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ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time this edition of the Rock Road is published, we will be less than two weeks away from Holy Week and eagerly anticipating our celebration of Easter. This year, we get to hear Luke's version of the Easter story. And, in Luke's account, when the women first tell the disciples about the empty tomb, the women's testimony seemed to the disciples an *idle tale*. In other words, when the disciples first heard about the empty tomb, the news seemed too good to be true!

You and I can get bogged down by so many things in this world that seem contrary to the message we hear on Easter Day. It's easy to believe in suffering and death. Just read your newsfeed. We can easily relate to the events leading up to Good Friday. The disciples left that day disappointed with their heads hanging low. We can relate. We know loss. We know disappointment. We know the death of a loved one. Perhaps we have been rudely confronted with our own mortality. But then there is Easter.

Granted, there is so much about this world and our life circumstances that would have us disbelieve the women's testimony about an empty tomb. So much of what we see and experience in this world would lead us to agree with the disciples. The Easter story seems like an idle tale. But that is exactly why I love showing up to church on Easter Day.

On Easter morning, I arrive to our church in the dark for the early 6am Easter Vigil. We begin the Easter Vigil in the columbarium, where the dead are buried. We light the Paschal Candle for the first time and make our way into the church, with the light gradually dawning upon us. The message, which might seem like an idle tale in *this* world, rings true every time I hear it. Alleluia. Christ is risen! You show up to hear the *same* message. I trust that is why the church sees its highest attendance on Easter Day. It's *everything* to the Christian faith!

Last month, I presented a book review for the St. Jerome's Guild.I reviewed N.T. Wright's latest book on one of the most famous chapters in the Bible, Romans 8. In the book, Wright explores the themes of assurance, vocation, and glory. But, it's how Wright ends his book that brought me back to the unbelievable, yet remarkable and unwavering Easter proclamation. He tells the story about being in a taxi in London. He was coming from a church meeting, still wearing his clerical collar, when the taxi driver sized him up. The taxi driver asked Wright about one of the contentious debates the church was having. Then the taxi driver put his finger on the ultimate reality. "What I always say," he said, "is this: If God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, then everything else is just rock 'n' roll — isn't it?"

Alleluia. Christ is risen! It *is* the truth. Happy Easter, and rock 'n' roll, my friends! Faithfully,

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RESURRECTION...?

"I have read that in Lakota tradition the grieving are to be revered, for they are the most awake, the most holy" (Garden & Gun, Feb/March 2025).

"But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb" ... "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping" (John 20:11,13b).

"If for this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (I Corinthians 15:19).

I lifted the above opening quote from an article in the noted magazine to which I subscribe. There's always a canine story in each issue under the byline Good Dog. It's the first thing I read, though knowing that it will take me a good while to recover from my inevitable tear-jerker reaction...(Who said men don't cry?). Spoiler Alert: If you're a dog-lover and can find this piece, have a box of Kleenex tissues at the ready!

I've never in my life loved a dog as much as I love the one I serve now, Sparky. He's 10 years old, and every little limp or slightest halt in his gait causes me extreme anxiety. If he sleeps too long, I wake him up to see if he's alive and not, well, you know... If I let myself (and I do, often), I can project all the way to The End, when, ultimately, we (Sparky and I) are parted by death. Yes, Robin's in on this, too, perhaps worse! God forbid a divorce! I can choke up just writing these words.

Sparky's veterinarian tells us that he is "DRAMATIC", which we understand to mean that WE are the dramatic ones, of course. I mean, we've watched Best in Show a hundred times! Now, in my heart of hearts, I secretly pray that one day I can somehow be reunited with Sparky in the spiritual afterlife we Christians call Heaven, Before you dismiss me as some kind of kook--or heretic!--imagine my surprise and elation to read the issue (37-38) of The Wheel, an Orthodox Christian journal I receive, and the lead article titled "Nonhuman Animals in Orthodox Christianity and Contemporary Culture" by Christina Nellist. Much of the journal is engaged in speculative theology about the possibility of animal immortality, under the theological dogmas of Christ's Incarnation and Resurrection.



Nellist recaps certain early Church Fathers who take a tentative-but-open approach to the idea, an "open theological space for us to include animals within our theological discussions and the engagements of our ecclesial communities." Both the Genesis creation narrative of the animal world which God called forth, blessed and proclaimed "good", and the first verses of St. John's Gospel-- "All things came into being through him (Christ, the preexisting Word-made-flesh), and without him not one thing came into being"-- align with St. Paul's insight that all things were created in Christ and in Christ all things hold together.

Nellist adds: "Rather than viewing animals as resources and disposable lives, as is too often the case, we ought rather to view them as individual creatures who are loved and protected by God. If we believe the teachings of the Bible, animals are worthy enough in God's eyes to be saved from the Great Flood of Genesis 6-8, and as St. Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us, to be redeemed and saved through Christ's Incarnation and Resurrection, 'And do not wonder that the whole world (cosmos) was ransomed; for it was no mere man, but the only-begotten Son of God, who died on its behalf.'"

Bereaved dog-lover David Joy ends his G&G ode to his beloved canine companion Charles Thomas at his graveside eulogy: "As I told you every day that you were here, no amount of time would have been enough. Not a million years. I've had dogs all my life, good dogs, all of them, and I have loved them all. But you were the one. You were my one, sweet boy."

And, in a segue to his beloved grandmother's funeral: "My sister and I were by the casket, and my sister could not let go of Granny's hand. I tried my best to console her. I told her "She's gone." I said, "That's not her. That's just a body." My sister looked up at me and replied simply and beautifully, "Yes, I know. But I loved it."

Ooohhhhh!!!...Dear Jesus, sweet Redeemer and Friend, with no disrespect, no drama, just Hope...: "You're a Good Boy. A Good, Good Boy, You are..."

Can you spell God backwards???

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Scan or our online readers can click the link to read the article by David Joy referenced by Fr. Mike.

<u>David Joy's Sweet Sorry of</u> Saying Goodbye to a Good Dog



St. Peter's Features A SPOTLIGHT ON RECENT EVENTS

Early Communion Class

From January to March, Jenny Ligon and Father Bert led an Early communion class for six weeks. Students who completed the class will be honored at the Parish Picnic on April 27th.







5th Wednesday Bingo at Pint & Plow

Bingo at our January 5th Wednesday was a hit! With multiple winners, and fun prizes, we had a blast at Pint & Plow playing bingo. Whenever there is a 5th Wednesday in the month, we opt to meet off campus in leu of our regular Wednesday programming. Our next 5th Wednesday will be April 30th on the Trailhead Beergarden and we hope you join us!













Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday

On Shrove Tuesday we gathered in Tucker Hall to a delicious feast of pancakes, perfectly flipped by the men of St. Peter's. The very next day, Lent began on Ash Wednesday.























Prayers & Pencils

On Sunday March 23, Father Bert did a special blessing of #2 pencils during the 9:15 service. With upcoming standardized testing for many of our students as the school year winds down, we want them to know that their worth is not determined by a test score. We hope the pencils and the prayer card they received serve as a reminder that God is with them always.

The Journey of Jonah

This Lent, dive deep into the transformative journey of Jonah! Discover themes of mercy, forgiveness, and God's unwavering love as we explore this timeless and compelling story.

Our Lenten Series speakers will open up our hearts and minds to the journey of Jonah and invite us to discover how Jonah's experiences resonate with our own lives. Whether you are familiar with the story or new to it, come and grow with us this season of renewal.



MUSIC MEDITATIONS

This year's music meditation will have a slightly different format. At each quarter-hour there will be a piece or set of pieces of a contemplative, but not always quiet, nature, followed by a period of silence for the remainder of that quarter-hour. There will be a guide sheet with the music listed, links to listen to it again later, options for listening/praying, and some scriptural and extrascriptural resources to guide meditation. Each week will have a common Lenten theme in the music and meditation resources; previous week's guides will remain available for use at a later date.

SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Lent, 4/2 and 4/9

| The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two | 5:00 PM |
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| Soup Supper in Tucker Hall | 5:30 PM |
| Children's Programming Begins | 6:00 PM |
| Speaker Series Begins in Tucker Hall | 6:15 PM |
| Daily Devotions in Tucker Hall | 7:00 PM |

Music Meditations are "Come and Go" on Wednesdays from 12PM - 1PM in the church.

Speakers

April 2: The Rt. Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of West Texas

The Rt. Rev. Cortińas received her Master of Divinity from Southwest in 2010, and was consecrated and installed as the seventh Bishop Suffragan of West Texas on March 15, 2025, following consents of bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees of Episcopal Church diocese. Before being elected Bishop Suffragan, Cortiñas served as associate rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, and was previously rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station, Texas. She began her ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church in Southeast Florida, where she was ordained a deacon in 2009 and a priest in 2010.

April 9: The Rev. Bert O. Baetz III Rector, St. Peter's, Kerrville

The Rev. Bert Baetz has served as Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church since 2017. Previously, he was Rector of St. Mark's in Richmond, Texas, and Associate Rector at St. Mark's in Austin. Before ordination, he taught ancient civilizations and theology and served as a chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal Upper School in Austin. Bert holds an MDiv from Duke Divinity School, a Diploma in Theological Studies from the Seminary of the Southwest, and a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin. Since 2008, he has been committed to fostering sustainable church growth and leads fly-fishing retreats through his nonprofit, Fishers of Men, exploring the connection between spirituality and fly fishing.

Updates from the

CFC

Community of Saints Francis and Clare







So many amazing things have happened for the Community of Saints Francis and Clare (CFC) since the last Rock Road newsletter, I wanted to update you about at least three great things!

First, it was wonderful being with you at St. Peter's for a Sunday in February and getting a chance to preach and share some of the vision behind our new "school for discipleship" for people in their twenties and early thirties. Thank you again for welcoming me and sharing in our enthusiasm for this new ministry! If you didn't get a chance to hear my sermon where I talked about the three pillars of our community: prayer, study, and service, you can watch it at https://tinyurl.com/2t6nub8j.

Second, at the invitation of Bishop Read, Father Bert and I presented about the CFC to the Diocese of West Texas Council where clergy and lay delegates from congregations across our diocese got to hear about our plans and watch our new promotional video. If you haven't seen the video yet, you can watch it and read a lot more information on our newly revised website at https://www.stpeterskerrville.com/cfc While you are there, please sign up to become a "Friend of Francis and Clare" to start receiving our monthly email newsletter!

Third, we are spreading the word far and wide. We have now opened applications and I even met online with our first inquirer. We started social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook to further spread the word. We are working on a logo and other promotional materials. I have signed up to have a table at a conference this summer where college chaplains will gather from Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and UCC campus ministries from across the country. I have also been in conversation with many other people from across the US and England and our list of enthusiastic supporters is already growing. Please help us spread the word to your family and friends as we seek to reach young adults who are looking to do this kind of deeper discipleship work.

The Advisory Council, Father Bert, and I continue to work to both recruit potential participants, plan the ministry, and spread the word to those who might want to support the CFC financially. Thank you for your help spreading the word as well. I continue to look forward to moving to Kerrville in June and getting to know each of you!

Christ's peace,

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The 121st Council of the Diocese of West Texas gathered clergy, lay leaders, and delegates in San Marcos for worship, fellowship, and important diocesan business. Over the course of the event, attendees heard reports from various ministries, elected new diocesan leaders, and discussed the future of the church.

A key moment of Council was the Bishop's Address, where the Rt. Rev. David G. Read reflected on his first year as Bishop Diocesan and shared his vision for the future.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Bishop Read's address evoked emotion and applause as he spoke about his past year as Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas and his vision for the future. He provided background on why "Here Am I. Send Me." was chosen as the Council 2025 theme, stating "I chose this theme because of particular challenges the Diocese of West Texas is facing in these days. Nationwide, The Episcopal Church is beginning to experience a very real shortage of clergy." Additionally, volunteerism is below pre-COVID levels. Bishop Read said "With these growing clergy and lay ministry shortages in mind, I chose our theme, "Here Am I. Send me." I chose it to remind us that each one of us is called. Every person, in every pew, in every congregation, is called. Women and men; youth and children; middle aged and senior citizens; high school and college students - all are called."

Bishop Read expressed how the diocese would be offering a series of Discovery Weekends for individuals to explore lay and ordained vocations; the permanent diaconate; the bi-vocational priesthood; church planting; parish ministries; and the path to ordination. In addition, the Diocese of West Texas is partnering with the Iona Collaborative to significantly expand the Iona School in West Texas. Currently, the Iona School is geared toward persons studying for the bi-vocational priesthood.

To raise up new leaders in West Texas, he asked that all committees and commissions of the diocese look seriously at creating their own term limits, stating "If we are going to be serious about raising up new leaders in West Texas, we will need to be intentional about creating systems where people serve a maximum of two, 3-year terms, and then take a break after helping to train new members and new leaders."

During the address, he recalled the joyous celebration at the beginning of Council of church plant, St. Nicholas, Bulverde, becoming a mission and urging congregations to be part of bringing more church plants to the diocese. "We plant churches because the great commission is not 'the great suggestion.' Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, is still his great expectation of us."



He shared his belief that "The diocesan level structure exists first and foremost to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Second, the diocesan level structure exists to support the congregations and institutions in West Texas so that they thrive. And third, the diocesan level structure exists to do ministries that are best done at that level, or ministries that are best done together." Bishop Read announced that a task force would be formed in the next 30 days to study the apportionment formula and bring back recommendations at next year's Council. Bishop Read then shared that he believes it is time to significantly expand the endowments which support the ministry of Camps and Conferences. The ministries which take place at Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park are lifetransforming ministries which cannot be sustained solely relying on apportionment funds from congregations.

"For those ministries to continue to flourish for decades to come, their endowments need to be expanded. Now hear me out: I am not looking to fully endow our camps so that the diocesan budget and our congregations no longer play a vital role or no longer have "skin in the game." We will always fund these ministries through the diocesan budget. But an endowment of \$10 million would provide income to continue to support these ministries and the maintenance of these sites for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren in addition to helping us reduce apportionments across the diocese."

Bishop Read applauded the good work being done in the Small Church Ministry. There are many exciting initiatives for small congregations that Canon Leyla King and diocesan staff have introduced to help small congregations thrive and grow.

He shared the reason for the recent closing of the Plaza de Paz Center, resulting from factors occurring over the past few years and how the Immigration and Refugee Ministries will continue to serve and do good work, adjusting and changing to meet the changing needs within the diocese. Stating that we are serving and doing ministry in strange and challenging times, he asked that we remember "There will always be times when government policies collide with or contrast with The Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's not new. When the Church speaks out about it, that's not politics. That's being the Church - proclaiming the Gospel. Every one of us has vowed to respect the dignity of every human being" and that "there is no room for language that suggests all migrants are criminals, or lazy, or somehow sub-human. They are children of God. Citizens of God's kingdom. Loved by Jesus their Lord. And we should have no tolerance in the Church for anything less than love."

The conclusion of Bishop Read's addresses included an expression of gratitude "I am the Bishop of West Texas" because I am proud of you. As I travel our diocese I see the work, and ministry, the generosity, the outreach and experimentation, the labors of love, and the challenges of our day. And I thank my God always for you. And I thank my God always for my wife, Jacqui.

He then implored the diocese to "Say bigger prayers." Quoting Phillips Brooks, graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and rector of Trinity Church in Boston who composed the words to the Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem, he shared "Pray bigger prayers." "Don't pray for crutches – pray for wings." "There is not one prayer you or I can pray that Jesus doesn't wish was bigger. Pray bigger prayers, for the Diocese of West Texas, pray bigger prayers for your congregation, and pray bigger prayers for yourself. Pray bigger prayers, and stand up to say, "Here am I. Send Me."

The summary of the Bishop's Address is reprinted from the Diocese's blog post: https://www.dwtx.org/blog/121st-council-of-the-diocese-of-west-texas

St. Peter's Delegation to council included: Fr. Bert and Fr. Rich, Delegates Mickey Horany, Hiram Wilson, Betty Mosty, Rebecca Williamson, Ellen Schoenfeld, and Mark Haufler, and Alternates Polly Horany, John Murray, Richard Mosty, and Carol Quist

















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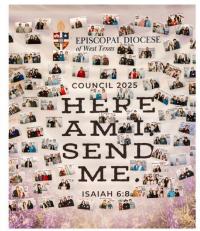
















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THROUGH THE LENS:

Bishop Cortiñas' Consecration

By Lauren Vereen, St. Peter's Communication Coordinator

As a contracted photographer for the Diocese of West Texas, I have been present for some momentous occasions, and no one is as surprised as me that I have the privilege to be there. A few years ago, a St. Peter's parishioner, Cindy Bachman, connected me to the diocese when she asked me to film a virtual tour of the Bishop Jones Center for a presentation for the Episcopal Church Women. Neither of us knew then that this connection would change my life.

Since then, the diocese has invited me to photograph its most significant events, including Council, the consecration of Bishop Read, the election of Bishop Cortiñas, and most recently, Bishop Cortiñas' consecration in McAllen, Texas.

The morning after my long drive south to the Valley, my first event was photographing Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's talk and luncheon with the clergy at St. Alban's in Harlingen. Making jokes and taking genuine interest in everyone he met, Bishop Rowe surprised me with his down-to-earth demeanor. It's not every day you meet the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, so I followed the lead of a few brave attendees and asked for a photo together. Although I'm not clergy, I enjoyed listening to his talk, while attempting to discreetly take photos. He spoke candidly about the difficult task of cutting staff just months after taking office to align with the previously adopted 2025-2026 budget. The timing was unfortunate, as the Episcopal Migration Ministries was suspended in January by executive order. Despite these setbacks, he encouraged embracing adaptive change, tackling declining Sunday attendance by experimenting boldly, and accepting failure as part of the process. He then spent as much time as possible answering questions before everyone shared a simple lunch together in the parish hall.

After a quiet hour back at my hotel room spent "culling" the photos I had taken so far, I traveled with the diocesan staff to the rehearsal for the consecration at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen. Getting a behind-the-scenes look at the preparation for such a large-scale event was fascinating. Angela had a strong showing of support from St. David's in Austin, with several members serving as readers and Eucharistic ministers. The sweetest moment was the arrival of Angela's daughter, Victoria, who watched her mom with pride during the rehearsal.













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The celebratory atmosphere continued to the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg. With much laughter and rejoicing, a delicious Mexican meal and the talents of a local mariachi band were enjoyed by all present. Angela's family had been delayed due to canceled flights caused by extreme winds, so their eventual arrival *just* in time for dinner was a highlight of the evening.

After being on my feet all day, I went straight to bed and set my alarm for 5:30 AM. By 7:00 AM, I was back at St. John's School to capture the signing and sealing of Angela's ordination certificate. I arrived just in time to catch the Presiding Bishop's signature - those bishops are fast! The Rev. Dr. Molly James has a clever, tried-and-true method for completing the task: a hot glue gun for the wax seal.

Once the bishops retreated to a classroom for their "top-secret" meeting with Angela, I made my way to the church to start photographing the moments leading up to the service. One of my favorite photos, though not a technical masterpiece, was of Angela and her daughter tucked away in the Rector's office, reviewing the service bulletin away from the chaos.

Then came my ultimate challenge: photographing the service unobtrusively while capturing its most important moments (all in dim lighting) and avoiding stepping into the live stream video. Fortunately, a perfectly placed pillar near the front provided the ideal spot to hover. Only a select few are able to be on the chancel during a bishop's consecration, and I never imagined *I'd* be one of them. The music was uplifting, the atmosphere was awe-inspiring, and when Bishop Angela Cortiñas was officially introduced, the joy was deafening.

Following the procession out, I quickly grabbed a photo of all the bishops together. In the minutes after, each bishop congratulated Angela and asked for her blessing. It was the kind of moment that gives you chills.

The crowd eventually made their way to the school for the reception. The cake was cut, and Angela could barely take a step without someone stopping her for a hug, congratulations, or a selfie. Her family's smiles were contagious, and seeing her reconnect with the large group from St. David's Austin who had made the long journey to witness her consecration was heartwarming.

As attendees trickled out to make their way home, I sat down with Meg and Andrea from the diocesan communications office to send them a few pictures for their announcements and social media. Weeding through the photos is my least favorite part of the job, as I had over a thousand to review! Then, it was time to pack up and head home to Kerrville. After a morning on my feet, I didn't mind the 4.5-hour drive.

As I left the Valley, palm trees and fields slowly fading into the rolling hills of the Hill Country, I was overwhelmed with gratitude for being part of such a momentous occasion and for playing even a small role in the work of our incredible diocese. I look forward, like the rest of you, to welcoming Bishop Angela Cortiñas at St. Peter's for our Lenten Series on April 2, 2025.

















HOLY WEEK PREACHERS

LET US WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Ben Nelson, Preaching on Palm Sunday



Fr. Ben is the Head Chaplain at TMI Episcopal School. Before moving to TMI, Fr. Ben was the 39th rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Marcos. Fr. Ben's passions in ministry are working with children and youth, leadership development, healing and recovery from addictive illness, and the ever-deepening spirituality of generosity in our lives. He has served on advisory boards for several local outreach agencies and as a consultant for congregations wishing to deepen their life of generosity, leadership, and stewardship. Fr. Ben's first joy is serving God, and the people of God, and he likes to imagine his overall title as "Grace Enthusiast" – a role that he hopes to live up to every day of his life and is grateful to bring to TMI.

The Rev. Dr. Chip Prehn, Preaching on Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday



The Rev. Dr. W.L. Prehn, PhD, is a Partner at Dudley & Prehn Consultants, specializing in boarding-school placement and leadership services for churches and schools, based in San Antonio and Charlottesville, Virginia. He serves as part-time Vicar at St. Mark's Church, Coleman, Texas, and is a priest-member of the Diocese of West Texas. A former parish priest and rector for 12 years, he transitioned to school ministry in 1996, serving as chaplain, teacher, coach, and headmaster before partnering with Brooke Dudley in 2020. He has been a trustee for four Episcopal schools and is a Director of The Living Church Foundation, where he led its 2019-2020 strategic planning. A historian of education, journalist, and poet, Prehn calls himself "half Mississippian and half Texan" but was born in Palo Alto, California. He holds degrees from Texas A&M, Nashotah House Seminary, and the University of Virginia. He and his wife Celia have three grown children and split their time between Sisterdale, Texas, and Middlebrook, Virginia.



| PALM SUNDAY April 13 | 8 AM 9:15 AM 11:15 AM | The Holy Eucharist: Rite One The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Holy Eucharist: Rite One |
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| TUESDAY April 15 | 7 PM | Evensong with the Holy Eucharist |
| WEDNESDAY April 16 | 7 PM | Evensong with the Holy Eucharist |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17 | 7 PM | The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two |
| GOOD FRIDAY April 18 | 12 PM | The Good Friday Liturgy |
| SATURDAY April 19 | 9 AM | Holy Saturday Service |
| EASTER DAY April 20 | 6 AM 8 AM 9:15 AM 11:15 AM | The Great Vigil of Easter at Sunrise The Holy Eucharist: Rite One The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two |













Parish Picnic

Join us for a day of worship and family fun! After worship, lunch will be served. Please bring a potluck dessert to share. We can't wait to see you there!

Take I-10 West to Exit 505 for Harper Road. Off the exit ramp, take a right on to Harper Road. Go straight in Ingram onto Highway 39 West. In Hunt, continue onto HIghway 39 Southwest. Camp Mystic is located on the left hand side of the road about 7 miles from the Hunt Store.

Please note that no services will be streamed on this day.

10 AM on April 27th at Camp Mystic

A Letter from the Brotherhood of St. Andrew



What does it mean to be part of a brotherhood? For the men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. Peter's, it means coming together in prayer, study, and service. As Wynn Kilgore put it, "The Holy Spirit is always here." The group meets twice a month, offering a space for open discussion, deep connection, and friendship. "We have great discussions," said Donald Glover. "We can disagree and no one gets mad." Their time together is built on trust and respect. "What we say here we don't share, it stays here," said James Horne.

Beyond study and conversation, this is a group that prays together and supports one another. "We pray for individuals and different issues they may be dealing with," Glover shared. And while each man may have different views on the world, one thing remains constant - their bond. "We all have different political leanings and it has no effect on our connection with one another," Glover said. "We come together to share thoughts and understandings of Christ, but we all like each other, too. We're close," added Kilgore.

If you're searching for a place to grow in faith and fellowship, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew invites you to learn more. Below, Donald Glover shares what this group is all about.

Dear Brothers,

Are you yearning for connection and purpose in your spiritual journey? Do you sometimes feel your service to God lacks vitality? If you're searching for love and belonging in places that don't quite fulfill you, we have an extraordinary community!

At Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, a welcoming group —a Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. This remarkable organization, founded on November 30, 1883, at Saint James Episcopal Church in Chicago, has blossomed into a global community dedicated to prayer, study, and service.

Join us twice a month at the Library, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, at 1 pm on the first and third Tuesday. We participate in the hamburgers ministry, the pancake dinner, soup Wednesdays, and are open to service projects that have nothing to do with food. You can be part of this vibrant fellowship. Engage in enriching Bible Study and lively debates, where your voice and perspective are truly valued.

All men of the church are welcomed with open arms. Come and experience the warmth and camaraderie of our group. We believe it could be the perfect fit for you.

With gratitude, Donald Glover 512 650 0635

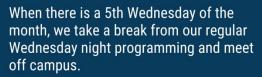
WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 30TH

JOIN US FOR EUCHARIST

ST. PETER'S @ 5PM

ACOUSTIC SET FOLLOWS
THE TRAILHEAD BEER GARDEN @ 6PM



For our upcoming 5th Wednesday musician Hayes Duffy, the grandson of Kay and Jim Hayes, will be playing at The Trailhead Beer Garden.





HAYES DUFFY

Haves was born and raised in Harlingen, where he was baptized and became an active member of St. Alban's Church and Day School. He began playing guitar when he was about 10 years old, and joined the parish's praise band and helped lead music at around 13.

Hayes says, "I was inspired by the music directors at Camp Capers, and decided I wanted to that someday. When I was in high school, I attended the Bishop's Happening Movement, a youth outreach weekend led by students, and fell in love with the role that music played in the development of faith in the youth."

Hayes volunteered as music leader for Happening Weekends whenever possible, which strengthened his love for music and worship.

Following graduation from high school, Hayes attended Texas A&M, earning a Bachelor in Political Science and a Master of Real Estate Finance. He also found time to continue making music, saying, "I formed a country band called The Estate Sale, playing bars and tailgates and small music venues around central Texas."

Hayes currently works in banking in San Antonio, making music with and for friends as he is able. In his free time, he loves to play and write country/Americana music, hang out with his 2-year-old yellow lab, Basil, and play golf.

SAVE THE DATE







July 14-17

COMPASSION CAMP:

WHAT EVERY LIVING THING NEEDS

Adventure awaits! This year our VBS program is Compassion Camp! Join us for four *in-tents* days exploring what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in our local ecosystems. We welcome preschoolers through 5th graders for a time of music, crafts, games, science, fun, and *s'more!* Camper registration begins in April and will be posted at stpeterskerrville.com. Contact Jenny@stpeterskerrville.com with any questions.









COTTAGE SHOP



You never know what you'll find at the Cottage Shop! We are open from 9 AM to 4:30 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays!















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get egg-cited! EASTER EGG HUNT

WE NEED GOODIES!

Please bring candy and eggs to the collection boxes in Tucker Hall or the church office!



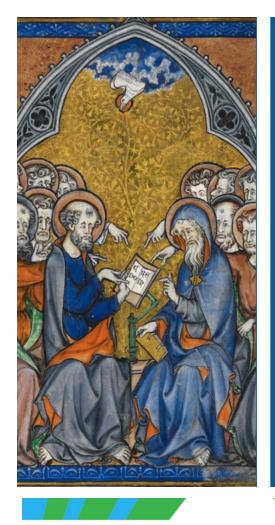
THEN, BRING YOUR BASKETS AND JOIN THE FUN ON EASTER DAY!

MEET AT 10:30AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Each year, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) recognizes and honors St. Peter's graduating high school seniors with a gift and a scholarship for your college, business or technical/vocational school. In order to receive the scholarship, the student must be a Baptized and Confirmed Episcopalian, be an active member of the church, (church attendance, acolyte, Sunday School, youth group, etc.), and must submit an application. Applications were mailed in January. If you are a graduating high school senior and do not receive an application, please give me a call at 830-329-3602. Completed applications can be mailed to me at 1717 Foothills Dr., Kerrville, Texas, or placed in an envelope labeled **Attention**: Cathy Martin, and dropped off in the church office. **Deadline to submit application is Sunday, April 27**. Certificates of award will be presented at your school's Senior award ceremony. Seniors will be recognized and presented with a gift at church, on **Sunday May 18**.





I Believe

An Adult Christian Formation Class Exploring the Apostles' Creed

What do we believe as Christians?
What are the most important elements of the faith?

For centuries, Christians have affirmed certain truths in the words of creeds, the Apostles' Creed being one of the most important.

Over the course of six weeks, Fr. Bert and Fr. Mike will teach a class on the Apostles' Creed and invite you to explore the deeper meaning of our Christian faith. We invite you to join us in the class as we dig into the Creed, so we can find life whenever we say, "I believe..."

The class meets on Sundays at 10:30 am in the MPR, through April 6th.

LOVE for LEAST

ST. PETER'S PARTNERS

PARTYwith a PURPOSE

May 3, 2025

WINE & CHEESE, LIVE MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, FUN & FREE EVENT!

For more information contact Dee Elliott at 830-238-4958 or 830-329-5122. The Love for the Least partners look forward to seeing you there!

TUCKER HALL 5:00-7:00 PM















Encountering Christ in His Church

Fr. Mike has begun an ongoing series of adult classes aimed to "put people in communication with Jesus Christ." The series will be a reasonably full course that will reveal the joy and the demands of the way of Christ. Each class will be experienced as a kind of 'catechesis'--religious instruction designed to offer a broad outline of our faith and with the hopeful effect of deepening our Christian discipleship. The course can be experienced class-by-class or as a whole series, and is intended to be receptive to neophytes all the way to lifelong believers. Curious souls who wish to both listen and participate in their own fashion are welcomed to attend. "Come and see," the Apostle Andrew said to his brother St. Peter, when he wished to introduce him to Jesus. Indeed!

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM in the MPR

This class will break for the Lenten Series and returns April 23rd.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY GATHERINGS

PFF (Prayers, Fellowship & Football)

TUESDAYS Tucker Hall 12 - 1PM

PFF is a men's lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilems at (281) 723–9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

1st and 3rd Tuesdays Library 1PM

Men need Men's support: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Come join us! We presently meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month directly following PFF. Talk to Don Glover at <u>donaldgloversr@gmail.com</u> (512-650-0635) for more information.

Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAYS 2-3 PM in the Parlor

Everyone is welcome! Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. We are affiliated with Contemplative Outreach LTD and World Community for Christian Meditation. For more information, please contact Susan Parker at 830-285-3874, or email her at parkers710@amail.com for location information.

Path of Life

WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM in the MPR

Path of Life meets in the Multi-Purpose-Room off Tucker Hall at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join this learning, caring and fun group! We will be doing a Max Lucado Bible study, and books are available at the meeting. Led by Betty Mosty.

Friday Book Study

FRIDAYS 11 AM - 12 PM Audio-Visual Rm.

We invite you to join us at 11 am every Friday either in person in the AV room in the office building or via Zoom. This study group selects a spiritual book every few months, which is posted in the Sunday bulletin. We go slowly, allowing ample time for discussion. Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker at parkers710@gmail.com or 830-285-3874 for more information.

Chancel Choir and Praise Team Rehearsals

THURSDAYS 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM in the Choir Room

No auditions required! Just join us if you love music.

Chancel choir sings traditional music at 11:15 services and our Praise group sings at the 9:15 services.

Contact David@stpeterskerrville.com for more information.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Mini Revolutions

Sundays at 10:30 AM in Children's Chapel, ends March 2nd For Pre-K 3 – 5th grade, Mini Revolutions is an engaging Sunday School class for children led by Jenny Ligon our family minister and other volunteers.

Adult Christian Formation Class: I Believe

Last Class on April 6 in the MPR at 10:30

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS during Lent (4/2 and 4/9)

5PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

5:30 PM Soup Supper in Tucker Hall

6 PM Children's Programing

Children from Pre-K to 5th grade will walk as a group to Shelton Hall for classes led by Jenny Ligon. *Nursery is open for 3 and under.*

6:15PM Speaker Series Begins in Tucker Hall

Our Lenten Series Speakers will open up our hearts and minds to the journey of Jonah and invite us to discover how Jonah's experiences resonate with our own lives. Whether you are familiar with the story or new to it, come and grow with us this season of renewal.

7PM Evening Prayer in the Church

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS resumes 4/23

5PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

5:30 PM Supper in Tucker Hall

A family friendly meal in Tucker Hall. Suggested \$5 donation.

6 PM The Bible for Kids in Shelton Hall

Children from Pre-K to 5th grade will walk as a group to Shelton Hall for classes led by Jenny Ligon. *Nursery is open for 3 and under.*

6:15-7:15 PM Come & See: Encountering Christ in His Church MPR

Fr. Mike will lead this series of adult classes aimed "to put people in communication with Jesus Christ." The series will be a reasonably full course that will reveal the joy and demands of the way of Christ.

6:15-7:15 Adult formation for All in the AV Room

All are welcome to join us in studying NOOMA, a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. .

OTHER MINISTRIES (events and info)

BEST TIMERS

Best Timers is a social group eating lunch together. The Local Community Best Timers meet the third Thursday of the month. Please contact Lynda Griffin, to acquire the location and time no later than the Wednesday before. All are welcome! Lk.griffin@gmail.com/830-896-5163

THE COTTAGE SHOP

Cottage Shop Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 AM – 4:30 PM Open on Monday for receiving only from 8 AM – 12 PM. Consignments by appt. only.

The Cottage Shop, located on 958 Main St, is an upscale resale and consignment shop run by volunteers. Proceeds from the shop benefit many local and national charity groups. Stop by to learn more about volunteering, or to find that special treasure! New items weekly!

THE ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

The DOK meets the 3rd Thursday each month September through May.

President: Elizabeth Schneider (elizischneider@gmail.com)

Members of the DOK undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS (Jr. DOK)

Meeting Dates: 4th Sunday of the Month at 10:30 in the Youth Room

Junior Daughters of the King provides girls or young women the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus Christ while serving their church and community. For more information, contact Heather Stebbins at heathernp3@yahoo.com

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

ECW General Meeting: May 1 at 10:30 in Tucker Hall

Bob Kinnan will be our guest speaker presenting Richard and Henrietta's King Ranch: *An Enduring Legacy of Faith, Family, and the Land*

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HAMBURGER MINISTRY

The 1st Sunday of the month, at the Doyle Center (Date subject to change on holiday weekends)

Each month at the Doyle Center, a team of volunteers serves 120 burgers (first come first served) to the local community. All are welcome to this free meal. Burgers are served at 1 PM. If you would like volunteer or or contribute to this ministry, please contact Ross Rommel at rommelross3@gmail.com

LABYRINTH GUILD

Next meeting: TBD

The labyrinth at St. Peter's is a path of prayer, introspection and healing. We walk the St. Peter's Labyrinth as well as other labyrinths in the area. We also host organizations and groups who come to St. Peter's to walk our labyrinth.

LOVE FOR THE LEAST (partners)

Party with a Purpose: May 3 at 5PM in Tucker Hall

Join us for wine, cheese, live music, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. This fun and FREE event is open to all and supports the missionary work of Love for the Least. Contact Dee Elliott at 830-238-4958 or 830-329-5122 for more information.

Love for the Least is a MOVEMENT, moving with God in sharing the Compassion of Christ with an Unreached World, specifically working with orphans in Africa and North India and refugees in the Middle East.

OTHER MINISTRIES (cont'd)

ST. JEROME'S GUILD

Next Meeting: TBD

Lecture series (2PM in Tucker Hall):

4/10 The English Civil Wars: 1640-1660, presented by The Rev. Dr. Stockton Williams

As a library guild, our work is to provide books and space for parishioners to grow in knowledge, and faith. We catalog and shelve new books (both purchased and donated), host book reviews and offer book sales. Contact Victoria Mosty for more information at victoria92@me.com

STEAK & STORIES

Next Date: 5/8 in Tucker Hall with guest speaker Gene Dowdy, Director of Music, Schreiner University

An evening for the men of St. Peter's: join us for a steak dinner in Tucker Hall.\$30/a person. Please RSVP to RSVP@stpeterskerrville.com by 5/2.

ST. PETER'S VESTRY

Meeting Dates: 4/21 and 5/19 at 5:30 in the MPR

Our vestry is the leadership body responsible for the parish, and the members are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. Anyone is welcome to speak at the vestry meetings, If you wish to speak, please notify the Rector no later than the Tuesday before.

5TH WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, 4/30 at 6PM at Trailhead Beer Garden

In lieu of our regular Wednesday night programming, on $5^{\rm th}$ Wednesdays of the month we meet off campus for a fun and relaxing fellowship opportunity.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

The following programming is for Middle and High school students.

- 1st Sunday of the Month: Holy Households, no evening programming
- 2nd Sunday of the Month from 5:30-7:30: Testimonies from the Congregation in the Youth Room
- 3rd Sunday of the month from 5:30-7:30: Prayers and Pickleball (with Compline) off campus
- 4th Sunday of the Month at 5:30ish: A Hangout at a Host House
- Youth Group will not meet on 5th Sundays.
- Wednesday evenings the youth group meets at 6PM in the youth room.

YOUTH RETREAT

June 8-13 at Duncan Park in Colorado.

For incoming 6th graders to 12th Graders, join us in beautiful Colorado for a fun and fellowship in the beautiful mountains. Contact Jenny@stpeterskerrville.com or Peyton@stpeterskerrville.com for more details!

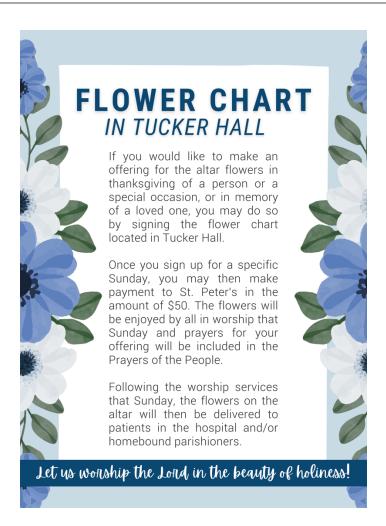


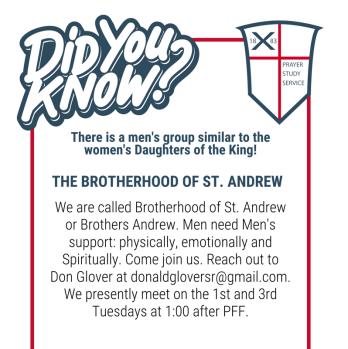
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We meet the 1st & 3rd TUESDAYS





are \$15.00 each. All proceeds go to replenish our altar flower fund.

Deadline for ordering is April 13th, Palm Sunday.

Scan the QR code or visit www.stpeterskerrville.com/holidayflowers









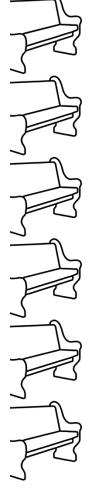


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Open on Monday for receiving only 8AM - 12PM.

Consignments by appointment only.

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WE NEED USHERS!

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

If you are interested in assisting our usher team, please reach out to Doug Holmes or Nellwyn Sadler.

If you are unable to make a full commitment, we could also use seasonal ushers!

DOUG HOLMES

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NELLWYN SADLER

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Many of our ministry groups meet throughout the week. Please contact Ginny in the church office to schedule a meeting room and time.

Below you will find the contact information for Ministry Leaders. Please be in touch with your respective Ministry Leader to learn how members of your ministry group are engaging with one another.

If you have questions, call the office. If you need support from your clergy, please contact Fr. Bert or Fr. Mike. We are here for you to know Christ and make Him known to others.

Ministry Group

Clergy Clergy

Family Minister Youth Minister

Communications and Rock Road

Contemplative Prayer

Path of Life

Sisters in Scripture Friday Book Study Chancel Choir Praise Team Acolytes

Altar Guild

Eucharistic Visitors

Greeters

St. Paul's Guild

Ushers

Labyrinth Guild St. Jerome's Guild

Rosemary's Helping Hands

The Order of the Daughters of the King

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Hospital Visitors Office Volunteers Rock Roadies

Prayers, Fellowship and Football (PFF)

Community Best Timers

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Cottage Shop

Love for the Least Partners

Hamburger Ministry

Men's Group (Wed. evenings)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We welcome all to join us in knowing Christ and making him known to others.

SUNDAYS During Lent

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist - Rite One 9:15 AM The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two 11:15 AM The Holy Eucharist - Rite One and

streaming on our YouTube Channel

WEDNESDAYS During Lent

5:00 PM 7:00 PM The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two Daily Devotions in Tucker Hall

SUNDAYS Regular Schedule Resumes on Easter

8:00 AM
9:15 AM
The Holy Eucharist - Rite One
The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two
The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two and streaming on our YouTube Channel

WEDNESDAYS

5:00 PM The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two

The Holy Week schedule can be viewed on page 16.

Worship before the Parish Picnic at Camp Mystic will take place at 10AM on April 27th.

Summer Schedule with services at 8 AM and 10AM begins May 29th.

See our website: <u>www.stpeterskerrville.com</u> for links to current worship services.

FOR THE MEN OF ST. PETER'S



THURSDAY, MAY 8TH 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Tucker Hall

presented by

GENE DOWDY

Director of Music, Schreiner University



Dowdy served for 23 years as director of orchestral studies and instrumental conducting at the University of Texas at San Antonio, retiring in 2019 as Professor Emeritus. Since 2015, he has been the Conductor and Artistic Director of the Symphony of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas, and previously served as Assistant Conductor of the Mid-Texas Symphony. An active quest conductor, he has led orchestras and festivals across the U.S. and internationally. He holds a doctoral degree in orchestral conducting from the University of Iowa, a master's in music education from UT San Antonio, and a bachelor's from UT Austin. Dowdy is also a past president of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association and the Texas Chapter of the American String Teachers Association, as well as a former executive director of the National String Project Consortium. Gene and his wife Stacy have two daughters and live in Kerrville.

RSVP to RSVP@stpeterskerrville.com



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