



An Easter Message from the Rector



*O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
Look favorably on your whole Church, that
wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual
working of your providence, carry out in tranquility
the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and
know that things which were cast down are being
raised up, and things which had grown old are being
made new, and that all things are being brought to
their perfection by him through whom all things
were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from "the One who is, and was, and is to come; the Almighty."
As we live into the fullness of Easter, I am reminded of the power and beauty of the collect printed above. If you want to know what God is up too, take a few minutes to reflect upon this ancient prayer which captures the essence of Easter.

We are Easter people! We don't just go to Church, we are the Church; the resurrected Body of Christ, that wonderful and sacred mystery by which God is carrying out His plan of salvation. By our daily life and witness we proclaim that, even in the midst of death, God is bringing forth new life. As the Church is the living Body of Christ, we proclaim that Christ is alive and well, and that death has no claim upon us.

It is by our faith and witness to Christ, that the world may see, and know, that all things are being brought to their perfection through Him who died for us and rose again. As Easter people, we proclaim life in the midst of death, now and forever! This is the Kingdom of God that Christ has ushered into the world.

I encourage you to embrace this great mystery of Easter in your own lives and in all of your relationships. God is alive in you! Let the whole world see in you the Easter hope, that the things that were cast down are being raised up, and the things that had grown old are being made new, and that God is making all things new through Christ alive in you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Milton E. Black, Jr.

ORGAN PARTS DELIVERY DAYS



Schoenstein Pipe Organ Parts Delivery Come be part of our church history! Mondays, April 8th and 15th 8:00 a.m.

Two semi-trucks will arrive from California on two separate dates in April with the organ in many thousands of pieces. We would welcome anyone who would like to assist in carrying small pieces of the organ into the sanctuary for staging. It's a wonderful way for all of us to share in the excitement of the new organ as well as to see the scope of the project.

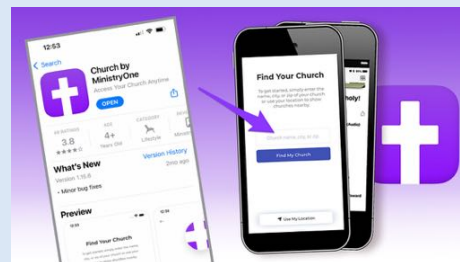
On **April 8th**, the first truck will arrive with many components and some pipes of various sizes and weights.

On **April 15th**, the second truck will arrive with many more pipes, the console, and the overflow of components that did not fit on the first truck.

While some items will arrive in boxes and trays, others will arrive in a way that is visible to look at. You will get to see what many of the pipes look like.

Anyone who wants to help should have **closed-toe shoes and gloves**. We will make every attempt to give people only things that they can handle safely and within their physical abilities. Chris Hansford from Schoenstein will give a quick safety discussion and lesson on the pipes and their construction and identification. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and it will take a few hours. Come for as much time as you can.

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP!



Many of you have already downloaded our church app and have seen how easy it is to use!

You have access to:

- Our Church Directory
- Church Events
- Registration for Events
- Giving
- And More!

If you have not yet downloaded the app...it is easy!

- Go to the app store on your smartphone and search for **Ministry One**. (It is a purple icon with a white cross in the center.)
- Download the app.
- Search for our church.
- Contact Betty Murry at bmurry@cotgs.org to get your credentials. This will allow you to secure access to our church directory and giving through the app.

Everything on our app is secure and safe to use!

You will have everything you need at your fingertips!

Call the church office if you have any questions at 361-882-1735.

Wednesday Evening Classes Resume Wednesday, April 3

C.S. LEWIS - The Great Divorce

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

C.S. Lewis remains the most beloved Christian writer of the 20th century. Many know his longer works like *Mere Christianity*. **This class will resume April 3rd with a new book to explore - *The Great Divorce*.** *The Great Divorce* is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil. There are several paperback editions available through Amazon. For the meeting on April 3rd, Fr. Frank will cover the preface and chapters 1-5. For those of you who did not attend this class before Lent, now is the perfect time to join in as we begin this new book!



PRAYING WITH PAUL

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor - Led by Rev. Philip May

Prayer features in every one of Paul's letters, and Paul can teach us how to pray more faithfully, and more deeply. He encourages us to see prayer as an opportunity to grow into greater intimacy with God, and cultivate compassion for one another. Join Philip beginning April 3rd for a simple potluck supper, and a time to learn about prayer with Paul. We follow a wonderful book by D.A. Carson, *Praying with Paul*, available at Amazon.



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

Rev. Black and Rev. May lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. The day's scriptures guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

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

The Rev. William Campbell leads a New Members Class in Dobbins Hall Classroom 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. Please call Fr. William in the Church Office at 361-882-1735 if you have any questions about this class or officially joining the church by being confirmed or received.

NATIONS RISE & FALL: GOD ABIDES

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

Crisis times are normal through all human history, just like today. This class explores the prophetic works of Jeremiah and Ezekiel as they endured their times of crisis in Judah and Exile in Babylon. God's word to his chosen people during judgment and redemption set the stage for a new world and the coming of Christ. What can their words say to us in our times?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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JUNE 10 – 14

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

3 Year-Old Preschool - 4th Grade

Counselors needed: 5th - 12th Grade

Register Here



**BIBLE – GAMES – CRAFTS
MOVIES – MUSIC – SNACKS AND MORE!**

Register at cotgs.org on the Home Page under "The Latest"
or on our Church App (Ministry One).

ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND COUNSELORS ALSO NEEDED!

Register to be an adult volunteer or a counselor at cotgs.org
on the Home Page under "The Latest".

St. James Episcopal School Spring Fling



Mark your calendars for St. James Spring Fling on April 12th at BUS! A Live Auction, Silent Auction, Live Band, and more will provide a beautiful evening of fun and fellowship! This year, we are offering several underwriting opportunities, as well, including sponsoring teacher's Spring Fling tickets. We hope you will all join us, and bring your friends and family, too! Click here to purchase tables and tickets - <https://stescc.ejoinme.org/springfling2024>

New Sunday School Class for Middle & High School Begins in April

"Community in Christ"

Sundays beginning April 7

9:30 a.m. in the Munds Hall Auditorium

We will have donuts!

Come join together for donuts and conversation. Christian community is such an important part of how we should live our lives as Christians. Jesus gathered together with his disciples to create community and at the last supper gave the command to love one another.

Why is Christian Community important?

It is how we serve one another.

We share our gifts and encourage each other.

We build our faith.

We learn from one another.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

APRIL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

Sunday, April 7

Capture the Flag
Middle & High School
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in the St. James Middle School parking lot.

Sunday, April 14

Middle School: 6:30 p.m.
Pizza & Movie at the Michels'
(238 Cape Cod)

High School: 7:00 p.m.
Pizza & Movie at the Landreth's
(223 Chandler)

Sunday, April 21

Middle School: 6:30 p.m.
Pizza & Movie at the O'Conner's
(6010 Olive Grove Drive)

High School: 7:00 p.m.
Pizza & Movie at the Vanexan's
(125 Southern)

Sunday, April 28

Service Project
(To Be Announced)

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kinder - 6th Grade in the Gym

Younger children in the Nursery



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from St. James and Good Shepherd. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story.

The cost is an \$8 donation paid online at cotgs.org. Register online through our website or through our Ministry One church app.

Children's Choir will sing on April 28th in church!

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Fair
9:15 a.m. in Munds Hall

Confirmation Service
10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages.
Each week we offer a bible story
with fun activities.

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade: Room 107
6th Grade Confirmation: Munds Hall

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPELS

10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

for children ages 3 - Kinder
in the Children's Chapel

Celebration Chapel

for children in 1st - 6th grade
in Munds Hall Auditorium

Each Chapel is a special service created especially for children. Children will join their parents in church for communion

NURSERY

Ages 1 - 2

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

We offer nursery for children ages 1 - 2 in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.

Eclipse Fest at Camp Capers

April 7 - 9

Join us for an Eclipse Fest at Camp Capers! On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will occur over Texas—the first to be seen in North America since 2017. We invite you to experience this rare celestial event at Camp Capers in the Texas Hill Country. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – the next total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous 48 states won't occur until August 2044! Day passes as well as overnight lodging is available. Go to dwtx.org to learn more.

Nails & Prayers - Camp Capers Service Retreat

April 12 - 14

All are welcome to come get their hands dirty in work and play at their Hill Country home on the banks of the Guadalupe River. A special service-oriented weekend designed as an opportunity to give back and beautify Camp Capers. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours. If you are unable to stay the whole weekend, we invite you to come for the day on Saturday. Register at dwtx.org.

Cursillo #292

May 2 - 5

Cursillo #292 will be held May 2 - 5 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Join Libby Templeton from St. Michael and All Angels, Blanco, the lay rector and Spiritual Directors Fr. Matthew Bloss from St. John's, New Braunfels and Fr. Ernest Buchanan from St. James, Hebbronville for a weekend of study, reflection, fellowship, and worship. Register at dwtx.org.

Meditative Yoga Retreat: Mustang Island Conference Center

May 10 - 12

This retreat combines the healing rejuvenating, and life-giving practices of yoga, meditation, and Christian contemplative prayer. There will also be a licensed massage therapist onsite. Meals and rooms are included. Come relax by the beach and enjoy delicious food. Learn more and register at dwtx.org/events.

Mustang Island Beautification Weekend

May 17 - 19

A service-oriented weekend for adults to help Mustang Island Conference Center and experience an enjoyable weekend away. Work projects may include grounds clean-up, boardwalk maintenance, storage construction, or gardening. Go to dwtx.org to register.

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Come As You Are Service

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Church Office Break Room

Adults:

Living Word w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Inquirer's Class w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Wisdom of the Hebrew Bible 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/Brookdale 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 8:45 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.