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The Common Cup

"We who are many are One Body, because we share One Bread and One Cup."

1 Corinthians 10:17

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the Holy Communion as our principal act of worship on the Lord's Day. When the pandemic invaded our lives five years ago, we were well prepared. Intinction cups (the little cups for dipping the wafer) had been in use here for many years, video technology and a large worship space positioned us well for worshipping through those challenging times.

Recently, Bishop David Read reminded the clergy that the pandemic is over and "it is time to return to the normative way of receiving communion, which is by drinking from the Common Cup."

Jesus instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood and directed his disciples and followers "to take and eat" the bread, and "to take and drink" the wine as often as you may in remembrance of Him, as a means of sharing in His death and in His life, until his coming again. This has been the custom of our church for millennia.

Dipping the wafer in the wine is not exactly consistent with Jesus' institution of drinking. When we share in the sacramental presence of our Lord in the consecrated bread and wine, we are participating in a divinely ordained mystery beyond our understanding. Further, studies have concluded that dipping our wafer into the wine is not any more sanitary, and possibly less, than drinking a fortified wine from a sterling silver cup.

It is time for us to return to our pre-pandemic customs and norms. We will continue to offer intinction cups, but encourage people to drink from the Common Cup as the norm. It is perfectly sufficient to receive communion in one kind, meaning only the bread, and not the wine. If you are ill, please consider receiving only the bread.

We are creatures of habit so it will take time to get used to new ways and patterns, including those of us who administer the sacrament, but this is the direction we are heading. It will happen slowly over time. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

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CHURCH COMMUNITY

Special Service of Penitence & Healing

With a Focus on our Need for Rain

Wednesday, November 12
5:30 p.m.
Healing Service

On November 12th we will come together as a church community to pray for rain and the fruits of the earth. We are in such need for rain and are humbled by the dryness that surrounds us.

Together we will pray for the healing of our hearts and our land.

God is present in the prayers of His people.

91st Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service

✠ Church of the Good Shepherd
& Congregation Beth Israel



Sunday, November 23
5:30 p.m.
at Church of the Good Shepherd

We will have dessert in the Parlor following the service.

**No 5:30 p.m. Healing Service on the
Wednesday, November 26.**

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2

Time Change

Fall Back one hour

NOVEMBER 2

Youth Group

4:30 p.m. Middle School

6:30 p.m. High School

NOVEMBER 5

Kingdom Kids

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 9

Youth Group

"Aliens" for both Middle and High School at 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10

Operation Christmas Child Deadline

Bring to the Church Office

NOVEMBER 16

Children's Choir Sings

10:30 a.m. Service

NOVEMBER 16

Youth Group

Activity TBA

NOVEMBER 23

No Youth Group

Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 23

Joint Thanksgiving Service

5:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd

NOVEMBER 27-28

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 30

Advent Chili Supper

6:30 p.m. in Munds Hall

CHURCH COMMUNITY



Young Families Group

**Taco Party
on the
Playground**

Sunday, November 16
Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

All Young Families are invited to gather
after church this Sunday on the
playground!

We will have tacos, fruit, water, & juice!

The poster features a central illustration of a smiling taco character with arms and legs, wearing a sombrero and holding a sombrero. It is surrounded by colorful confetti and streamers. The background is decorated with checkered patterns in orange, red, and green.



**ADVENT
CHILI SUPPER**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
6:30 P.M.
MUNDS HALL AUDITORIUM**

Join your Good Shepherd family for an evening of
food and fun on the first Sunday of Advent!

Bring a pot of chili, cornbread, or a salad to share.

Activities for children!

**THERE WILL BE A CHILI COOK-OFF FOR
ANYONE INTERESTED IN ENTERING!**

The poster features a central illustration of a chili pepper character with a face, arms, and legs, wearing a sombrero and holding a sombrero. It is surrounded by colorful confetti and streamers. The background is decorated with checkered patterns in orange, red, and green.

ADVENT

ADVENT 1

Sunday, November 30

Advent Chili Supper

6:30 p.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium

ADVENT 2

Sunday, December 7

Advent Lessons & Carols

10:30 a.m. Service

ADVENT 3

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Pageant

10:30 a.m. Service

ADVENT 4

Sunday, December 21

Canned Food Drive

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(No 5:30 p.m. Healing Service)

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Thursday, December 25

10:30 a.m.

MISSION & OUTREACH

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's Shoebox Time!

DUE by Monday, November 10



Please join us again this year as we send gift-filled boxes to poverty stricken children around the world and share the love of Christ.

This is what you do:

1. Pick up a box at the **Church Office or in the Narthex.**
2. Choose an **age and gender** of a child.
3. **Pack** box with small toys and personal items.
4. Include a **\$10 donation** in the top of the box
5. **Do not seal the box.** Place a rubber band around it.
6. Place a **label** on your box and **pray** for the child who will receive your box.
7. Bring your box to the Church by **November 10th.**

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

We are continuing to make this Christmas a special one for students in need at Kostoryz Elementary. Choose a child from our Angel Tree to buy Christmas gifts.

There will be a sign-up sheet with the angel trees in the Church Office and in the Narthex.

What to do:

- choose a child from the trees
- buy gifts for that child
- place it in the provided gift bag
- bring it to the Church Office with the angel tag attached to bag by **December 12th**

Each gift bag should include:

- one jacket
- one pair of shoes
- a couple of toys
- favorite candy



Please return your gift-filled bag with the angel tag attached by December 12.

FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE COASTAL BEND FOOD BANK

Deadline to bring items is December 21

The Coastal Bend Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Please help us provide as many items as we can to help others in our community.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank services an eleven county area of South Texas and feeds over 38,000 people per month. They need our help now more than ever.

What to do:

- Pick up a red bag in Narthex or office
- Fill the bag with non-perishable food
- Bring the food filled bag to the Church and empty into our bins in Narthex.

Foods to Donate:

VEGETABLES: Canned carrots, peas, green beans, mixed vegetables, tomatoes

FRUIT: Canned peaches, pears, pineapple, mixed fruit, oranges

PROTEIN: Canned ham, turkey, chicken, salmon, tuna, beans, peanut butter

SOUPS: canned soups

GRAINS: Pasta, macaroni & cheese, rice

OTHER ITEMS: Pasta sauce, juice

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Toothpaste, shampoo, bath soap, toilet tissue, diapers

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: detergent, dish soap



MISSION & OUTREACH

Foster Village Corpus Christi

Church of the Good Shepherd is excited to partner with Foster Village Corpus Christi as one of our Mission and Outreach organizations. Our children's and youth ministries have been learning about this important organization and have been collecting items to help. Now we are hoping to share the information with our whole church community about what Foster Village is and how they help those in the foster care system in our community.

How it Started:

Three years ago Rebecca and Jamin Welch moved back to Corpus Christi and saw a need existed in our community to help provide resources and support to children and families in the Foster care system. Rebecca, who was adopted after being in foster care for a short time as an infant, has felt called to give back. She and Jamin have fostered 16 children and have adopted two boys. When Rebecca lived in Austin, she started volunteering at Foster Village Austin. After moving back to Corpus Christi (where she and Jamin grew up) she realized there was a need for the same type of organization in our community. The founders of Foster Village Austin have mentored Rebecca and helped her with licensing to start Foster Village Corpus Christi. They have acquired a home to use as their resource center and a place to offer support to children and families in foster care.

Statistics and Factual Information:

There are over 400,000 children in the foster care system in the United States with 1,000 of them in the South Texas area. Children in the foster care system often grow up with PTSD and depression, are more likely to become homeless, make up 80% of human trafficking victims, and 90% of youth with five or more foster care placements enter the criminal justice system. But it does not have to be this way. When these youth are given nurturing environments, they can get the tools they need to succeed. This includes having a community of support. Most families foster for less than a year citing burnout and lack of support as the reason for stopping.

Equipping Caregivers with Support:

When a child is placed in foster care, they often arrive with only the clothes on their back. Foster Village offers a place for families and children to get clothing, new beds, car seats, toiletries, and other basic necessities completely free and within 24 hours of being placed.

Connecting Families to Each Other:

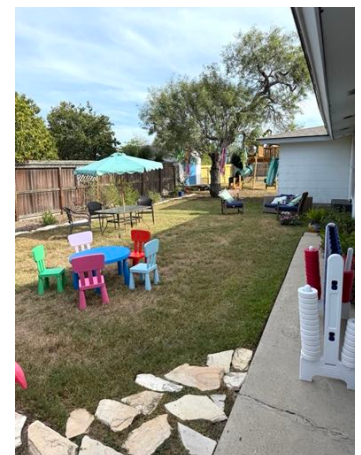
Foster families experience unique challenges when caring for children who might have been abused, neglected, or have been separated from their family. When others who have been on the same journey of fostering children can provide support, caregivers are strengthened and encouraged as a steadfast source of healing and safety to children. Foster Village provides access to support groups, respite care, parents' nights out, and other important resources.

To learn more, go to www.fostervillagecorpuschristi.org

To support them by giving, go to www.fostervillagecorpuschristi.org/give



Rebecca Head Welch



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

HAPPENING #161

Calling all 10th - 12th Graders!
Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.
through Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m.

St. George Episcopal Church, San Antonio, TX

Happenings are spiritual renewal weekends for older high school students, led by their peers. Any student in the 10th grade through 12th grade can attend. Weekends tend to fill quickly, so don't delay!

Each Happening begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. sharp, and wraps up around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This is a life changing encounter with Jesus, as well as other teens around our diocese.

REGISTER at dwtx.org/events/happening-161

November Youth Group



Middle School Youth (6th - 8th Grade)

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

High School Youth (9th - 12th Grade)

Sundays at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday, November 2

Board Games & Pizza Making at the Youth House

Sunday, November 9

"Aliens" for both Middle & High School at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday, November 16

TBA

Sunday November 23

No Youth Group - Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30

Advent Chili Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Pageant lines will be given out.



KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, November 5

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Register at cotgs.org

Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children of St. James and Good Shepherd.

Children in Kindergarten - 6th grade will come to the **Gym** for games, a Bible story, and dinner. Younger children are welcome in the **Nursery and Kid's Zone**.

Outreach for November - Diapers

Again this month we are asking for you to bring diapers in sizes medium or large for Foster Village and the Purple Door.

SUNDAY CHAPELS

Children's Chapel

For Children 3 years old - Kinder
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Celebration Chapel

For Children in 1st - 6th Grade
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Gym

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages 3 years - 5th grade

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

in Water Street Class 107

6th Grade Confirmation in Munds Hall

NURSERY

Ages 6 months - 2 years

Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Dobbins Hall

Diocesan Nominating Committee Seeks Nominees for 2026 Election

**Nominations are open
through November 3, 2025**

The Nominating Committee encourages both clergy and lay to consider nominating themselves or recommending someone in their congregation.

Offices to be Filled:

Standing Committee

(one clergy and one lay person)

Executive Board

(two clergy and four lay persons)

Episcopal Church Corporation of West Texas Trustees

(one clergy and one lay person)

Sewanee: the University of the South Trustees

(one lay person)

TMI Episcopal Board of Governors

(one person, either clergy or lay)

Deputies and Alternate Deputies to General Convention

(four clergy and four lay persons)

Steps for Nominations:

- Submit applications online [click here](#)
- Submit forms by November 3, 2025
- Nominating Committee will review forms
- Slate published in the Council Booklet during pre-council meetings
- Elections held at the 122nd Diocesan Council (February 26-28)

Access more information at dwtx.org

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Please Make Your Pledge

It is that time of year when we consider all that the church means to us and all that the Lord has provided for us. After your prayerful consideration, we ask that you make a pledge for the coming year. Pledges can be made in church, by mail, on our website (cotgs.org), or on our Ministry One app.

Thank you to everyone who has made their pledge!

Ways to make your Pledge:

- Bring your Pledge Card to Church (also available in pew racks)
- Mail your Pledge Card to Church Office (700 S. Upper Broadway)
- Pledge Online at cotgs.org under the Giving tab
- Pledge through our Church App

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 2

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. You get an extra hour of sleep before church!

ADJUSTED HOURS FOR THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 26
No 5:30 p.m. Healing Service

Thursday & Friday, November 27-28
Church Office Closed

No Breakfast on Sunday, November 30

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

6 months - 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 Water Street Classroom 107
Confirmation in Munds Hall Auditorium
Youth Meet in Munds Hall Auditorium
Adults:
Living Word w/Rev. Black in the Parlor
Good Grief w/Rev. Campbell in DHAC
From Nicaea to Mohammad w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

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 8:20 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)
Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel
Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.