

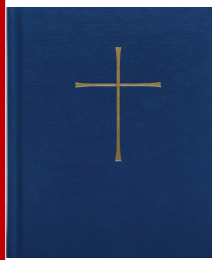
**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

St. Paul's Shield

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
8:00am Morning Prayer
Holy Communion Service is at 10:00am every
Sunday in person,
live stream on Facebook.
You can also watch live from our
Webpage: Stpaulsorangetexas.com or
stpaulsorangetx.org*



Study of the Book of Common Prayer

Father Mark, Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret will be leading a study of the Book of Common Prayer during Epiphany. We will meet in the Guild Room starting Jan. 7 at 9:15 to 9:45. So, come to church early, get a cup of coffee, and claim a comfortable seat while we explore the treasure that is our BCP.

20 + C + M + B + 24

The Epiphany and the Chalking of the Doors service with Holy Communion will be this Saturday, January 6 at 6:00pm in St. Paul's parish hall.

In Deuteronomy 6:9 God tells the people of Israel: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives.

The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year. The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

Christmas Eve 2023



Happy New Year from St. Paul's



ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:00am service. If you have any reports for the meeting, Please email me your information by January 17. If you have any questions, please email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

The Game Group is every Thursday at 10:00am. We will learn how to play a new game. If you have any questions contact Teri Duos.

Art Class

Art Class is every Wednesday at 9:30am.
Art class will resume January 17.

The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday

On the 1st Sunday of each month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.
If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo line.
If you have any questions, please contact me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Altar Flowers

The Altar was decorated beautifully for Christmas.
The music was wonderful!
If you purchased the poinsettias, they are \$10.50 each.
If you place a check in the collection plate, please mark what it is for. If you have any questions, please contact the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Game Night

St. Paul's will have a game night every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Our next game night will be January 10 at 6:00pm. If you want to just come join us for the fellowship. That's fun too! If you have any questions, contact the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com

The Feast of the Holy Name January 1 Happy New Year!

This major feast is celebrated on Jan. 1, the eighth day of the Christmas season. The designation of the feast in honor of Jesus' Holy Name is new to the 1979 BCP. It was traditionally celebrated as the Feast of the Circumcision. www.episcopalchurch.org

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a Christian holiday primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. www.britannica.com

The Confession of St. Peter

January 18 Today is the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle. ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." www.episcopalchurch.org

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle January 25

Before his conversion, Paul had been a leading persecutor of Christians.

While journeying to Damascus to persecute more Christians, Paul had his conversion. He saw a great light and heard a voice say, "*Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?*" Paul responded, "*Who art thou, Lord?*" Jesus responded, "*I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest.*"

Paul's conversion resulted in witnessing the resurrected Christ to others, and was thus one of belief rather than of conscience.

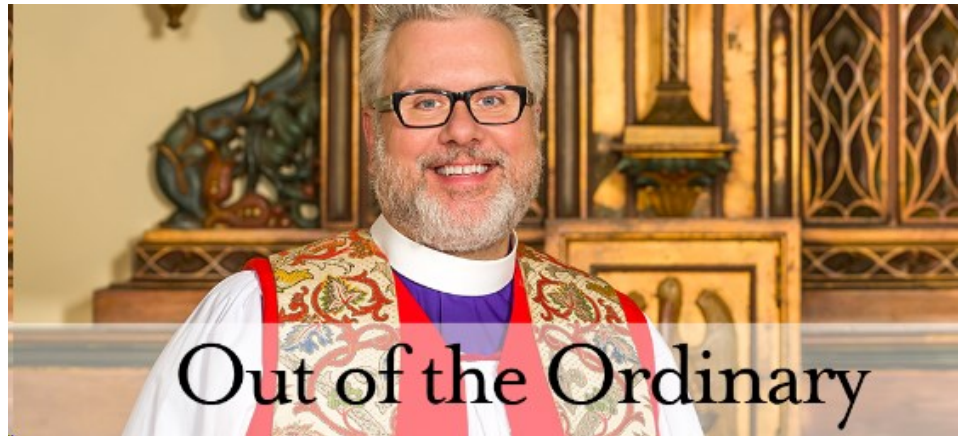
May we, too, know the truth of the risen Christ, and spend ourselves following the holy doctrine which Paul taught, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Day's collect, E18, People's Anglican Missal). www.episcopalnet.org.

Happy Birthday

Houseman, Janson	1/14
Cheek, Mackenzie Rae	1/15
Peterson, Donna Kay	1/15
Quebodeux, Keely	1/15
Howland, Mrs. Arlene	1/16
Hooker, Delmos	1/18
Hall, Mr. Miles, III	1/19
Geis, Clayton	1/24
Jones, Allen	1/25
Lincecum, Mr. Roger	1/27

Happy Anniversary

Duos, John & Teri 1/17



Out of the Ordinary

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175th Diocesan Council is
Friday, February 9 – Saturday, February 10 in Waco, TX.

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

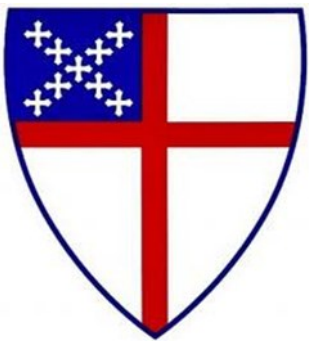
Shield Information is due January 15.
Vestry Meeting is January 17 at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Jay Todd Cleaver, Rosie Hurst, Allen Jones Bob Walker & Family, Amanda Watt, Jenny Guth, Cheryl, Charlie Pieper, Kenric Marshall, Sabine Lamar, The Ruehlens, Tom Freeland, David Haley, Becca Hagan, David Silk, Robert Cheek, Samantha, Ester Jeans, Barbara Klein, Jasper Richmond, Eloy Sereni, Walter Rotsch, Alyssa & Keene Wilson, Haley Morris, Mimi Hollier, Robert Hollier, Justin Morvant, Randolph Knipp, Peggy Lane, The Cook Family, Janet Foreman, Ken & Cindi Slaughter, Denice Thomas, JoAnn Gilbeaux, Milton Husbands, Kristi, Kaitlyn Hogg, Bishop Michael Curry, Steven Bruce, Pat Jones, Jimmy Odom, Kirk Odom, Chris Gayle, Doris Byrd, Kayla Cheek

Prayers : All Military personnel. Pray for the people in Ukraine, People suffering with an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, Unemployed. Talbert Meadows, Regina, Chris, Sidney, Jacque Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading, Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, Kathleen, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Kailey Smith & Family, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Steve Roger, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Anthony Sparacino, Marcia Sharp, Josephine Crew, Freddie Nail, Felicia, Dale, Cayden, Whitney and Tyler Legrand, The Woodleys, Leona Fields, Shawn Best, Ruby, Sharon Childress, Faith, Dennis Kirk, Harry Hobden, Louis Davis, Diana Dotson, Debbie Garlington, Olalia Stone, Kay Shelton

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