

**ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

# St. Paul's Shield

Issue 114 July 2026



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



**250th Anniversary**

*Happy*  
**4TH OF JULY**

**St. Paul's 4th of July Celebration and  
Ice Cream contest is Sunday July 5  
after the 10:00am service in the parish hall.**

**We will serve hot dogs, etc.**

**Bring your home-made ice cream.**

**If you have any questions, please email me at  
[stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or  
409-883-2969.**

## Food Pantry

St. Paul's has placed a food pantry to help feed the people in need. It is located near the flag pole behind the church. We are trying to keep it stocked but it goes fast.. If you would like to make a donation of non perishable foods, we have a box in the guild room for you to place your donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a notation to what this is for.

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Or call 409-883-2969.







St. Paul's has added a beautiful new sidewalk behind the church and it crosses over to the parish hall. This makes it easier to leave the church and come to the festivities at the parish hall. The Episcopal Diocese offers a grant to help pay for beautifying our churches.  
Thank you to the Diocese.

## **Mahjong Group**

**Come join the fun at St. Paul's with the Mahjong group in our parish hall.**

**On Monday night 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday Day at 9:30am.**

**\$5 donation.**

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## Independence Day Collect

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE Feast Day - July 25

This James is often styled “St. James the Greater,” to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name and from James, “the brother of our Lord.” Along with his brother John, James was called by Jesus at the Sea of Galilee as they mended nets with their father, Zebedee, and his hired hands. St. James is named regularly during major events in the Gospels, witnessing the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9), the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5, Matthew 9; Luke 8), and Jesus’ agony in the garden (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

For all this honor, though, James also receives correction from Jesus on more than one occasion. He and his brother are given the nickname “Sons of Thunder,” or *Boanerges*, for their zealous and temperamental dispositions. For example, when Samaritan villagers refused to welcome Jesus, the brothers eagerly asked whether he would have them call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. The Lord rebukes them and instead moves on to another village (Luke 9). The Gospels record the brothers (or perhaps their mother) asking the Lord to place them at his right and left hands in his kingdom, which also results in admonishment (Matthew 20), and James is among the apostles who fall asleep in the garden while Jesus prays (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

Still, James’ dedication to Jesus is without question, as he is understood to be the first of the twelve to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, “About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword” (Acts 12:1–2). <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>



## St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day—July 22

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

On this day, we lift up the devoted disciple who was among Jesus’ closest followers and the first witness to his resurrection. A woman from Magdala, near Capernaum, Mary was healed by Jesus, who cast out seven demons from her, transforming her life completely. Thereafter, she joined the group of women who accompanied and supported Jesus and his disciples in their ministry. The Gospels portray her as steadfast and faithful, remaining near the cross as Jesus suffered and later going to his tomb to mourn and anoint his body. In her grief, she encountered the risen Christ, who revealed himself by calling her name. Commissioned by Jesus to announce his resurrection to the disciples, she became the first messenger of the good news—hence her traditional titles, “apostle to the apostles” and “equal to the apostles” in the Eastern Church. Mary Magdalene stands as a model of healing, love, and unwavering faith, reminding the Church that true discipleship is rooted in both devotion to Christ and bold witness to his risen life. #Episcopal <https://www.episcopalchurch.org>

## Book Study

Every Sunday St. Paul's will have The Book of Acts Book Study with Deacon Margaret at 9:15am. Come early and get some coffee and a comfortable seat.

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.

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## Happy Birthday

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Shaw, Miss Reilly          | 7/01 |
| Clevenger, Katie           | 7/02 |
| Curran, Carolyn            | 7/03 |
| Hollier, Mr. Robert F.     | 7/07 |
| Marshall, Mrs. Shirley     | 7/07 |
| Peterson, Major Donna      | 7/07 |
| Cheek, Mr. Nick            | 7/10 |
| Batchelor, Mrs. Gail       | 7/12 |
| Hagen, Mr. Emmet           | 7/15 |
| Maglothin II, Joseph David | 7/18 |
| Hall, Mr. James            | 7/19 |
| Journey, Mrs. Karen        | 7/20 |
| Smith, Mr. Bill            | 7/20 |
| Denosowicz, Mrs. Sue       | 7/21 |
| Price, Brady Paul          | 7/21 |
| Frank, Susan               | 7/24 |
| Hancock, Kayleigh          | 7/30 |

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

## Prayer List Info

Just a reminder that our Prayer list will change each month. I have a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can email me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).



Daughters of the King  
DOK will meet on the  
2nd Monday of the month  
at 9:00am.

## Happy Anniversary

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|--------------------------------------|------|
| Delafosse, Pierre and Peggy          | 7/02 |
| Dubois, Michael & Sheila             | 7/04 |
| Rutledge, David & Becky              | 7/10 |
| Bruce, David and Portillio, Ezequiel | 7/22 |
| Michaelis, David & Myra              | 7/25 |
| Geis, Earl & Pat                     | 7/27 |

Shield Information is due July 15.

Vestry Meeting is Sunday, July 26 at 6:00pm  
in the parish hall.

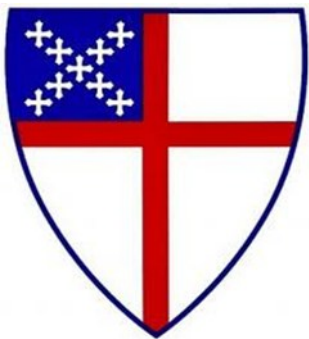
## St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Jay Todd Cleaver,  
Haley & Dennis & baby Ezra  
Betty & Don Ball, Sr.,  
Don Ball, Jr.  
Greg Ball  
Paula Burton  
Hal Bean,  
Anne Breitenstein,  
Shirley Marshall  
Doris Byrd,  
Kayla Cheek,  
Sharon Debes,  
Brian Debes  
Dena  
Martin & Hannah Dugas,  
John & Teri Duos,  
Elizabeth  
Maggie Farrington,  
Tim Fading,  
Tom & Marsha,  
Ben Garcia  
Rev. Tori Gilliland  
Arlene Howland  
Rev. Canon Mark R. Wood  
The Marling Family  
Shawna  
Rosemary Schoolfield  
Mr. Dunn

Debbie Petty  
Dottie Eubanks  
Chris Gayle  
The Guillots  
Patsy,  
Carolyn Hessong  
Mimi Hollier,  
Delmos Hooker,  
Rosie Hurst,  
Yolanda Jackson,  
Allen Jones,  
Jerry & Sherlon Jones,  
John & Marie  
Kaitlyn Hogg  
Mackenzie and baby  
Peggy Lane,  
Peggy Johnson,  
Lori,  
Ruby  
Madeline,  
Ken & Debra  
Kenric & Andrew  
Justin Morvant,  
Sue Rathburn  
Walter Rotsch  
Molly Sartin  
Emily  
David Silk,

Easton Smith & family  
Ron & Margaret Sonnier,  
Pete & Delores Sterling,  
Paul  
Stacey  
Ken Slaughter,  
Hui Si  
Judy Taylor  
Kendal Thomas,  
Nancy Walker,  
Alyssa Wilson  
Kady Michaelis,  
Lynette, Tom, Grace & Kate  
Joe Cavallero  
Kay Shelton  
Gary Smith  
Sandy Bell  
Reilly Shaw  
Barbara Huval  
Van Vandervoort  
Jerry & Wilma Collins  
Kerry Gearhart  
Kathy & Scott Blick  
Emily & Will Morphis  
Bruce & Roxanne McCraw  
Matthew

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In person, Live Stream Service on  
Facebook every Sunday at 10:00am.**