



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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From the Rector



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take a moment to bring you up to speed on the transition taking place in our music program. We have been actively searching for a new Director of Music/ Organist/Choir Director since early May. We have received some interest but not a lot; nothing to get excited about. This position is a challenging position to fill both because of its central role in the life of our worship and the fact that there just aren't that many qualified candidates available.

We are not looking to just fill a position, but to find the right person for the Church of the Good Shepherd. A person called to love and serve God's people here in Corpus Christi. This person needs to be both technically proficient as well as have the right personality and leadership skills to build up our music program for all ages and to serve God's people in Christ. We are confident that we have an excellent opportunity for the right person.

Our position is posted nationally on the Association of Anglican Musicians website, as well as other diocesan websites. Because of the nature of the position and the difficulty in discerning the right fit, we are putting a high priority on networking regionally with people for whom we know and trust; other clergy and Music Ministers who are affiliated with churches and university programs around the state. We feel this is a better use of our time and resources and is more likely to yield a person who is right for us.

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UPDATE FROM THE RECTOR (continued)

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I want to thank you for your patience and ask for your prayers as we continue our search process. As you may have figured out by now, finding local organists to fill in on Sundays has also been very challenging. We even sang a' Capella one Sunday with the help of a few choir members. It actually sounded very nice to hear just our voices praising God, the way church was in early days before the organ.

I also want to thank all the folks who have stepped up to help us through this time, especially Joan Zimmerman who has played the organ most Sundays, Mark Urbina who has been working with our Choir to keep them focused, and Leslie Peart who has been assisting me in the search process. Our plan is to have the choir continue to offer and assist in worship and to get back to full speed in the coming weeks.

Please continue to pray that God would lead the right person to us so that we can get on with the business of "Changing Lives and Sharing Christ" in and through our music programs. It is an exciting time to see how God will bless us with new vision, energy, and leadership in our praise and worship of Him.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Milton+

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. † 10:30 a.m. † 5:30 p.m.

Live Stream of our 10:30 a.m. service can be found at cotgs.org

Tuesday Noon Worship

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Evening Worship

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



Rally Day

KICK-OFF A NEW PROGRAMMING YEAR

Sunday, September 12

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Rally Day Church Service
11:45 a.m. Rally Day Celebration**

More Details to Come Soon!

Be Comfortable - Wear Casual Attire



Last day of Summer Sunday School is September 5th.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. all Summer
Clergy-Led 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 (scripture) Readings from our Sunday services.

BEGINNING RALLY DAY...September 12

Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

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

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May will lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. This is very similar to what we have offered this summer in the Parlor, which has been very popular! The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

ALL IS [not] FOLLY - Parent Class

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

We live in a crazy world in weird times. The act of worship every week is supposed to keep us centered. The family unit is supposed to provide us with a hope of staying grounded, faithful, relational, and in a practice of sacrificial love. But the daily, inescapable reality is that in neither worship nor family are we in complete control. The Gospel speaks into this, if only we can pause to hear and understand it. Drop your kids at Sunday School, pour yourself a coffee, and join Father William for an "intently haphazard" conversation about parenting, worship, and the lessons we're often too busy to hear or learn.

WALKING YOUR DOGMA, TALKING TO GOD

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

Many eyes glaze over when we talk about the Church's Creeds or doctrine. Nonetheless, they form the reservoir out of which genuine authentic prayer arises. Understanding the interplay of prayer and belief will make our prayer life more real and powerful and our faith deeper and more mature. Join Father Frank Sunday mornings!

BEGINNING September 15th...

Wednesday Evening Classes

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE: Hearing, Praying, and Living the Eucharistic Prayer

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor - Led by the Rev. Philip May

The heart of our worship is the Eucharist, and the heart of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer. Take this opportunity to dive deeply into the ancient words of these prayers, their history, their meaning, their spirituality, and their role in our lives of faith. As we open our minds and hearts, these prayers they will become so much more than words we listen to. They will become a way for us to join in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, to be in communion with one another, and to be truly present at the Lord's Supper. Join us Wednesday evenings in the Parlor for the *return of our potluck suppers* and for this time of learning and reflection.

CENTURIES OF SAINTS

6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller

This class is a look at the Church's saints, century by century, tells more than just who the good guys and gals were. The ones that we recognize as saints of God tells as much about us as about them, and much about who we think God is and who he wants us to be. We will look at the people named by the Church as saints, one century at a time, to see how the Church has changed over time and how it remains the same throughout the ages.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Led by Elizabeth Black

Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

11-Week Study ❖ Everyone Welcome - Bring a Friend

1st & 2nd Thessalonians - Living in the End Times

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. For centuries Christians have proclaimed these central truths. The gospel that began in space and time will ultimately be fulfilled at Christ's return. And as we wait and long for Christ's return, this gospel gives us encouragement and a reason for hope. These ten studies on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians open our minds to the truth, lift our hearts to hope, and cause us to worship our faithful, victorious God.

Materials will be available online. More information on materials coming soon.



Beach Eucharist & Shrimp Boil

Sunday, August 8

**4:30 p.m. Beach Eucharist Service
Shrimp Boil to Follow!**

On the Beach in Front of
Mustang Island Episcopal Conference Center
(Park in the parking lot and walk over the boardwalk to the beach.)

RSVP to the Church Office at 361-882-1735 or cotgs@cotgs.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School Teachers

If you have a heart for helping children learn more about Jesus and teaching them the Word of God, we would love for you to let us know. You will be blessed in return! Call the Church Office at 882-1735 or Sandy McCampbell at 779-7742.

GIVE ONLINE

3 Easy Steps on our Website:

1. Go to cotgs.org
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. PAY ONLINE & SUBMIT

3 Easy Steps on our App:

1. Download the Ministry One App in the App Store.
2. Get account credentials from Betty Murry bmurry@cotgs.org
3. Go to the "Giving" tab.

August and September Schedule of Events

August 8 - **Beach Eucharist & Shrimp Boil @ 4:30 p.m.**

August 15 - **Back to School Blessing @ 10:30 a.m. service**

August 18 - **St. James Back to School**

August 22 - **Youth Group Kick-Off - Backyard Bash @ 6:30 p.m.**

September 12 - **Rally Day - Sunday School Resumes**

September 15 - **Wednesday Evening Classes Begin @ 6:30 p.m.**

September 19 - **Breakfast Fellowship Resumes @ 8:45 a.m.**

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



BACKYARD BASH

Sunday, August 22

6:30 p.m.

@ the Youth House

For 6th - 12th Graders and their Parents

Join us for **BURGERS** and **GAMES**
to kick off a new year of Youth Group!

Please bring a **side dish** or **dessert** to share.

RSVP - Text Glenn to let him know you're coming 210-460-8788.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER FOR YOUTH/CHILDREN

Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 15
10:30 a.m. Service

Youth Group Kick-Off

Sunday, August 22
6:30 p.m. at the Youth House

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, September 12
9:30 a.m.

Celebration Chapel & Children's Chapel Resume

Sunday, September 12
10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class Begins

Sunday, September 12
10:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting with Confirmands

HAPPENING #148

Attention 10th - 12th Graders

Rising 10th - 12th grade youth are invited to participate in Happening #148. Happenings are spiritual renewal weekend retreats for youth, led by peers with the support of lay and clergy from the Diocese. Happening #148 will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church in **McAllen, August 6 - 8, 2021**. Register at dwtx.org. **If you are unable to do this Happening, the next one will be this November and will be hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd here in Corpus Christi.**

Confirmation 2021-2022

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS: We will begin a new year of confirmation class for rising sixth graders in September.

Confirmation for our young church members occurs in the 6th grade. We believe that our young people are on a journey, and that at this age they are in a position to accept for themselves what was accepted for them at Baptism. The confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church.

If you would like your child to participate in Confirmation next school year, contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742 or at sandymccampbell@aol.com.

Important Meeting for Parents and Confirmands:

10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 12 in Water Street Classroom 106

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule for Summer

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

Nursery For the Little Ones

0 - 2 Years in the Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Resume September 12th)

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Adults:

Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

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

Monthly Services

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. Middle School Chapel

Tuesdays at 8:40 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.

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