

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026

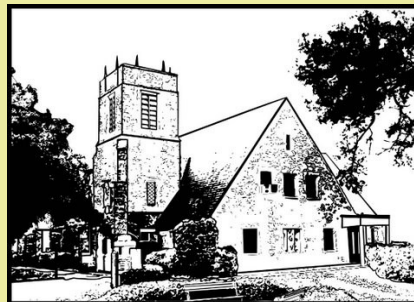


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the
name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2026 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot



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Morning Prayer 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
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Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal

Celebrant: The Rev. Mark Wood
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Mark Wood

Prelude

Processional Hymn *Holy Spirit, Ever Living* *The Hymnal 511*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
PEOPLE: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *Glory to God in the Highest* *The Hymnal S 280*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. .

The Collect of the Day *(See Readings Insert)*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.
ALL: **Amen.**

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostle *(See Readings Insert)*
READER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 104 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Second Letter to St. Paul's to the Corinthians (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Gradual Hymn

Gradual Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **The Hymnal 508**

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 7:37-39 (See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Anthem *Witnesses* Ensemble

Following the Sermon, all stand and say

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *The Book of Common Prayer p. 292*

CELEBRANT: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CELEBRANT: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(See reading insert)

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory

Come Down, O Love Divine

The Hymnal 516

Doxology

Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow

V. 3, 380

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
 CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.
 PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**
 CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
 CELEBRANT: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

CELEBRANT: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

CELEBRANT: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer People and Celebrant

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Fraction Anthem:

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(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

CELEBRANT: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

Communion Music:

Sing Praise to Our Creator
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Thou, Whose Almighty Word

The Hymnal 295
The Hymnal 366
The Hymnal 371

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God and King

The Hymnal 400

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Father Mark

Tuesday, May 26 Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH10 Diner.
Wednesday, May 27 Watercolor Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall.
Thursday, May 28 Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos.

Sunday, May 31 Trinity Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Father Mark & Mother Meg

Sunday, May 31 A Celebration honoring the 40th Anniversary of Father Mark's Ordination will follow the 10:00am service in the parish hall with a luncheon.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful.

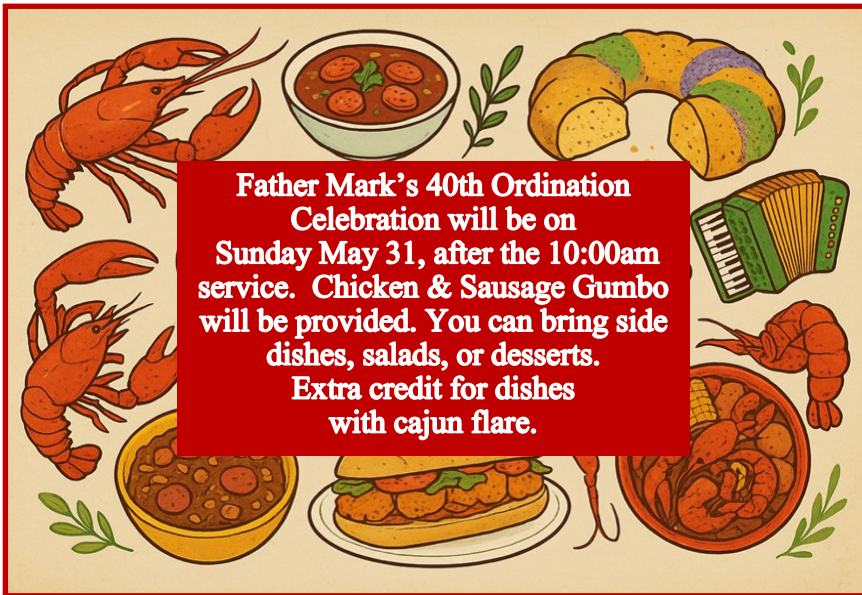
You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Happy Birthday

Shaw-Wheat, Erin 5/04
 Ginn, Kathy 5/13
 Riehle, Melissa 5/28

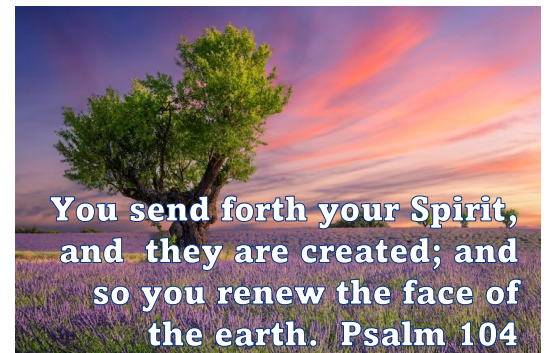
Happy Anniversary

Hall, Miles & Donna 5/05
 Sterling, Pete & Delores 5/18



Prayer List

The prayer list will start over on the first Sunday in June. If you need to add someone to the prayer list. Please email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969. Thank you!



Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026	Trinity Sunday May 31, 2026
Eucharistic Ministers Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers Lectors
10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Donna Hall	10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 or Canticle 8 or 13 Anne Breitenstein
2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Bill Smith	2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Becky Rutledge
Gospel: John 20:19-23 John 7:37-39 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood	Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Anne Breitenstein Ushers: Altar Guild: Pat & Earl Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse
Flower Guild: Pat Geis	Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse