

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

St. Paul's Shield

Issue 115 September 2026



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



Prayers and Anointing for Healing

On the first Sundays of each month Mother Meg will be offering prayers and anointing for healing starting Sunday, September 6. The others Sundays will be October 4, and December 6. The first Sunday in November is all Saints Day and is a feast day, so we will not have that, that day.

EFM CLASSES

Rev. Meg Mitzi will be offering 4 EFM classes at Good Shepherd for the 2026-27 school year, September thru May. We have three face-to-face classes and one which will be 100% Zoom, for those who are more accustomed to that sort of learning. The cost is \$365.

She is offering this for any of your parishioners who may be interested the years break down as follows:

Year 1 is Old Testament

Year 2 is New Testament

Year 3 is Church History

Year 4 is Ethics and Christian Philosophy

By completing this 4-year program folks will receive a graduation certificate from Sewanee, and all of these courses may be accepted for those considering ordination in the future as they are offered and monitored through the University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

If you are interested please contact Mother Mitzi at Good Shepherd or email at St. Paul's office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Thanks
Blessings to all of you
Mother Mitzi+



On the first Tuesday of every month, St. Paul's members eat at a restaurant of the choosing. Due to weather, we will eat next Tuesday September 8, at the Guadalajara at 6:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost

We appreciate Rev. Christine Faulstich from the Diocese, officiating our service on Sunday, August 30. After the service St. Paul's had their 5th Sunday Luncheon in the parish hall. The fellowship was great. Come join us on Sunday Nov. 29 for our next 5th Sunday Luncheon. Tom Wooley and Henry Freese spoke about Gideon International and the good things they do. If you are interested in donated to this organization, contact my office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com and I will get you in touch with them.



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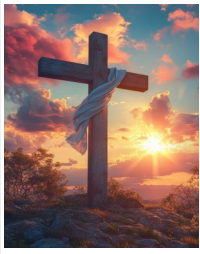
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Mahjong Group

The Mahjong Group will play every Monday night at 6:00pm in the parish hall and Wednesday at 1:00PM in the parish hall. If you know how to play Mahjong, come join us. There is a \$5.00 fee. If you have any questions, contact us at 409-883-2969 or email at stpauls@stpaulsorangetexas.com.



Holy Cross Day-September 14

September 14 is Holy Cross Day, a major feast day in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Although only re-stored to the Episcopal Church Calendar in the 1979 Book, the feast itself is one of the more ancient feasts of the church dating back to the Fourth Century. It was first celebrated to mark the dedication of the first Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem built by the Emperor Constantine the Great in 335 on the site where his mother, Helena, had discovered the True Cross in 326. Of that cross, one third remained in Jerusalem, one third went to Rome to the Church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, and the other third to Constantinople. The Feast of the Exultation of the Cross soon became one of the Twelve Great Feasts of Eastern Orthodoxy. By the Seventh Century the Feast was celebrated in Rome under the title the Triumph of the Cross. Just to lay to rest any accusation of idolatry, the Second Council of Nicea declared that “he who adores the image, adores the person who it represents.” <https://holyapostlesnyc.org/celebrating-holy-cross-day/>

The Feast of Holy Michael and All Angels on September 29th

The Church celebrates the Feast of Holy Michael and All Angels on September 29th! We also know this feast as Michaelmas (pronounced mik-uhl-mus), a shortening of “Michael’s mass.” It is the special day set aside by the church to celebrate Michael, the captain of the heavenly host, and all other angels.

Why do we sometimes refer to Michael as “Saint Michael”? This can be weird for some people, but it need not be. A saint is simply someone set apart for God’s purposes. That’s why, as Christians, we are all considered saints.

So why, exactly, do we celebrate angels? The Church celebrates the Feast of Holy Michael and All Angels because we are thankful for everything that God has created, including angels. Angels are extremely important beings; they give us messages from God and provide guidance, they fight against the forces of evil, they protect us, they enact God’s judgments, and they continually worship God in the heavenly realm, joining in the eternal praise of God.

Types of Angels

In the Bible, there are different types of angels:

ARCHANGELS

These are chief or principal angels. Michael is the only angel explicitly described as an archangel in the Bible ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#), [Jude 1:9](#)), although Gabriel is often assumed to be one due to his important roles.

CHERUBIM

Genesis tells of cherubim guarding the way to the Garden of Eden ([Genesis 3:24](#)). They also appear in Ezekiel’s visions ([Ezekiel 10:3-20](#)). Cherubim are often associated with the presence and holiness of God.

SERAPHIM

Described in Isaiah’s vision, these angels have six wings and are involved in the worship of God ([Isaiah 6:2,6](#)).

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

This is a unique angelic figure that appears in the Old Testament, sometimes understood to be a manifestation of God himself, while other times considered a separate angelic being ([Genesis 16:7-11](#)).

UNNAMED OR COMMON ANGELS

These are the angels most frequently mentioned in the Bible, usually appearing as messengers or agents carrying out God’s will. They are not specified as belonging to a particular category.

FALLEN ANGELS The angels who rebelled against God.

St. Michael

Now that we’ve looked at the biblical role of angels, let’s look at why the Church celebrates the Archangel Michael. Michael is considered to be the captain of the heavenly host. Not only is he an archangel who is an angel of the highest rank, but he is also a chief messenger of God and the chief leader of God’s battles in the war against Satan.

<https://anglicancompass.com/the-liturgical-home-holy-michael-and-all-angels/>

September 21 St.. Matthew, the Evangelist Feast Day

Happy Birthday

Batchelor, Mr. Bob	9/02
Sterling, Delores	9/04
Smith, Mr. Jeffery	9/07
Journey, Mr. Wesley	9/
Brown, Cole Ayden	9/11
McCorquodale, Mr. Rex	9/12
Field, Mrs. Charlene	9/14
Waldrum, Paton Raine	9/14
Cheek, Mr. Christopher	9/16
Gilbeaux, Mrs. Valrie	9/16
Duos, John	9/16
Peterson, Victor	9/16
Jeans, Ester	9/11
Waldrum, Mrs. Sherry	9/23
Windham, Ms. Sherry	9/26
Works, Samuel	9/29
Bean, Winnie	9/29
Poole, Brand	9/30



Watercolor Class every Wednesday starting September 16 at 9:30am in the parish hall. You can join anytime, just contact Shirley Marshall.

Happy Anniversary

Ball, Don Sr. & Betty	9/06
Batchelor, Robert & Gail	9/16
Bruce, Steven & April	9/22

Shield Information is due September 15.
Vestry Meeting is Sunday, September 20 after the 10:00am service.

If you would like to place some information in the Shield. Please email me at stpauls@stpaulsorange.com.

The Game Group

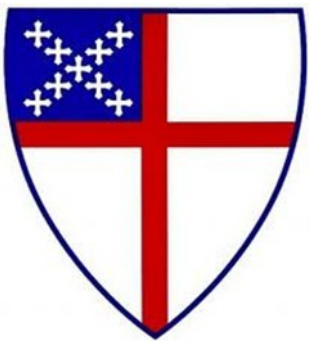
Come join the Game Group at 10:00am on Thursdays.

**Everyone is welcomed.
No skills needed. If you have any questions please talk to Teri Duos.**

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, Doris Byrd, Pam Cheek, Robert Cheek Kayla Cheek, Sharon Debes, Brian Debes Dena John & Teri Duos, Elizabeth Maggie Farrington, Tim Fading, Tom & Marsha, Ben Garcia	Rev. Canon Mark R. Wood Shawna Rosemary Schoolfield Carolyn Debbie Petty Dottie Eubanks Chris Gayle Patsy, Carolyn Hessong Mimi Hollier, Delmos Hooker, Rosie Hurst, Yolanda Jackson, Allen Jones, Jerry & Sherlon Jones, John & Marie Kaitlyn Hogg Peggy Lane, Peggy Johnson, Lori, Ruby Madeline,	Ken & Debra Kenric & Andrew Justin Morvant, Sue Rathburn Walter Rotsch Molly Sartin David Silk, Easton Smith & family Ron & Margaret Sonnier, Pete & Delores Sterling, Paul Ken Slaughter, Hui Si Judy Taylor Kendal Thomas, Nancy Walker, Alyssa Wilson Kady Michaelis, Lynette, Tom, Grace & Kate Joe Cavallero Kay Shelton	Sandy Bell Reilly Shaw Van Vandervoort Jerry & Wilma Collins Kerry Gearhart Emily & Will Morphis Bruce & Roxanne McCraw Debbie Petty Kara Hagen Cimmaron Brenda Lynda Schwartz Cindy Robertson Kyle Overstreet Diane and Bobby Hewitt Vivian DeJohn
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**Morning Prayer 8:00am
EOW (Family Service) 10:00am
In person, Live Stream Service on
Facebook or from our website every
Sunday at 10:00am.**