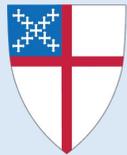


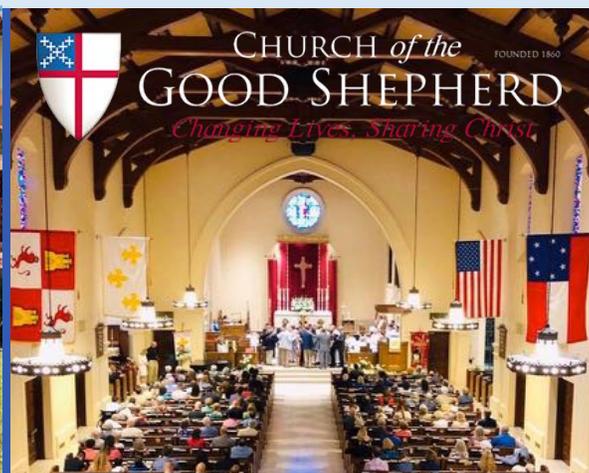
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From the Rector



"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Ps. 122:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was a great joy to see so many people return to the House of the Lord for Easter Sunday. We all experienced, before our eyes, the resurrection of our beloved Church on that Easter day. So many people and children returning to the risen life of Christ which was so very present in the House of the Lord; in God's people gathered. There was joy and laughter, and new life all around as we laid eyes on one another again.

Good Shepherd is coming back to life this Easter season as we are all more than ready to return to the life that is real life. Lifting the protocols that have allowed us to worship in-person since June 14th is proving to be just as tedious and challenging as putting them in place. I ask for your continued patience and understanding. We are still operating under the Diocesan Protocols, but our goal is to continue to push forward on every front.

The pew cushions are back! We are processing, and singing, and greeting one another outside. Masks are no longer required outside while maintaining proper distance. We have breakfast tacos and coffee and fellowship each Sunday before Sunday School. We have a new Celebration Chapel for our youth and elementary children. We are looking forward to Youth Sunday on Pentecost, May 23rd, and a proper season of Graduation this year.

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FROM THE RECTOR (continued)

Getting through the school year will be an important milestone for us and then we will look forward to making further changes over the summer. The prayer books, bibles, and hymnals will be returning after VBS, which is June 14-18. Our goal is to have a grand celebration on Rally Day September 12th as we all return to the House of the Lord.

This time of year is always a push toward the summer break, as we all need to rest and renew ourselves. This year, our need is greater than ever. I want to encourage you to take stock of, and tend to, your mental, physical, and spiritual health. Just as we continue to take the next steps to real life, I encourage you to take the next steps in returning to health and life.

Take the next step in returning to the House of the Lord, where you will find what you are looking for and what you need - Jesus.

Yours in Christ,



Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. ✦ 10:30 a.m. ✦ 5:30 p.m.

The Church offers three Sunday worship services in-person. We are following our Phase 2c Protocol and Guidelines in order to continue to provide a safe way to worship in our sanctuary.

Online Options:

We record one of the Sunday morning services and then email the service to our congregation. It is also posted on our website at cotgs.org. Live Stream is also available on our website and our app at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Wednesday Evening Worship

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

This is the perfect service for those who want a smaller setting with fewer people. Healing prayers are offered for your health, addiction, mental well-being, restoration, and peace.

We have a Church App!

Our church app is called MINISTRY ONE in the App store on your mobile device.

Once you download the app, church members can request to set up a personal profile. The directory will only be visible to members with these credentials.

Members can also access their account. Contact the Church Office if you have any questions at 882-1735.



DIOCESAN CAMPS & CONFERENCES

Camps Annual Campaign Committee Calls for Your Support

Some of the joys of Facebook are the connections and groups we are able to make from anywhere in the world. For me, one of the great connections that span many generations are the Camp Capers alumni groups. In fact, there is one set up for people who went to camp in the 1990s. I love seeing the pictures that people will post and reading the memories shared from their experiences at Camp Capers.

These memories share some general themes that I wonder if we take for granted when we think about what summer camp means to a young person. Number one tends to be the deep friendships that were formed at camp - friendships that have lasted decades after our eligibility to be a camper passed. I can relate to this as I have the blessing of talking and texting a group of six guys on a weekly basis. Even this past weekend I spent time with friends from my time at Camp Capers in College Station since our daughters now attend school there together.

The most important theme that comes forth is the manner in which camp helped them establish a deep faith in God. Many of the alumni who post are still active in the Episcopal Church, while some others are active in other churches. There is something about the pattern of morning prayer, singing grace at meals, a time of teaching each day, Compline, and cabin devotions that deepens our faith, planting a relationship with Christ that lasts a lifetime.

Then there are the memories. Remembering these formative, powerful experiences can root us in times where our footing seems uncertain. Since I have a long history at Camp Capers, I still encounter people who remember teachings, faith activities, and conversations that continue to be an encouragement in their walk with Christ.

Our diocese is also so incredibly blessed with Mustang Island Conference Center and Duncan Park. I have been a part of the programs at both places and witnessed the friendships, nurturing of faith, and memories that are being developed each and every week whether our campers gather in the mountains, on the beach, or on the banks of the Guadalupe.

I pray that you know that when you contribute to this fund, this is what you are committing to being a part of in the lives of hundreds of people each year. We are bringing together children, youth, and families from all walks of life and all corners of our Diocese so that they can build new memories, form friendships, and nurture a faith that will sustain them through whatever life has to offer them. I cannot imagine a greater way to bless the ministry that God is doing in our diocese than helping people grow in their faith through these great Camps.

If you are not giving, I invite you to join me and my wife, Sue. We give \$50 a month to the Camps Annual Fund in order to bless others as we and our children have been blessed. If you are interested in giving, please visit Camps Annual Campaign Online giving page, or use one of the other giving options listed below.

In Christ,
Ripp Hardaway
Rector, St. John's, New Braunfels
Camps Annual Campaign, Co-Chair

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Online at dwtx.org/give
- Text "Camp" to 210-796-6805
- Mail a check to the diocesan office made out to DWTX and labeled "Camps Annual Campaign."

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Theme for the Season of Easter

WALKING IN LIGHT: TRUE LIFE IN 1 JOHN

Sunday School Class and Bible Study

Six-Week Series

9:30 a.m.

Concludes May 16th

Find True Life and Authentic Fellowship through
the Wisdom of the Apostle John

John, whose life was transformed from a “son of thunder” to “the apostle of love” through his relationship with Jesus, has much to say to us about the life found by following Christ.

The world is longing to see authentic Christianity lived out today. This study is meant to lead our congregation into the truth, light, and love of the Lord so that our personal lives may be transformed to more fully reflect His truth, light, and love to this world.

Walking in Light is published by Rev. Charlie Holt’s Bible Study Media and was written by his wife, Brooke Holt. Books will be available in Sunday School and in the Church Office.

This study is for our general adult Sunday School class, as well as in our parent class on Sunday mornings.

Summer Sunday School

Begins Sunday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Lectionary Based Study

For Adults in the Parlor

All adults are invited to join us in the Parlor for a Sunday School study based on our Lectionary Readings from our Sunday services.

TACOS & COFFEE UNDER THE PERGOLA

Sundays 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

We will have delicious breakfast tacos to pass out with coffee under the pergola outside Dobbins Hall on Sunday mornings. (Donuts provided for children.)



We will take a break from serving tacos during the summer months. **(Last Day for Tacos is May 16th)**

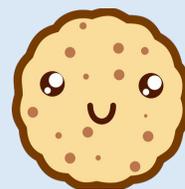
COFFEE & COOKIES IN THE COURTYARD

This Summer following the
10:30 a.m. Service

Begins Sunday, May 23rd

It’s been a while since we have been able to have coffee fellowship following our 10:30 service, but this summer we are happy to announce that it is back. We will have coffee and cookies each Sunday in the Courtyard.

*Coffee will be set up in the Courtyard after the 8:00 a.m. service. Cookies will be put out after the 10:30 service along with the coffee.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Sunday School

WALKING IN LIGHT: TRUE LIFE IN 1 JOHN - Class Concludes May 16th

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium - Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May lead an adult Sunday School class together during the Season of Easter on a new topic: Walking in Light. This new study by the Rev. Charlie Holt's wife, Brooke Holt, will take us through 1 John. John, whose life was transformed from a "son of thunder" to "the apostle of love" through his relationship with Jesus, has much to say to us about the true life found by following Christ. Books will be available in Sunday School.

WALKING IN LIGHT: TRUE LIFE IN 1 JOHN for Parents - Class Concludes May 16th

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by Rev. William Campbell

Fr. William will guide parents through Walking in Light. The book of 1 John will help us to be more like John. John had a deep love for God and God's people. The book of 1 John was intended to strengthen its readers in faith and truth. Fr. William will help parents explore this not only for themselves, but to help their children walk in light, as well.

ADULT INQUIRERS CLASS

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

The Rev. Frank Fuller leads an Adult Inquirers Class for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. This class gives a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Fr. Frank at fef3t@aol.com.

Wednesday Evening Classes

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Online - Class Concludes May 26th

Contact the Church Office or Visit our Website or App to get Zoom Information (cotgs.org)

Led by the Rev. Philip May

Women in the New Testament shows how the stories of women are an integral part of the Gospel and its meaning for us. It also relays how we can respond to the challenge these women represent, whether we are men trying to understand or women trying to find our voices within the tradition of faith found in the New Testament. The book *Women in the New Testament* by Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan can be found on Amazon.

WHEN GOD SURPRISES: FAITH IN CONFUSING TIMES

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Class Concludes May 5th

Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller fef3t@aol.com

We almost never quite anticipate what the future brings, or what God has in store for us just right around the corner. Faith is a challenge, but facing life without it is almost impossible. This study looks at surprising moments in the history of the Church when God's amazing grace brought us unexpected answers to the most vexing questions of the age. Topics include the early church and growth of the New Testament, the end of persecutions in the Roman empire, the conquest of the barbarians, the Crusades, and the splitting of the church, east from west and north from south.

CONFIRMATION PROJECT

RAISED BED VEGETABLE GARDEN SERVICE PROJECT

Confirmation Sponsor, Van Greene taught the confirmation class how to build a raised bed vegetable garden as a service project. The class learned valuable lessons including making a plan, construction, how to use tools, how to plant a garden, teamwork, and doing something helpful for others. Thank you Van for leading this project!

A Message from Van Greene:

The raised bed was constructed by the Confirmands using plans found online. The bed is an 8 x 4 foot structure using standard 2x4s and corrugated sheet metal. The students learned **safety, the proper use of tools and team building skills.**

They learned how to **better care for God's creation.** For example: they made their own compost by recycling eggshells, raw unused vegetable parts, grass clippings and used coffee grounds. These items combined with soil provide good nutrients for the vegetable garden. They learned that planting companion plants like collard greens and tomatoes, help protect each other from pests and fungus.

The students learned **how to care and provide for others.** The produce from the raised bed will be given to others who need it. The produce can be donated to the food pantry, or other organizations like Metro Ministries to help feed the hungry.

The students learned **Biblical connections.** In Genesis chapter 2 Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden to nurture and take care of it. In Matthew chapter 13, the parable of the sower teaches about good soil, poor soil and the kingdom of God.

Spiritual connections were made as gardening can represent our lives and how God can bring something good out of yucky dirt and stinky compost. Out of sin and separation He brings resurrection and new life. Water and sunshine help plants grow just like prayer and the Holy Spirit help us grow into Christ likeness.



CHURCH COMMUNITY

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our newly confirmed church family! On Sunday, April 25th Bishop Rayford High was present for our Confirmation Fair and to lead our Confirmation service.

Confirmation is a significant milestone in the life and faith of young people and adults. As Christians, we must continue to be aware of the need for confirming our faith and keeping it alive in our hearts.

Each confirmand was asked to choose a sponsor. These sponsors have given their time and talent to help the confirmand grow in their faith by helping them meet their confirmation requirements.

Confirmand:

Katherine Croft
Jacqui Jones
Paul "Cuatro" Kennedy
Jack Pohlmeier
Cole Rhodes

Sponsor:

Christy Jones
Tiffany Batchelor
Scott Sutherland
Denny Barre
Van Greene

Adults Confirmed or Received:

Lauren Albrecht
Zach Albrecht
Krystin Reyna
Eryn Brooke Saunders

6th Grade Confirmation Teachers:

John Perabo, John Mason, and Sandy McCampbell

Adult Inquirer Class Instructor:

Rev. Frank E. Fuller

A special thank you to all of our sponsors and teachers!

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer by Zoom

Led by the Rev. Philip May

Monday - Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Join Fr. Philip for *Morning Prayer by Zoom*, Mondays through Thursdays. The Zoom link is on the Church web page, and on our Ministry One app.

NEW ADDITION TO MUNDS HALL AUDITORIUM

A new piece of furniture has been placed in Munds Hall Auditorium. This buffet was given in loving memory of Liz Nisbet from her family. We will all be able to enjoy this piece and think of Liz each time we see it.

OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

AWAKEN CORPUS CHRISTI WORSHIP EVENT

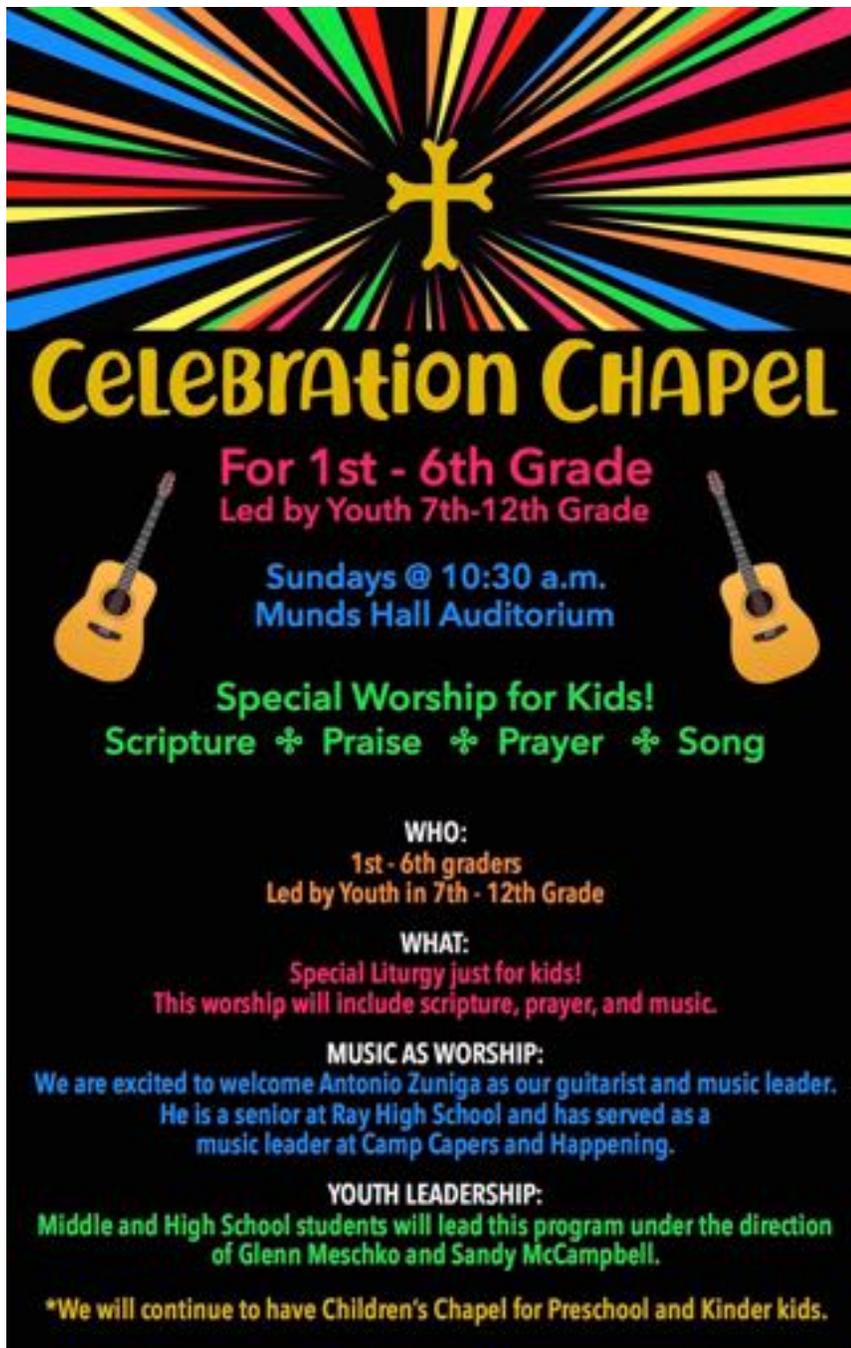
"Let Us Worship"
Thursday, May 6

6:00 p.m. @ Concrete Street

Join with other Christians of all denominations from around Corpus Christi for a special worship event.

This is a free event and open to the public. **All local denominations will be represented.** We will pray for the Holy Spirit to move throughout our city. We are joining with hundreds of thousands of worshipers over 50 cities around the nation in worship.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



WHO:
1st - 6th graders
Led by Youth in 7th - 12th Grade

WHAT:
Special Liturgy just for kids!
This worship will include scripture, prayer, and music.

MUSIC AS WORSHIP:
We are excited to welcome Antonio Zuniga as our guitarist and music leader. He is a senior at Ray High School and has served as a music leader at Camp Capers and Happening.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP:
Middle and High School students will lead this program under the direction of Glenn Meschko and Sandy McCampbell.

*We will continue to have Children's Chapel for Preschool and Kinder kids.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

3 year olds - Kindergarten
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

We are happy to provide Children's Chapel during our 10:30 a.m. service. Chapel is led by Pam Greene and Sonia Hall.

- We will practice social distancing.
- We will join the parents in the church for communion



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

9:30 a.m.

Last Day before Summer Break is May 16th

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade: Rm 107

Join us in May for Sunday School led by Sandy McCampbell.

NURSERY

Ages 1 - 2

Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Nursery will continue in the Summer

Until further notice, we will only be able to accept children ages 1 - 2 in the nursery. All infants under the age of 1 are welcome to go with their parents to the adult Sunday School classes. They are also always welcome in the sanctuary during worship.

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Last Day before Summer Break is May 16th

Celebration and Children's Chapels will not meet in the summer months. We will see you all on Rally Day in September!



**Sunday, May 23
10:30 a.m.**

Youth Led Service

**Acolyte Recognition
Senior Recognition**

May Youth Group Schedule

May 2

Movie Night @ the Beauchamp's home
Middle & High School Together
7:00 Dinner & 7:30 Movie

May 9

TBA

May 16

Game Night @ TAMUCC
6:30 Middle School - 7:30 Dinner - 8:00 High School

May 23

Lunch at Executive Surf Club
after Youth Sunday Service

May 30

No Youth Group

HAPPENING #147



**For 10th - 12th Grade
May 14 - 16
at Camp Capers**

A Happening is an encounter with Jesus Christ!

During this weekend, faith is examined in a relaxed, fun and informal atmosphere. Those who attend gain the desire to understand and serve our Lord and the church.

The weekend begins on Friday, May 14th and ends Sunday afternoon.

Registration is open at dwtx.org.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Calling All Acolytes

This Includes Newly Confirmed 6th Graders

Sunday, May 16

Following the 10:30 Service
Lunch Provided
Meet in the Parlor

All acolytes are required to attend our Acolyte training. It is important that everyone be there. Pizza will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

Snow Cones
&
A Mini Train!



Games
Movies
Crafts
Bible
Snacks
AND FUN!

June 14 - 18

9 am - 12 noon

3 Year Olds - 4th Grade

Register at
cotgs.org/children/summer-programs/
or on our Church App

Deadline to Register
JUNE 1

Cost is \$40 and includes a VBS T-Shirt

VBS COUNSELORS NEEDED

Rising 5th-12th Grade

June 14 - 18

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Children will learn that through life's ups and downs, Jesus' power pulls us through!

We need great counselors to make VBS a success! This is a great way to share the love of Jesus while getting service hours.

To Sign Up:

Go to cotgs.org
Click on Ministries
then Youth Ministries
Summer Programs

Adult VBS Volunteers Needed

We are thrilled to be able to offer a fun and meaningful VBS experience for your children this summer, however, we can't do it without your help.

Join us for a week of fun as we share the love of Jesus through games, crafts, movies, songs, Bible stories, snacks, and much more. We need help with these activities.

Contact Sandy McCampbell to let her know what activity you are interested in leading at sandymccampbell@aol.com or at 779-7742

Our VBS leaders for 2021 are Michelle Ezell and Sarah Jones.

Nursery is available for volunteers with children under the age of 3.

1st Annual Sporting Clay Shoot + Spring Festival

Saturday, May 22

Come out and support our school!

St. James' Spring Fling is going to look very different from past years, due to COVID. In lieu of a large indoor gathering, they have created a NEW outdoor event to celebrate with our community. **The school is excited to introduce a Sporting Clay Shoot and Spring Festival for the whole family!**



The school invites you to join them at the Corpus Christi Gun Club on Saturday, May 22nd for a Clay Shoot at 8:30 a.m. followed by an afternoon of fun beginning at 11:30 a.m. The school will sell BBQ plates for lunch and have a Live and Silent Auction, as well as music, games, face-painting, and inflatables for kids.

Visit the St. James website, <https://sjes.org/giving/spring-fling/>, for more information about registering for the Clay Shoot and joining us for our outdoor celebration benefitting the scholars of St. James Episcopal School.

St. James STREAM Lab Summer Camp!

July 2021

Register at <https://stesccejoinme.org/streamcamp2021>

St. James Episcopal School will be hosting two weeks of camp in their Frazier STREAM Innovation Center this Summer where students will explore ROCKETRY with activities including Rocket Launches (aerodynamics using digital design), Circuitry (using Squishy Circuits), Digital Animation, and more! **You do not have to attend St. James to register.**

Camp Sessions:

(Mondays - Thursdays)

July 12 - 15 for students entering 3rd - 5th Grade

July 19 - 22 for students entering 6th - 8th Grade

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Campers will need to bring lunch, snacks, and a water bottle.

Registration Deadline: June 1st



WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
3 Years - Kinder in Children's Chapel 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
From Children's Chapel they join their families in Church before Communion.

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms
Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms
Adults:
Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in Munds Hall Auditorium
Parent class w/Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom, and
Adult Inquirers class w/Rev. Frank Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monthly Services

(Suspended until further notice.)

We offer a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity Towers retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

St. James Chapel Services

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. K-2nd Grade Chapel
Tuesdays at 8:40 a.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Chapel
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)
Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. Middle School Chapel

At this time, we will not be able to accommodate parents at our chapel services. It is for scholars and faculty only until further notice.

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