was also a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and he has been a member of Diocesan Executive Council in two dioceses. For fun, Charles enjoys exploring around the city, taking time off at the beach, traveling, learning languages and most importantly, seafood.

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THE VESTRY

The Vestry is the Board of Directors for the parish corporation. The Vestry is the authoritative body of the Congregation and is subject only to the Diocesan and National Church Canons. The Vestry is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation and is to communicate with the congregation about the goals, concerns, and functioning of the Church in the modern world.

The Senior Warden is appointed by the Rector from the Vestry members. The Junior Warden is elected by the vestry from its members. The wardens may be requested by the Rector to preside in his/her place as chair of the vestry meeting.



2022 Vestry

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

Eric Beam
Ben Blanding
Jim Castro
Terri DiRaddo
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
Ann McCoy
John Merullo
Michele White
Sheila Wainwright

1940 Vestry

ONGOING PROGRAMS

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

SUNDAY	Lord of the Streets	TBD
	Lord of the Streets Breakfast	TBD
	Nursery	7:30 am–1:30 pm
	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 am, Chapel
	Catechesis of The Good Shepherd	9:30 am, Room 112 (Sept. – May)
	ECC–Tweens	9:30 am, Room 207/Fellowship Hall (Sept. – May)
	Youth Gathering	9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
	Adult Christian Formation/Sunday Forum	9:30 am, Smith Room
	Meditations	9:30 am, Zoom
	Holy Eucharist, Rite I or II	10:30 am, Church
	Coffee Hour, Special Events	Occasionally
	Holy Eucharist, Rite III	12:30 pm, Chapel
	Oficio de Completas	8:00 pm, Zoom
Children’s Chapel	Summer	
DAILY	Evening Prayer (Monday–Friday)	5:30 pm, Church/Zoom
	Brown Bag Meal Distribution	5:45 pm
WEEKLY	Wednesday Healing Service	6:00 pm, Zoom
	Yoga with Saba (Tuesday)	Noon, Zoom/Church hybrid
	Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesday, Friday)	12:15 pm, Youth Room
	Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday)	7:00 pm, Room 218
	The Listening Post (Friday)	12:00 pm–1:00 pm, Late Fall
MONTHLY	Sandwich Makers	1st Tuesdays, 10:00 am
	Pub Theology	3rd Sundays, during Coffee Hour
	Garden Club	Last Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Community Bar
	Women’s Circle	1st Fridays, (September–May), 10:00 am
		2nd Tuesdays starting September 13th <i>check calendar for exceptions</i>



CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

AUGUST

- 06 Saturday, Transfiguration of our Lord, Evening Prayer
Officiants Training
- 07 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 14,
- 14 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 15,
- 20 Newcomer Fiesta 5pm-7pm, Tacos A Go Go at 3704
Main St, Houston, TX 77002 (Newcomers only)
- 21 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 16, Blessing of
the Backpacks, Meet and Greet, 11:45,
- 26/27 Episcopal Way Class Friday 6:30-8 pm;
Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 28 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 17,
Ushers/Greeters, Verger refresher

SEPTEMBER

- 04 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 18, Last
Sunday of Children's Chapel
- 05 Labor Day, offices closed
- 11 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 19, Aloha
Sunday, Ministry Day
- 18 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 20, Liturgical
Ministries Training after each service
- 23 Friday, Native American Day, Foto Fest Opening
reception
- 24 Foto Fest Exhibit begins
- 25 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 21, Recovery
Sunday

OCTOBER

- 02 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22, St.
Francis Day Pet Blessing
- 07/08 Episcopal Way Class Friday 6:30-8pm; Saturday 9am-
12pm
- 09 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 23,
Indigenous People Day
- 16 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 24,
Combined 10:30 and 12:30 services at 10:30 with festive
reception afterwards, Bishop Doyle visitation and
Together for Joy! – Stewardship Annual Giving Kickoff,
15th Anniversary Celebration, Choral Evensong, Treble
Choir from St. Thomas Episcopal 5:30 pm

- 23 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 25, Latin Jazz
Mass 12:30, Together for Joy!
- 30 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 26, Together
for Joy! Stewardship, Meet and Greet 11:45

NOVEMBER

- 01 Tuesday, All Saints' Day
- 06 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 27, All
Saints' Day Sunday/Baptisms, Together for Joy!
- 11 Friday, Veterans' Day
- 13 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 28,
Ingathering of Commitments, Together for Joy! Diversity
Potluck
- 20 Last Sunday After Pentecost, The Reign of Christ, Proper
29, Choral Evensong, 5:30 pm
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, offices closed
- 25 Friday, Day after Thanksgiving, offices closed
- 27 First Sunday of Advent, Year A, Advent Wreath Making,
Meet and Greet 11:45

DECEMBER

- 04 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas visit at Coffee
Hour, 11:45 am, Pictures with St. Nicholas,
- 11 Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols at 10:30
service
- 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Meet and Greet 11:45 am,
Dedication of the Chrism Tree
- 21 Wednesday, Tidings of Comfort 6 pm, Chapel
- 24 Saturday, Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Christmas Choral
program, 6:30 pm Come As You Are Pageant and Rite II
Choral Eucharist, 10:00 pm Christmas Choral program,
10:30 Rite I Holy Eucharist
- 25 Sunday, Christmas Day, 11:00 am Jazz/Gospel one
combined service, Epiphany House Blessing Kits
available
- 26 Winter Holiday, Offices closed, reopen 01/03/2023

*For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church
website at www.trinitymidtown.org/events*



CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

JANUARY

- 01 The First Sunday after Christmas, The Holy Name, Epiphany House Blessing Kits available
- 02 Offices Closed
- 03 Offices reopen
- 06 Friday, The Epiphany
- 08 The First Sunday After The Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord, Baptisms
- 15 The Second Sunday After The Epiphany
- 16 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Offices closed
- 22 The Third Sunday After The Epiphany, Annual Meeting 9:15–10:15 am in Fellowship Hall
- 29 The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

FEBRUARY

- 04 The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany, Vestry Commissioning, Super Bowl of Caring
- 12 The Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany,
- 19 The Last Sunday After The Epiphany, Choral Evensong 5:30 pm
- 21 Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, Burning of the Palms
- 22 Ash Wednesday, services at 7:00 am, Noon and 7:30 pm
- 26 The First Sunday in Lent

MARCH

- 05 The Second Sunday in Lent
- 12 The Third Sunday in Lent
- 19 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 26 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

APRIL

- 02 Palm Sunday, The Sunday of the Passion
- 03 Monday in Holy Week, Noon Holy Eucharist Service
- 04 Tuesday in Holy Week, Noon Holy Eucharist Service
- 05 Wednesday in Holy Week, Tenebrae Service
- 06 Maundy Thursday, The Watch begins
- 07 Good Friday Liturgy, Noon; Stations of the Cross, 1:15 pm
- 08 The Great Vigil
- 09 Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day
- 10 Monday after Easter, offices closed
- 16 Second Sunday of Easter
- 23 Third Sunday of Easter
- 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

MAY

- 06 Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 18 Ascension Day, Thy Kingdom Come international prayer
- 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after the Ascension, Thy Kingdom Come international prayer
- 28 Pentecost Sunday

JUNE

- 01 Gun Violence Awareness Day
- 04 First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Summer programming, Choral Evensong, 5:30 pm
- 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost
- 18 Third Sunday after Pentecost
- 19 Juneteenth, offices closed
- 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sunday Forum

Most Sundays of the program year (Sept - June) from 9:30-10:15am in Smith Room, this ongoing educational opportunity offers a wide range of subjects and issues central to living a Christ-centered life in the 21st Century. Facilitated by parish clergy, ministry leaders and guest presenters the ultimate aim of this long-standing tradition in Adult Christian Education at Trinity Church is to help parishioners "grow in the knowledge and love of the Triune God." See website for more details and schedule.

Sunday Meditations

Join us as we meet virtually to reflect on scripture and life, drawing wisdom and strength from each other. Drop in on any Sunday or become a "regular"! It is a great comfort to support each other during this challenging and uncertain time. Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net

Pub Theology

Pub Theology, 7pm-8:30pm, last Wednesdays of the month through April, excluding December, gather at Community Bar with a rotating guest Trinity author speaking about their book/writing and other many other social and theologically curious Trinitarians and friends. Check website for up-to-date information at trintymidtown.org

Aug. 31st

September 28th

Oct. 26th

Nov. 30th

Jan. 25th

Feb. 15th (22nd is Ash Wednesday)

March 29th

April 26

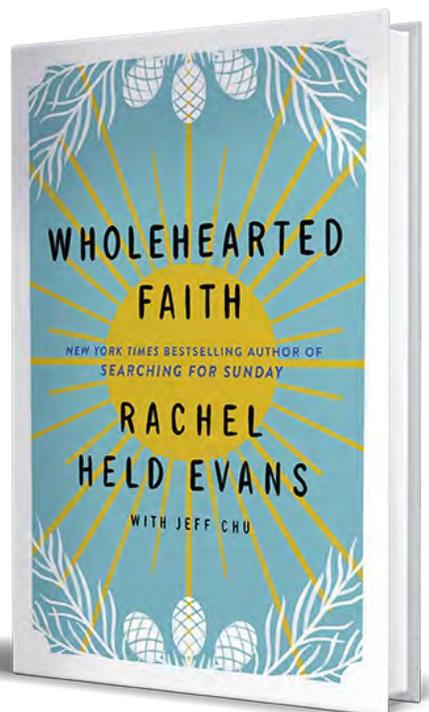
Episcopal Way Classes

In order to become a full member at any Episcopal Church, one needs to be baptized, confirmed or received. Trinity normally has two visits per year from a diocesan bishop, who leads this process. The Episcopal Way is designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and what it means to be a member at Trinity.

While open to everyone, people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend The Episcopal Way, as well as those desiring to be baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church.

Register online or email Ryan Mire at frontoffice@trintymidtown.org.

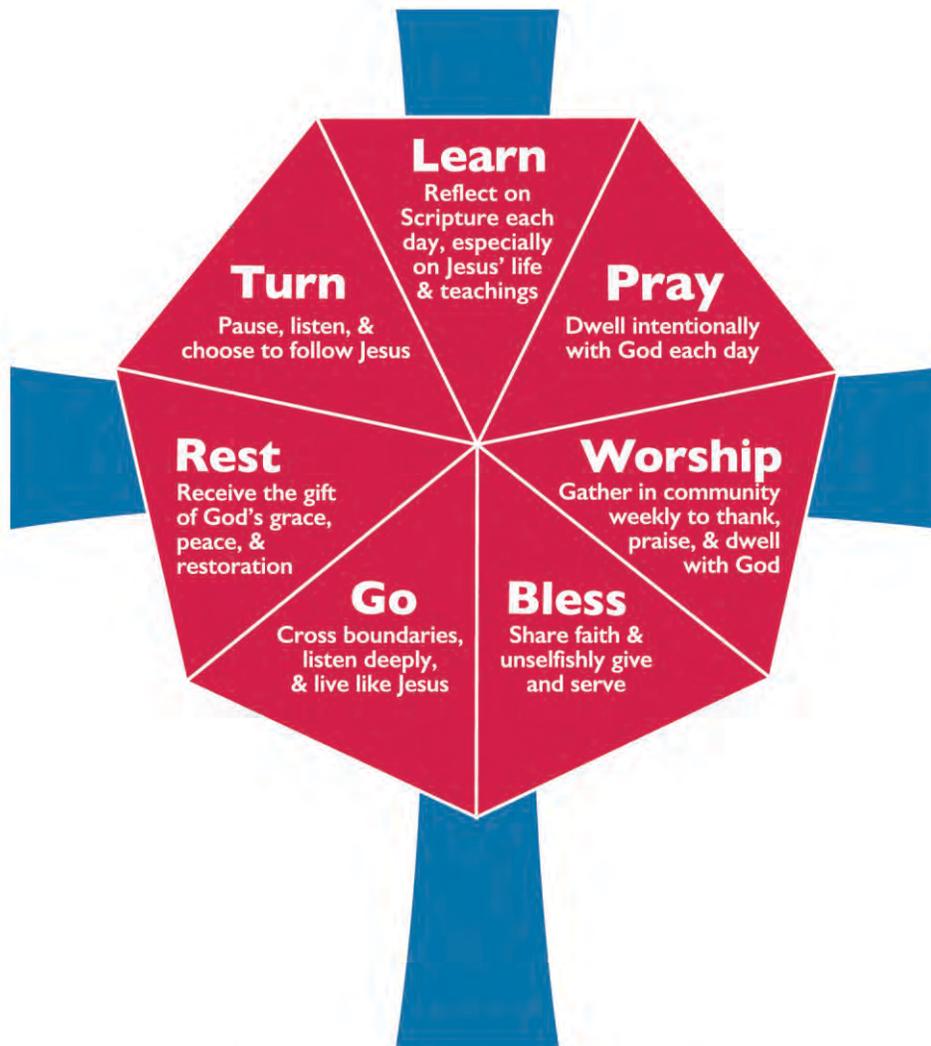
Episcopal Way classes will be offered August 26th/27th and October 7th/8th in preparation for the Bishop's visit on October 16th, 2022. Additional courses will be provided and announced in the Spring.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Way of Love

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it. For more information or resources please visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life



ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sunday Morning Forum Topics

9:30am–10:15am in the Smith Room. Adult Forum Schedule check www.trinitymidtown.org for updates.

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 09/11 Aloha Sunday, Homecoming Orientation, Meet and Greet, Visioning
- 09/18 15 Pentecost, Discerning The Spirit
- 09/25 16 Pentecost, Foto Fest Speaker

OCTOBER 2022

- 10/02 17 Pentecost, St. Francis/Laudauto Si
- 10/09 18 Pentecost, Indigenous People's Theology
- 10/16 19 Pentecost, Celebrate 15 years together, Bishop Doyle
- 10/23 20 Pentecost, Latin Jazz Mass
- 10/30 21 Pentecost, All Hallow's Eve, Prepared for Eternity?

NOVEMBER 2022

- 11/06 All Saints' Sunday, Lasting Legacy, Trinity Endowment
- 11/13 23 Pentecost, Diversity Potluck
- 11/20 Reign of Christ, Together with Joy Ingathering, Budget Presentation
- 11/27 1 Advent, Advent Wreath Making with Education

DECEMBER 2022

- 12/04 2 Advent Photos/exhibit of International Nativities, Incarnation in Context
- 12/11 3 Advent, Mary, The Mother of Christ
- 12/18 4 Advent, Advent and Christmas Traditions, past and present
- 12/25 Christmas Day, No Forum, Epiphany Blessing packets

JANUARY 2023

- 01/01 The Holy Name, No Forum, Epiphany Blessing Packets
- 01/08 1 After the Epiphany, Baptism, The Rite of Initiation
- 01/15 2 After the Epiphany, Civil Rights, MLK, Jr.
- 01/22 3 After the Epiphany, Annual Meeting
- 01/29 4 After the Epiphany, Jazz Mass, No Forum

FEBRUARY 2023

- 02/05 5 After the Epiphany, Conversation with New Vestry
- 02/12 6 After the Epiphany, The Real Saint Valentine/ Preparing for Lent Madness
- 02/19 Last Sunday after the Epiphany World Mission
- 02/26 1st Sunday in Lent, Lent Madness, Saint Brackets

MARCH 2023

- 03/05 2 in Lent, Lent Madness, Saint Brackets
- 03/12 3 in Lent, Lent Madness, Saint Brackets
- 03/19 4 in Lent, Lent Madness, Saint Brackets
- 03/26 5 in Lent, Lent Madness, Saint Brackets

APRIL 2023

- 04/02 Palm Sunday, Palm Sunday, No forum
- 04/09 Easter Sunday, Easter Sunday, No Forum
- 04/16 2 of Easter, Songs of Alleluia
- 04/23 3 of Easter, Creation Care
- 04/30 4 of Easter, Creation Care

MAY 2023

- 05/07 5 of Easter, Creation Care
- 05/14 6 of Easter, Thy Kingdom Come Introduction
- 05/21 7 of Easter, Thy Kingdom Come, Forms of Prayer
- 05/28 Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come, Forums of Prayer

JUNE 2023

- 06/04 Trinity Sunday, Trinity Endowment Presentation, Gun Violence Awareness, Wear Orange Sunday

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Infants & Toddlers

The Church Nursery is available from 7:30am to 1:30pm on Sundays.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a children's Sunday school group for ages 3 through third grade. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday (date varies by year) from 9:30-11:15 am. We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach to spiritual formation. The class is led by a certified COGS teacher and additional volunteers as needed and meets in the Atrium. After the lesson, the children process into the church, receive a blessing, and return to their families. Drop-ins are welcome. Please see *Children's Education Calendar* page 19 for additional information.



Episcopal Children's Curriculum

ECC Tweens in a children's Sunday school group for 3-6 grade kids. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday from 9:30-10:15. We learn about the bible using a curriculum tied to the seasons of the church. There is often a craft or game as part of the class. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall with Rev. Luz. Please see tentative schedule on *Children's Education Calendar* page 18.



Christmas Come as You Are Pageant

Children meet at 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve and choose their roles in Jesus' birth narrative. The Pageant occurs during the 6pm service.

Children's Chapel

Summer Programming: Children's Chapel meets the Sunday after Trinity Sunday through Sunday before Aloha Sunday. It is for children aged three through fifth grade and begins before the reading of the Gospel during the sequence hymn when the children process out behind the cross for a lesson and return to their parents after the passing of the Peace and before the Blessing of the Children.

Safeguarding God's Children

Trinity Episcopal Church does not take the care of your children lightly. To work with children, our clergy, teachers, and anyone who works around children, are required to take a course called "Safeguarding God's Children." This program is focused on preventing the abuse of children and young people.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Join Trinity Midtown Families Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390093701917914>



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Fall 2022 Events by Date

- 08/21 Blessing of the Backpacks, *All Services*
- 09/11 Aloha Sunday
- 10/02 Blessing of the Animals, 4 pm, St. Francis Street lawn
- 10/22 Family Picnic, TBD
- 11/27 Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am.- Fellowship Hall
- 12/04 Catch-Up Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am.- Fellowship Hall
St. Nick at Coffee Hour, 9:30 am.- Fellowship Hall
Carols with Alex and Carver, 9:30 am.- Fellowship Hall
- 12/24 Children start gathering at 5:30 pm.- Room 207,
Come as You Are Pageant and Rite II, 6 pm, Historic Church



*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*



ECC TWEENS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 09/04 13 Pentecost
- 09/11 14 Pentecost, Unit I Covenant–God Preserves Creation
- 09/18 15 Pentecost, Unit I- God Calls a People into Covenant
- 09/25 16 Pentecost, Unit I–Moses Receives the Commandments

OCTOBER 2022

- 10/02 17 Pentecost, Unit I–God Provides Leaders
- 10/09 18 Pentecost, Unit I–A Place for the Ark of the Covenant
- 10/16 19 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/23 20 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/30 21 Pentecost, Unit I–Covenant People Divided

NOVEMBER 2022

- 11/06 All Saints’ Sunday, Unit I–For All the Saints
- 11/13 23 Pentecost, Unit II–Parables of Promise
- 11/20 Last Pentecost–The Reign of Christ, Unit II–Parables of Promise
- 11/27 1 Advent A, Unit II–Parables of Promise

DECEMBER 2022

- 12/04 2 Advent A, No Sunday School
- 12/11 3 Advent A, Unit II–Parables of Promise
- 12/18 4 Advent A, Unit II–Parables of Promise
- 12/25 Christmas Day (Proper II), No Sunday School



CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 09/04 13 Pentecost
- 09/11 14 Pentecost, Me, myself and I in relation with God
- 09/18 15 Pentecost, The Trinitarian God–Rite of Baptism for Children, Order of the Mass, Baptized “in the name of...
- 09/25 16 Pentecost, The Economy of Salvation (Salvation History)

OCTOBER 2022

- 10/02 17 Pentecost, The Life of Jesus Christ (Incarnation & Paschal Mystery)
- 10/09 18 Pentecost, The Teaching of Jesus Christ
- 10/16 19 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/23 20 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/30 21 Pentecost, The Church

NOVEMBER 2022

- 11/06 All Saints' Sunday, The Liturgical / Sacramental Life of the church
- 11/13 23 Pentecost, Christian Morality / Catholic Social Justice Teaching
- 11/20 Last Pentecost–The Reign of Christ, Prayer
- 11/27 1 Advent A, Education for Community Life

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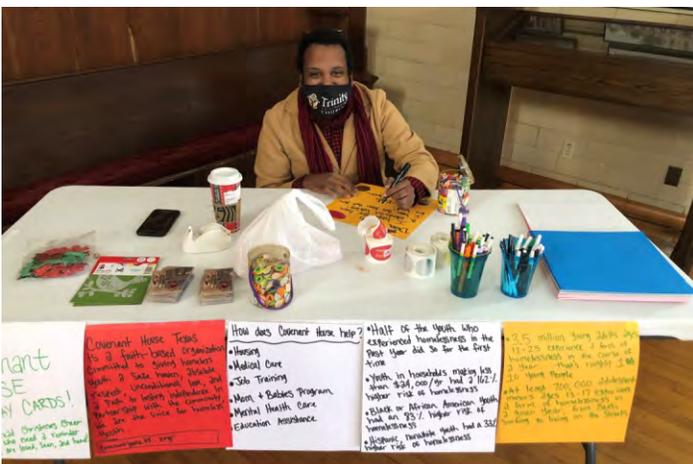
- 12/04 2 Advent A, No Sunday School
- 12/11 3 Advent A, Infancy Narratives: The Annunciation to Mary–The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- 12/18 4 Advent A, Infancy Narratives: The Birth of Jesus & The Adoration of the Shepherds
- 12/25 Christmas Day (Proper II), No Sunday School

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trinity's Youth Program is for those entering 6th-12th grade. Youth Participate in fellowship events at the church and in the community, have educational events, and share in a service project on a rotating basis. Youth also participate in special events at the church throughout the year. Youth take part in Diocesan mission trips, camps, and other activities. Youth also participate in events that partner with nearby church youth groups. The youth have shared meeting space above the kitchen featuring air hockey, a pool table, Ping-Pong, and comfortable spaces to congregate.

Trinity youth group is always looking for adults to volunteer! Please reach out if this is something that interests you! We would welcome any and all support!

Please contact our Youth Missioner, Carver Mathis, at youth@trinitymidtown.org to get involved!





YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Gathering

Youth Gathering is a youth Sunday school group for grades 6-12. It begins September 11 and runs through December 18. The youth will meet upstairs in the youth room or Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry Fall 2022 Calendar

September 11 Aloha Sunday

Youth are encouraged to help with the youth ministry table.

September 25 Movie & Lunch, 12:30–2:00pm in the Youth Room

October 2 Pet Blessings, 2:00–4:00pm

Youth are encouraged to help greet parishioners, community members, and help with the overall event.

October 2022 Beacon Service Day

Youth will help with clothing distribution, food bag prep and distribution, and other tasks in support of our unhoused neighbors in Houston. This is a great service opportunity! Date and Time TBD.

November 2022 Winter Clothing Drive

Youth will engage with Trinity parishioners to help organize a clothing drive. This event will start at the beginning of November and will run the entire month. All donations will be given to homeless youth at Covenant House Texas.

December 11 Christmas Cookie & Card Making

All Trinity members will have a fun time creating Christmas cookies with different types of frosting, sprinkles, and other Christmas edible decor. Additionally, we will make Christmas cards for Interfaith Ministries and Covenant House.

December 25 Poinsettia Delivery

Youth will help deliver Poinsettias to our homebound parishioners immediately following the 10:30am service. Please send us your name and address if you know of someone in the parish who would like to receive a poinsettia.

Diocesan Events

Happening is a diocesan youth event that helps youth develop and nourish a teen's faith in Christ. Please check epicenter.org for more information.

Happening #173

September 23–25, 2022, at Camp Allen

Happening #174

November 4–6, 2022, at Camp Allen

Midwinter

January 6–8, 2023, at Camp Allen

Episcopal Youth Event (EYE)

July 3–8, 2023 at University of Maryland, College Park. (See Carver for additional details! There will be fundraising opportunities throughout the upcoming year to help offset the cost of this trip.)

Contact Information

Please contact Carver Mathis at youth@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Trinity Choir

The Trinity Choir is an essential part of Parish Life at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Choir consists of mostly volunteer singers alongside a small group of professional staff singers. The Choir plays a hugely important role in the leading of worship during the 10:30am Sunday Service. The Choir typically sings for 11 months of the

year, with a 4 week break during the summer. We sing a wide variety of music throughout the year ranging from Renaissance polyphony, to newly commissioned works, spirituals and more. The music is carefully tailored to suit each Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and is offered to the Glory of God and as a ministry to the wider Parish community. The Music Ministry

takes great pride in fostering a spirit of welcoming and inclusion, and is pleased to have members who are representative of virtually all ages and walks of life. The Choir also sings for special extra liturgies throughout the year, including Christmas Eve, Holy Week & Easter during which there is a sung liturgy each day, and Choral Evensong on three occasions annually. This is a unique form of evening service devoted primarily to music and is one of the many amazing, special musical traditions of the Episcopal Church.

Choir rehearsals occur every Wednesday during the Liturgical Year from 7-9pm, and on Sunday mornings from 9:30am. We are always looking for volunteers who are in search of a friendly group of like-minded singing and music enthusiasts to join us! You would be most welcome! No professional experience is required, but a basic level of musical literacy is helpful. If you would like to consider joining us, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Organist & Choirmaster, Alex Jones alexjonesorganist93@gmail.com.

Alex Jones

Organist and Choirmaster

Alex is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Houston where he studies with Prof. Daryl Robinson and holds a Graduate Teaching Fellowship in the Musicology division. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY holding a Masters Degree in Organ Performance & Literature from the studios of Edoardo Bellotti & Nathan Laube. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Organ Performance with Honors at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire studying under Henry Fairs & Daniel Moul.

He is currently the Organist & Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston and has previously served as Director of Music & Organist at St.

Louis Catholic Church in Memphis, TN and First United Methodist Church in Florence, AL. He maintains an active career as a touring performing artist and has given performances in numerous venues in the US and Europe including the Hauptkirche St. Petri in Hamburg, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, NY, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and as a theatre organist in venues including the Riviera Theatre, New York, the Tampa Theatre, Florida, the Dickinson Theatre, Delaware and Barnum Hall in Los Angeles. He has also appeared as a featured artist at the 2018 & 2019 American Theatre Organ Society National Conventions and is a published author having contributed to the 2018 Convention Journal of the Organ Historical Society. Alex also has a keen passion and interest in organ design and consultancy and has worked with numerous organ-building firms in Europe and the US.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Trinity Jazz Ensemble

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble provides contemporary music for Sunday worship at Trinity Episcopal Church. The music is jazz, gospel, classical and traditional, always in an acoustic, unamplified setting, sensitive, joyous and gentle.

Pictured (left to right): Pelayo Parlade, piano, April Sloan-Hubert, vocals, Ernesto Vega, flute/clarinet, and Alfred Kennedy, bass.



April Sloan-Hubert

Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Grew up in a home filled with classical, jazz, blues, R&B and gospel. The youngest of five children, she soon discovered that she had been blessed with her Grandmother's and Mother's gift of song. Her first musical teeth were cut while a member of the family's singing group. Her love of music began to grow even more with her first trip to the Houston Grand Opera. The beautiful lyric, spinto and dramatic soprano voices and gorgeous costumes were heavily embedded in her being. After graduating from Galena Park High School, she matriculated to Texas Southern University further developing her craft. While at TSU, she would become the student of Ruth Stewart and blossomed as a member of the University Opera Workshop and Concert Choir. Both of the aforementioned organizations highly required hours upon hours of study, rehearsals and travel.

After graduating from Texas Southern University, April began her teaching career in HISD and currently in her home district of Galena Park ISD. She later joined the Houston Ebony Opera Guild, main stage artist at the Ensemble Theatre and currently lead vocalist and director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble. April has toured the United States and Europe sharing her gift of song. April has been blessed to perform with such artist Yolanda Adams, Rev. James Cleveland, Kirk Whalum, Patti Labelle, Kurt Carr, V. Michael McKay, Donnie McClurkin and Kirk Franklin.

April is happiest on stage or in worship singing praises to God. April will tell any and everyone, "I owe all that I am and all that I have to my Mother and Grandmother for raising me in church and instilling in me the love of God and song." SELAH!



Pelayo Parlade

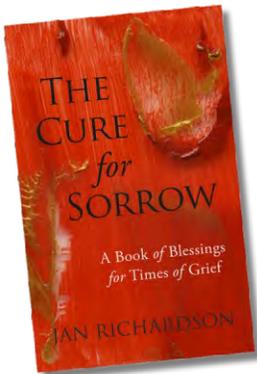
Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Born and raised in Spain, Pelayo came to Houston in 1995 as a music student. In 2001 he graduated from the University of Houston Moores School of Music with a B.A. in music theory. In 2005 he graduated from the University of North Texas with a M.M. in Jazz studies.

Pelayo has been an active pianist in the Houston scene since the late 90s, working solo and with a variety of bands and styles, mostly in the Jazz and the Latin scene.

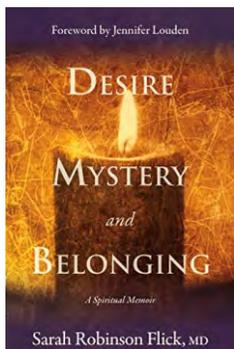
Since 2005 Pelayo has also been working as an accompanist for dance classes. Currently he is on staff in the University of Houston Dance Department and in the Houston Ballet academy.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



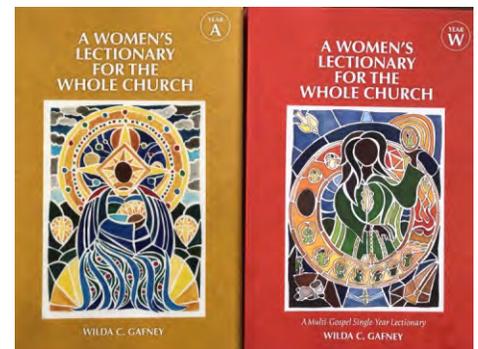
Women's Christmas Epiphany Retreat

Celebrated on Epiphany (January 6) in Ireland and elsewhere, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity at the end of the holiday season to celebrate with friends and to gather ourselves before diving into the responsibilities of the new year. This day invites us to pause, to rest, to reflect. In this spirit, Jan Richardson creates retreats that you are welcome to download and use, at no cost, either by yourself or with others. Please join us at Trinity on **Saturday, February 4, 2023**, from 9 am to 3 pm, as journey through *A Path Called Solace* by Jan Richardson. Learn more about Jan Richardson at <https://paintedprayerbook.com/> and her latest book, *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*.



Trinity Women's Circle

Women's Circle will begin again September 13th and meet on 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 11am to noon. We will begin with a several week discussion of Dr. Sarah Flick's book, *Desire, Mystery and Belonging*



..Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26

PASTORAL CARE

...pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Healing Ministry

Members of the Healing Ministry are available to pray with persons seeking the healing of mind, body and spirit. Prayers are considered confidential. The Healing Ministry works closely with the clergy to keep them informed of prayer requests so that they may offer the full ministry of the church to persons seeking prayer. Healing Ministry prayer teams are ordinarily available during each of the Sunday worship services. Contact: Mike Laster mlaster@wba-law.com

Healing Service

Members of Trinity who cannot attend in-person services for various reasons gather weekly for a virtual healing service. This virtual service consists of a Litany of Healing, special prayers and is open to all. Members gather over Zoom on Wednesdays at 6 pm and occasionally include an in-person option. For Zoom information, please email curate@trinitymidtown.org

Prayer Chain

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to Trinity members interested in praying when requests are received. These requests for our Trinity family, as an example, could be for the sick, for deaths, families in need, or someone who needs prayers but does not want to give any explanation. There are no meetings to attend; just your time spent in quiet prayer. Prayer requests are passed from the church office or by individuals to Norma Cooper who sends out a request via email to team members who pray individually. Prayer intentions are held in confidence by team members. Contact: Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.com

Hospitality Apartments

The Hospitality Apartments provide free temporary housing in a welcoming and supportive environment for families who are in need while receiving medical treatment in or nearby the Texas Medical Center. Trinity is one of four area Episcopal parishes that take communion to guests at the Hospitality Apartments each Sunday afternoon. Contact: Joanne Starbuck jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net

Pastoral Care Team Visits

Pastoral care visits are provided by clergy and lay ministers. Visits include scripture readings, prayer, news from the parish and sometimes Communion. Flowers from the altar are delivered to parishioners who are unable to attend services at Easter and Christmas. Notes and cards are sent at appropriate times as a way of helping homebound parishioners maintain a sense of inclusion with their Trinity family. Contact: Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero rector@trinitymidtown.org



PASTORAL CARE



Prayer Shawl

Knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn these skills are welcomed. Bring needle, hooks, and yarn, or come and make use of what we have on hand and begin creating a prayer shawl that will be given to someone who will benefit from this outward expression of God's love and mercy wrapped around them. This ministry is done individually according to personal schedules. Shawls are turned in to the clergy.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a sacred practice of journeying with people as they deepen their relationship with the Divine, to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality, or receive additional spiritual support during special times of difficulty. If you are interested, you can inquire with our trained spiritual directors:

Sarah Flick sarahflick2009@gmail.com or
Bob Flick revbobf@comcast.net

Funeral Ministry

Trained volunteers work with family members of the deceased to ensure that arrangements go smoothly before and during the funeral service. Rather than a traditional funeral service, families sometimes elect to hold a memorial service for their loved one. Arrangements may specify separate services at the Columbarium located on the church property.

Contact: Mary Cloud mhcloud@swbell.net



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Fill the Trailer

During Advent and Lent parishioners bring items to help the disadvantaged endure the different seasons. Blankets, clothing, coats, caps and other items are placed in the Trinity trailer and distributed before Christmas. During Lent, parishioners donate spring and summer items to be distributed before Easter to those in need. For more information contact Linda Davenport at linda82735@yahoo.com.



Evening Prayer

At Trinity, we take our Lord's commandment to feed the hungry seriously. Nearly every weeknight throughout the year, at 5:30 pm, we offer the beautiful Daily Office Evening Prayer liturgy, after which bags with sandwiches and other foods are distributed to all who attend. The Evening Prayer services are led by lay members of Trinity who are licensed by the Diocese as Worship Leaders. When the service is over, the officiant distributes the sandwich bags to the members of the congregation, offering each a smile and friendly handshake. Most officiants serve 2 or 3 days per month. For more information, contact John Merullo at rockhopperlad@gmail.com.



Homeless Gay Kids Houston

Tony's Place has begun a new and important collaboration with The Salvation Army's Young Adult Resource Center (YARC) to serve young people who are experiencing homelessness.

The two organizations are moving from their current locations to begin sharing space at their new campus at 1603 McGowen Street in July. Each will maintain its separate identity, while providing services that complement those of the other. "The Salvation Army's mission is to serve those most in need, without discrimination, and to meet the need of its local community;" said Major Kent Davis, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Greater Houston. "Through this collaboration with Tony's Place, we will be able to provide more services to the young adults who reach out to us for help."



Adopt-a-Bag

This program is an opportunity for parishioners and friends to support and extend the ministry to the homeless by supporting the Sandwich Makers. "Adopt" a specified number of bags and the funds are dedicated to purchasing the items to prepare and distribute the sack meals distributed each weekday evening to the homeless who come to Evening Prayer.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



reVision

reVision leverages the power of community to connect kids experiencing profound disconnection with caring adult mentors, positive peer experiences, and life-changing resources, empowering them to revision a more hopeful future. Our hundreds of volunteers are committed to standing with the most marginalized and isolated youth not only trying to survive on the margins of society but struggling to find meaning on the margins of hope. To alter the inevitable trajectory towards homelessness, addiction, crime, sex-trafficking, incarceration, joblessness, gangs, and suicide, we affirm each youth's worth and potential, accept them into a compassionate community of kinship and become a someone to a kid who has no one. Sexually exploited children are among the most in need for compassionate, caring connection. Because of its expertise, track record, and credibility the Office of the Governor recently asked Houston: reVision to join its newly formed Child Sex Trafficking Team. The organization and its volunteers are playing a strategic role in the build out of this notable and vital effort. Visit HoustonreVision.org for information.

Contact Director of Operations, Rev. Carrie Leader at carrie@houstonrevision.org.



Blood Drives

Sometimes, deciding how to best support our immediate communities is hard, so we have teamed up with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to provide another meaningful giving opportunity. Trinity is committed to hosting three-yearly blood drives through Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers. For more information, contact Rev. Luz Montes at curate@trinitymidtown.org



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Lord of the Streets–Cook & Serve Team

Six or seven times a year the Trinity Cook Team prepares and serves the Sunday morning breakfast for 200-240 Houston's homeless and needy. For 3 hours of kitchen labor on a Sunday morning, we enjoy a worthy ministry and share fun and fellowship serving the LOTS parishioners. Anyone can be part of our Team. LOTS is an outreach ministry started by Trinity over 25 years ago. We also volunteer on special occasions to cook for LOTS, including the annual LOTS Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Trinity. Contact: Ann McCoy ann.mccoy@att.net



Lord of the Streets–Lay Ministers

Every Sunday at 7:00 am the Lord of the Streets lay ministers welcome more than 200 of our homeless and under-served neighbors for Eucharistic worship. Volunteers assist in all aspects of this unique service, led by LOTS Vicar Fr. Steve Capper. You can be as involved as you would like: Some first time visitors choose to simply model worshipful behaviors as members of the congregation. Others like to hand out service materials along with a welcoming smile. We make stick-on name tags for the worshippers, help them find seats, collect the offering, assist in the Eucharist, hear personal prayers, or help set up before and clean-up after the service. The thanks and love you receive by being part of this ministry will bless your week too. Regular or occasional help is always welcome. Contact: Linda Davenport lindadavenport421@yahoo.com



Book Drives for Harris County Psychiatric Center

During Advent and as requested by Chaplain Dawn, we collect new and gently used books and board games for the patients at the Harris County Psychiatric Center. About UTHarris County Psychiatric Center: UTHarris County Psychiatric Center is the largest provider of inpatient psychiatric care in Houston, providing compassionate, patient-centered care to 9,000 patients yearly, including adults, adolescents, and children.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? Matthew 25:34-37

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Sandwich Makers

Approximately 2 hours a month, at 10:00 am, the first Tuesday of each month and after the 10:30 service, the third Sunday of each month we make sandwiches. These sandwiches are distributed by the Evening Prayer teams following the Evening Prayer service. Your help is needed to maintain an adequate supply of sandwiches, so please join one of the groups and have all the fun with bologna and cheese that one person can handle. Contact Erma DeWispelaere at eldewisp@gmail.com or Bob Dorries at rmdorries@aol.com.



Emergency Aid Coalition Food Pantry

Trinity collects non-perishable food for the Emergency Aid Coalition food pantry on Sundays, and delivers it monthly to the pantry. EAC can use nonperishable foods such as canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, vegetables, pasta and baby food. This ministry is part of the food chain that links our own kitchens to the weekly offering at Trinity to the Food Pantry in our neighborhood to those in need all over Houston, with love and blessings at each step. The EAC is supported by a coalition of neighborhood congregations, primarily serving working families and the elderly. Volunteers help deliver the food to the Food Pantry on Fannin Street and drive groceries to elderly shut-ins. Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net



Ashes to Go

If you can't make it to one of our Ash Wednesday services, then you can swing by at your convenience for Ashes to Go! According to the website, "We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building... God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday." For more information contact The Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero at rector@trinitymidtown.org.



Kids' Meals Inc.

Preschool-aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. Kids' Meals Inc. addresses the hunger and food insecurity for children ages five and under who are not only at a critical developmental stage but cannot access school-based free meal programs. They deliver approximately 4,600 healthy meals each weekday to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. We have committed to joining their Summer Juice Box Challenge and encourage you to participate by either donating in-person or online during the Summer months.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Jazz Education Summer Youth Program

Trinity provides rehearsal and class space for the Summer Jazz Workshop, an exciting five-week intensive youth oriented program that focuses on the fundamentals of music and its associated business aspects for young musicians. Sessions are conducted by experienced faculty musicians and offer Artist-in-Residence , and include classes in theory, composition, improvisation, leadership, public speaking and performances. <http://jazzeducation.org>

Foundation Cristosal

Foundation Cristosal is a faith-based human rights and community development organization with Anglican roots that works to strengthen the ability of the poor to act for justice and development as equal citizens in a democratic society. Our professional team works with local leaders to achieve development goals by defending human rights and empowering Salvadorans with the skills and resources to improve the quality of life in their communities. <http://cristosal.org/> Contact: Elmer Romero at elmerosalva@mac.com.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us as we help tackle hunger by bringing canned goods or funds that benefit Emergency Aid Coalition. 100% of all donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring benefit local charities. Our coffee hour that Sunday will also feature soups!

Everytown for Gun Safety

Learn more: <https://www.everytown.org/>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



The Positive Cure to Negative Racial Stereotypes

Learn how to remove racial stereotypes from your life with help from our non-profit organization based in Houston, Texas. The Center for Healing Racism recognizes and acknowledges the essential oneness of the human race. The purpose and goals of our non-profit organization is to see the United States and the world overcome their differences and racial stereotypes and find peace with one another.



CRECEN

CRECEN is a community-based institution that has been responding to the needs and aspirations of Central American and other immigrants in Houston Texas since 1984. Advocating for the rights, economic and social justice for all immigrants, CRECEN is a family-driven force for community empowerment and immigrant leadership in the US and transnationally.



Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) is a broad-based, national, interfaith movement that brings the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health, choice, rights and justice through education, prophetic witness, pastoral presence and advocacy. Learn more at <https://rcrc.org/>.



Welcoming Congregation

Trinity officially became a Welcoming Congregation in Summer 2019. Read the description below to find out more.

WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS: In obedience to Matthew 25:35, Welcoming Congregations agree to welcome migrant children and families, listen to their stories with respect to receive the divine blessings that they bring, pray for and share the gospel, provide emotional and spiritual support, accompany migrants to access local and institutional services as needed and advocate for justice for and with migrant families and children.

We agree to these four commitments:

- spiritually and pastorally accompany migrants in our community congregation;
- physically accompany migrants as needed to medical, legal and pastoral resources;
- pray for the children and families; and
- prayerfully consider participation in ELCA advocacy.



2022 Advent Season Calendar

November:

11/27 First Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall 9:30 am –10:15 am and 11:45 am –12:30pm

December:

12/04 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas visit at Coffee Hour, 11:45 am, Pictures with St. Nicholas in Fellowship Hall.

12/11 Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am service.

12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Chrismon Tree Dedication at 10:30 am service.

12/21 Wednesday, Tidings of Comfort 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

12/24 Saturday, Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Carols, 6:30 pm Come As You Are Pageant and Rite II Choral Eucharist, 10:00 pm Carols, 10:30 Rite I Holy Eucharist

12/25 Sunday, Christmas Day, 11:00 am Jazz/Gospel one combined service. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

12/26 Winter Holiday, Offices closed, reopen 01/03/2023

January 2023:

01/01 01The First Sunday after Christmas, The Holy Name. Epiphany House Blessing Kits available.

FACILITIES

Hogan Library

The library, officially named the Hogan Library at Trinity Church, was so named to honor Dr. Patrick G. Hogan and Mrs. Dorothy F. Hogan for their tireless work and support in acquiring books and other resources by Vestry Resolution dated October 6, 2002, and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 26, 2003. The library is located in the Masterson Room and is a good resource for classes and programs at Trinity and private study. For more information contact Savannah Dorsett at smdorsett16@gmail.com.

Property Committee

The Property Committee under the leadership of the Junior Warden, John Escoto, oversees repairs, upkeep (major projects), construction projects and other areas that are crucial to the ongoing maintenance of Trinity property including the Bering House. For any questions, you can contact John at jiescotojr@gmail.com.

Parking

Trinity Parking lot at Holman street: Parking for Trinity Church is directly across the street from the Holman street Chapel Entrance, members and visitors may park along the fence during the work week as those spaces are specifically reserved for Trinity use and does not require payment from the parking meter. Please keep in mind that the parking lot is shared with others during the work week so please do not block anyone in while parking. For any other parking lot questions please contact the parking lot management company at Whitten Stuckey whitten@rhsint.com.



A History of Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston, became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Altar Guild

This liturgical ministry is comprised of all who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the sacred spaces in which we worship. This team is responsible for setting up the Eucharist for all services as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, and memorial services. We also prepare the historic church and Morrow Chapel for all high holidays and maintain the collection of vestments and linens used in those services. The Altar Guild is divided into teams with responsibility for one week each month. Contact: Joanne Starbuck jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net or Mark Goza markgoza@gmail.com



Lay Minister

Lay ministers are trained volunteers who assist the clergy by serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), lectors, or reading the Prayers of the People. LEMs assist the priests during communion by administering the sacraments of Holy Communion, specifically the consecrated wine. Lectors read the assigned lessons for the day at a service. A reader leads the congregation in the Prayers of the People in a format from the Book of Common Prayer. All lay ministers are approved by the Rector, then trained and scheduled to serve. Contact Pat Laubach volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for 8:00am and 10:30am services and Paul Bower bowerp2003@yahoo.com for 12:30pm services.



Wedding Ministry

The sacramental ministry of the Trinity Wedding Coordinator is to assist the priest in conducting the rehearsal and the wedding event. The coordinator also guides the wedding party with the appropriate use of church facilities and assures that the established policies are followed for wedding ceremonies taking place at Trinity Church. Contact: Ryan Mire at frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org and Pat Laubach at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Ushers

This ministry consists of four teams ranging from 4-5 members per team. The teams serve on a rotating basis and usher at least once a month. We distribute the service bulletins, assist members and guests to their seats when necessary, collect the offering, and assist in the giving of the Eucharist. Another duty is to serve, when called, at funerals and memorial services held at the church. Contact: Reverend Hannah at rector@trinitymidtown.org.



Greeters

The Greeters Ministry welcomes parishioners and guests to Trinity Midtown. Whether it's Sunday morning services or Ash Wednesday, the greeters are on hand before each service to answer questions and make sure everyone knows how glad we are to worship with them. It's a small commitment with a big impact. Contact: Pat Laubach, volunteer@trinitymidtown.org.

Zoom Healing Service

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Vergger

The office of vergger has its roots in the earliest days of the Church's history. Generally speaking, verggers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship. Evidence indicates the existence of verggers as far back as the 16th century. Today, there are over 1,400 verggers serving all across the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the world. The vergger is a unique lay ministry of the Church largely exercised behind the scenes providing support for all those, ordained and lay, who participate in our worship. Verggers carry out their ministry in a quiet and unobtrusive manner and assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship. At the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, the vergger functions as a master of ceremony working under the direction of the Rector and ensures all assisting liturgical ministers are present and ready to serve by coordinating with the acolytes, choir, ushers, Altar Guild and clergy. The Vergger motto is Service in Worship and Worship through Service.

Contact: Alex Bruton, alex.bruton2326@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Acolyte

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity with the 10:30 am service, as well as at many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Fest services, weddings, etc. This ministry provides an exceptionally rewarding opportunity to become a vital part of the service, assisting at the altar. Many describe the experience as literally “AWESome”. The ministry is open to both youths and adults (as positions become available)..

Contact Mary Cloud mhcloud@swbell.net to learn more.



Audio Visual Operators

This team handles the sound and recording equipment in the main church. This includes the camera, console and microphones, both fixed and carried by individuals. Most services are recorded. At the 12:30 service and for Evening Prayer, volunteers are trained on our MEVO camera. Contact Ryan Mire at frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org.



Flower Ministry

Each week, Trinity parishioners have the opportunity to contribute to the beauty of worship by dedicating flowers in thanksgiving, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones or to commemorate special occasions such as birthdays, and anniversaries. A dedication will be placed in the bulletin to share the event with the Trinity family. If you are interested in dedicating flowers, you may do so on the Trinity website. Click on the “FLOWERS” tab. You may also contact Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNICATION

The Trinity Window

The Window of Trinity Midtown is a newsletter of Trinity Church that is published seasonally several times a year. It contains communications to the parish from the clergy and vestry, as well as in-depth articles about Trinity parish and photos of Trinity activities. It also highlights recent and upcoming Trinity events, and other important parish information. In addition, the Window publishes articles of general interest to Trinity and the wider Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Contact Mark Goza, markgoza@gmail.com

The Weekly Window

This weekly publication highlights upcoming events, communication from the Clergy and Vestry, and important parish information.

Podcasts

www.trinitymidtown.org/podcasts/inner-city-spirit/
www.trinitymidtown.org/podcasts/racism-revealed/

Social Media

[instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/](https://www.instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/)
[facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)
Trinity website: www.trinitymidtown.org
Trinity Calendar: <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/events/>

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is called upon during the year to serve refreshments for different functions in the church. There may be times that volunteers are needed to furnish food for a function. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. COVID-19 protocols in place until further notice ... please see website for current information. Contact: [Judith Edgar jedgar1946@yahoo.com](mailto:Judith.Edgar.jedgar1946@yahoo.com)

Coffee Hour

Each Sunday between the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. services, Trinity Church welcomes everyone to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Your help is needed in providing the refreshments that we share during this time of fellowship. Sponsoring Coffee Hour is a great way for our ministries to highlight their activities or for individuals to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries or to give thanks for blessings. To host Coffee Hour, visit the website and click on Hospitality Ministries or contact the Administrative Assistant in the Church office. Contact Pat Laubach at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org.

Special Receptions: Choral Evensong, Funerals, Bishop Visits, Christmas Eve, Signature Masses, Easter, Trinity Sunday, Compline



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY

Artwork of members and friends of Trinity are featured throughout the year in the Holman Street Gallery. These remarkable works of photography, paintings, wood sculpture, weavings and needlework express our core community value of celebrating diversity in backgrounds through creative and artistic expressions of how The Spirit moves amongst us. Several annual programs are becoming traditions at Trinity such as the Lenten series Stations Of The Cross, in which artists of the parish contribute their experience with one of the fourteen stations through their art. Contact Reverend Hannah at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Photography

This ministry visually documents and captures the spirit of Trinity through photographs which are utilized in church publications and social media. We need a volunteer to organize and label our existing photo files. Contact: Elmer Romero elmerosalva@hotmail.com

Artists of Trinity

Trinity Artist retrospective and Outreach Fundraiser, July through mid-September 2022

Fotofest, September through December 2022

Together with Joy, Parish Life Photo Exhibit, December to Ash Wednesday

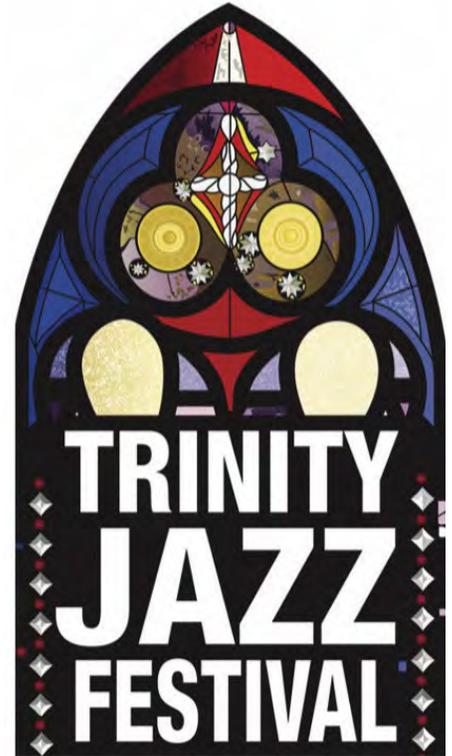
Contemporary Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday through Good Friday

2023 Easter Season and Summer Exhibits still to be determined

Permanent Rector Exhibit, Easter Parish Photo Exhibits, and Chrismon Exhibits in Fellowship Hall and Connections Hallway



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



Trinity Jazz Festival

There is something spiritual that happens when the note, the chord, the music is so stirring you are moved to bow your head or clap for joy and just let the sounds wash over you. And when that music intertwines with the scriptural message from the Rev. Hannah Atkins, you have experienced the highly anticipated annual Jazz Mass, the culminating event of Trinity's Jazz Festival held annually the last weekend in January. Horace Alexander Young will again serve as Music Director for the 2020 Mass, which will feature the music of Nancy Wilson.

There is something magical that happens when lovers of music, community, and church get together to experience the Trinity Jazz Festival which began in 2002.

Like a great jazz ensemble, it takes many hands and talents to create this weekend. Here is where you could fit in as a future member of the Jazz Festival Committee. Are you a stickler for details? We need your help planning and coordinating the artists' schedules and logistics for the events.

Are you a cheerleader for good music and finding innovative ways to bring more people to Trinity? Help us promote the weekend events and support ticket sale activities. Social media mavens let your fingers do the walking with our team.

Come find your groove with the Jazz Festival Committee. Contact one of the 2020 Trinity Jazz Festival co-chairs Christine Oramasionwu, chroram@gmail.com, or Ann McCoy, ann.mccoy@att.net to get involved.

Postponed until further notice

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Animal Blessing

Trinity's Blessing of the Animals is usually held around the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, which is October 4th. This fun activity for kids, adults, and pets features musical entertainment, free food, a raffle, and a variety of information booths for animal related vendors and charities. Also associated with this event is a high altar flower dedication on behalf of our pets that functions as the event fundraiser. Raffle donations & food donations are welcome. This year, it will be held Sunday, October 2nd, from 2-4pm. Contact: Shelby Bradley bearhawk75@gmail.com



Aloha Sunday

Part back to school, part kick-off for the fall program season, Aloha Sunday is a fun day showcasing all the ministry opportunities at Trinity. Each ministry offers information and an opportunity to participate in a variety of liturgical, pastoral care, outreach and parish life ministries. Sunday, September 11, 2022.



Pub Theology

Pub Theology, 7pm-8:30pm, last Wednesdays of the month through April, excluding December, gather at Community Bar with a rotating guest Trinity author speaking about their book/writing and other many other social and theologically curious Trinitarians and friends. Check website for up-to-date information at trintymidtown.org
Aug. 31st, September 28th, Oct. 26th, Nov. 30th, Jan. 25th, Feb. 15th (22nd is Ash Wednesday), March 29th, April 26

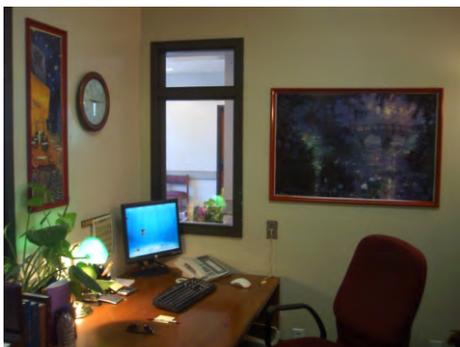


Taste of Trinity

Taste of Trinity is a dinner group. Its only goal is to give parishioners an opportunity to connect (or re-connect) and get to know one another better.

Participants are assigned by household to a group and take turns hosting dinner. The group leader hosts first. The host usually provides the main course and coordinates with other members to provide appetizers, sides dishes, dessert, and so on. A host also has the option of choosing a restaurant in which to meet.
Contacts John Merullo rockhopperlad@gmail.com or George Zemanek g.zemanek.1@gmail.com.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Office Volunteer Ministry

Parishioners assist in various office functions on a regular basis. Volunteers may help with relieving the administrative assistant during lunch, making and receiving phone calls, the preparation of large mailings and other “odd jobs” that need to be done. If you have time available, try volunteering at Trinity. Contact: Pat Laubach volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



Parish Life Breakfast, Stay Tuned

Every Sunday, join your Trinity family in the Fellowship Hall for a warm, friendly breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausage, biscuits, and grits. A suggested donation of \$5 helps offset the cost of this meal. Currently on hold.



Listening Post

The Listening Post is an opportunity for people in the Midtown neighborhood to talk and be heard. For additional information, please contact Theresa McClellan at theresa@theresawriter.com.



The Trinity Peace Crane Ministry

Several years ago a group of Trinity parishioners began folding origami peace cranes, individually or in a group, as a spiritual practice. Over 1,000 cranes were completed, many of them containing prayers and Scripture.

In our new project, we are folding orange origami peace cranes as a memorial to children (ages 0–17) who have died in the US as a result of gun violence. Our goal is to fold a crane for every child lost in 2022. If we know the name and age of a child, it will be written on the crane. The cranes will be incorporated into the Gun Violence Memorial, adjacent to the Columbarium. Folding cranes will not stop gun violence, but the process is conducive to prayer and reflection, and when done in community the conversations we have and connections we make are healing. This project seeks to help us lament the tragedy of gun violence, remember victims, and create hope for the future. *Elisabeth (Libby) Tsubai, 832-573-5988*

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Garden Club

Organized in 1952, the Garden Club is the oldest active parish life ministry. Membership is open to all ages with the sole purpose of this club being the landscaping and beautification of Trinity Church property. Monthly meetings are held from September to May on the 1st Friday at 10:00 a.m. either in the Smith Room or in members' homes. Workdays are scheduled either on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the year. Dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. The Garden Club hosts an annual informative presentation of the vestments worn by priests on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, a special meeting in March with a guest speaker, a bountiful coffee hour is on Palm Sunday and a self-guided tour of Trinity's Gardens on the first Sunday in May.



Since 2006, many members of our Parish have completed and donated beautiful needlepoint Chrismon ornaments to be blessed. Please contact Marilyn Dorries, rmdorries@aol.com if you are a stitcher. This project does not require attending any meetings, and is open to anyone in the Parish. The Garden Club arranges for a wonderful Christmas tree to be lighted and decorated with the Chrismons on the Sunday before Christmas Day.



Members are blessed to be given the chance to do something for others and enjoy contributing to the quality of life in our parish. These activities lead to a strong sense of fellowship and friendship among our members and to a true appreciation for the beauty of our historic church and grounds. Please consider joining us at any of our activities. For more information and to join, please contact, Sylvia Drew trymahjong@yahoo.com, or Tony Huffman tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net

Archives

The Trinity Church Archives provides a safe place for the parish's historical documents and other artifacts. The archival collection includes service bulletins and newsletters dating to 1918, vestry minutes, registers of sacraments and services, parish meeting records, some financial documents, membership records, legal documents, architectural drawings, photographs, and much more. In 2014 the archives room was remodeled. To help protect the collection, a new HVAC system and dehumidifier were installed to keep the room at an ideal temperature (70°) and relative humidity (40%). Since then, many of the archival materials have been organized and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Much more needs to be done. If you are interested in helping out in Trinity's archives, please contact Patty McGinty at a44bennett@gmail.com.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Membership

Discovering Your Membership at Trinity – The Episcopal Way Classes

Seeking membership at Trinity is a very important step. The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our Church. We will be offering an intensive class weekend and an online course option with an in-person teacher follow-up meeting. These classes are open to everyone; especially those new to the tradition, desiring to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. For more information about becoming a member of Trinity, please contact Carol Turley, Membership Secretary, at membership@trinitymidtown.org. or speak to Hannah or Luz, our clergy.

Books for further reading:

Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers: Exploring Christian Faith

by C.K. Robertson and Ian S. Markham

Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church

by C. Andrew Doyle

About the Episcopal Church

For more information and resources to learn about the Episcopal Church please visit the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and The Episcopal Church websites, both of which have amazing information.

<https://www.epicenter.org/>

Episcopal Diocese of Texas

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Episcopal Church

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

Endowment

Trinity Church Endowment was established in 1956 by six far-sighted parishioners who saw the need for Trinity to have a financial base. In the over 60 years of its existence, through good times and times of need, it has provided strong support to Trinity. In 2013, Trinity's Endowment provided a significant portion of Trinity's operating budget. In the last six years the Endowment has provided, among other things, \$250,000 towards Trinity's purchase of the Bering House property, provided \$100,000 of the cost of replacing the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, and approximately \$125,000 to refurbish the church's historic stained glass windows. In the Spring/Summer of 2016, the Endowment Fund has helped replace the outdated heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the historic church.

There are envelopes in the pews for Endowment gifts. They can be taken home for later use or with a gift placed in the alms basins. Gifts can also be mailed to the church office.

Contact: Saba Blanding at benandsaba@hotmail.com

Endowment Board Members:

Brad Beers, Saba Blanding, Mary Cloud, Bob Davenport, Larry Dickerson, Marilyn Dorries, Sarah Frazier, Mark Goza, Steve Lee, Edgar Marston, Alexander Obregon, Rhonda Rogers, Jackie Rose, Ken Snell, Angel Williams

Stewardship - Growing Spiritually Through Giving

Trinity's mission and ministries run on time and talent, powered by treasure. Christian stewardship calls upon us to faithfully manage all that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually. In doing so, we are empowered to extend Christ's unending and transforming love to others. Jesus said "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34), thus summing up the spiritual link between financial giving and God. The theme of our 2022 Annual Giving Campaign is "A Future with Hope", in which we'll come together to learn how spiritually-focused financial stewardship can deepen our connection to God. The vestry is acting as stewardship committee this year.

Bishop Sterling Legacy

Established in November, 2004, this society is named in memory of the late Right Reverend William Sterling. It honors all who provide planned support of Trinity through Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. Every person, member, or friend of Trinity who provides for a planned financial contribution to Trinity automatically becomes a member of the Bishop Sterling Legacy Society. Contact: Right Reverend Rhonda Rogers at rrogers747@gmail.com

*Do not neglect to do good and
to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16*

GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

Together for Joy

Let us return to God that which he has generously given us: our blessings of time and talent and treasure.

Let Trinity and its Mission be that gift. Annual Giving kickoff is October 31st with Cookies and Coffee with the Bishop in the Bishop's Garden from 11:45 am – 12:30 pm.; Ingathering will take place on November 21st with a Thanksgiving Picnic from 11:45 am – 12:30 pm and a blessing of offerings at all services.

How to Give

You can pledge and make donations online!

Go to the Trinity website under giving www.trinitymidtown.org/giving. Click on the "Access ACS" button (it looks like the logo below), and create an account.

You can also update your personal/family information, add a photo, and view your financial giving via ACS.



TOGETHER
FOR JOY
TRINITY MIDTOWN
ANNUAL GIVING 2023

Goals Include

1. **Feed the Hungry** (Matthew 25)
2. **Generate Hope** (Romans 5)
3. **Love One Another** (John 13)
4. **Hold Things in Common** (Acts 4:32)
5. **Build** (Ecclesiastes 3)
6. **Be Servants of All** (Mark 10)

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY



This ministry helps guests and new members become fully assimilated into the Trinity Family. Contact Carver Mathis at youth@trinitymidtown.org.

Meet and Greet

The monthly Meet and Greet gatherings are held in the Rector's office and give guests and newcomers to Trinity an opportunity to enjoy casual conversation with the Rector in an informal setting.

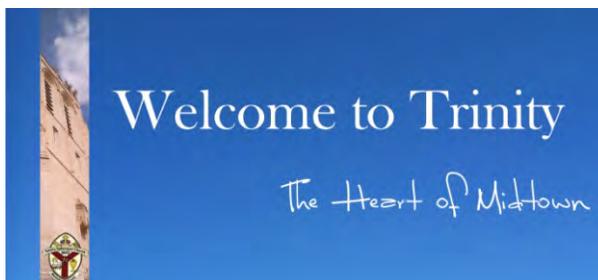
All meetings are at 11:45 am following the 10:30 am service:

August 21

October 30

November 27

December 18



SPECIAL LITURGIES

Tidings of Comfort Service
(formerly known as Longest Night/Blue Christmas)
December 21st, 6 pm, Morrow Chapel

Epiphany Vigil
Thursday, January 6th, 5:30 pm
Including burning of the greens
See calendar of events for dates and times



FACILITIES MAP



Facilities Use Coordinator

Trinity is a busy parish and there are many requests to use our facilities. If you or your ministry need to use space at Trinity, please complete a Facilities Use Request and submit it to Front Office Manager Ryan Mire. Ryan will help you with the details of the use of rooms at Trinity. You may also email him directly at frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org.

MISSION & VALUES



CORE VALUE 1

WORSHIP

We offer traditional and eclectic worship authentically celebrated through music, art, and ritual.



CORE VALUE 3



RESPONSIVENESS TO GOD'S CALL

We are open to the Holy Spirit to bring people together into relationship to God and one another in a changing urban context.

CORE VALUE 2

COMMUNITY

We are an inclusive, caring community where people of diverse backgrounds are embraced and valued. We strive to embody humility, acceptance, forgiveness and respect for all.





#AdventWord
a global advent calendar

28 PROMISE	12 EXPECTATION
29 STRENGTH	13 SHARE
30 SOUL	14 EXULT
1 PATH	15 STIR
2 JUSTICE	16 GLADNESS
3 FULFILL	17 BOUNTIFUL
4 HEART	18 SING
5 PRAISE	19 BLESSED
6 EVERLASTING	20 FEED
7 OFFERING	21 GENERATIONS
8 MESSENGER	22 MAGNIFY
9 SPLENDOR	23 FLOCK
10 REPENT	24 GREETING
11 COMPASSION	25 CHILD

www.adventword.org 2021





BLESSING *of the* ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2
2:00–4:00 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
1015 Holman at Main
www.trinitymidtown.org

Food collection for
ThisIsHouston Rescue



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