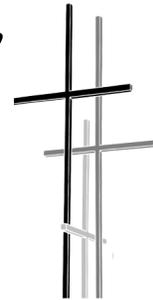


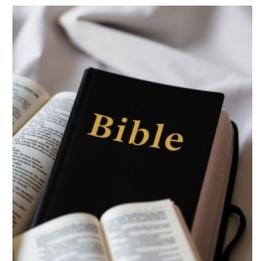
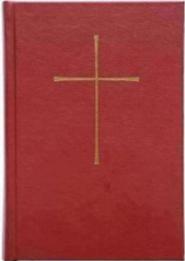


Saint Francis Journal



April 2026

A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Mathew 28:19-20

Confirmation Classes are Here!

Episcopal Diocese of Texas Discovery Series: A Christian Journey

Are you interested in deepening your faith or officially becoming a member of the Episcopal Church? St. Francis Episcopal Church is excited to announce the start of our Confirmation Classes, open to anyone who would like to attend. Whether you are new to the Episcopal tradition, seeking to renew your commitment, or simply curious about our faith journey, these classes are designed for you.

The kick-off event will be held on April 19th at 12:00 PM, and we invite you to join us for a complimentary lunch as we begin this meaningful experience together. A member of our Vestry will facilitate the classes, creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all participants.

As we begin, please note that

additional meeting days and times will be added based on the group's preferences. Once we gather for our first session, we will decide together which days and times work best for everyone.

Throughout the series, you'll engage in a combination of reading, study, and discussion, enriched by short videos to bring the material to life and encourage conversation. This format is designed to foster both learning and reflection as you explore the Episcopal Church and its practices.

For more information and to prepare for the classes, we encourage you to explore the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Discovery Series: A Christian Journey, which provides valuable insights into the Episcopal faith and its practices.

We look forward to welcoming you on this journey of faith, learning, and community at St. Francis Episcopal Church!

For his sake

Jay DeOrnellas
Senior Warden



DOK Discernment

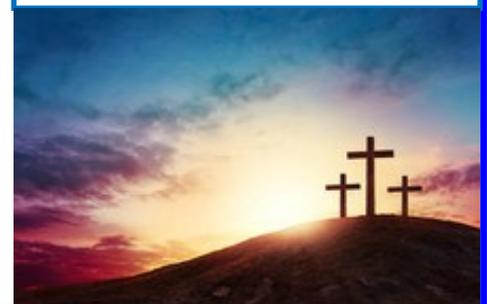
Are you seeking a deeper connection with your faith and a community of supportive women? The Daughters of the King, St. Clare Chapter, warmly invites all women of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas, to consider joining our sisterhood.

Our discernment process is a thoughtful, 3-month journey that includes reading, lessons, and engaging discussions with your DOK facilitator. This time is designed to help you explore your spiritual path and discover if the Daughters of the King can support your faith growth.

To begin this meaningful journey, we encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Meetings last about 90 minutes, and afterward, we will continue our discernment together by working through the National Study Guide until noon.

So, are you called to be a Daughter? Come and see what God has in store for you with the Daughters of the King.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Prayer for a New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer 13, BCP, pg. 818

<p style="text-align: center;">Last Lent Healing Service Wed April 1st * Noon Fr. Rob Jerger ***** Followed by Lenten Luncheon of Soup & Bread Sponsored by DOK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO APRIL 4th Breakfast for All & Men's Group Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Due to Easter Egg Hunt* CUB Lunch Prep—NOON</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 12th, Noon Lunch Provided</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marva Gordon, Speaker Panama's History, Current Situation & Challenges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questions? See Roy Barron</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Holy Week Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Eucharist Thursday, April 2: 6pm The Rev. Leesa Lewis, Celebrant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross Friday, April 3: Noon Fr. Rob Jerger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday—Lay Led Friday, April 3: 6pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Day Eucharist **ONE SERVICE** Sunday, April 5 * 10:45am The Rev. Tim Kennedy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*DOK Meeting * *Sat. April 11 * 9am All Women Welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Out-to-Lunch Bunch Tues. Apr. 21st * 11:30am TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Thrive 20 & 30 Somethings Connection * Growth * * Belonging *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat. Apr. 18 * 6 to 8 pm Questions? See Dominique Lucas</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"> Book Club 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30pm Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Egg Hunt & Booths Sat. April 4 * 10am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Set up Fri. April 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hide Eggs Sat. April 4 * 8:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sign up in the hallway</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wed. Schedule Resumes April 8th Morning Prayer 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p Grief Support Group 2:00p</p>		

Pray for Our Search Committee

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Gray (4/1)	George Hodges (4/3)	Maggi Becknell (4/12)
John Bridges (4/14)	Dorothy Clutter (4/22)	Brooke Taylor (4/25)
Max Cabell (26)	Jane Johnson (4/28)	Marley Johnson (4/29)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Sallie McDaris & Candy Whitenton (4/1)

Earl & Ginnie Boudreau (4/16) Ray Grissom & Dale Wright (4/26)



Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives

Visit to the Islamic Center

Observations by Carol Lanthrum

- Shoes are not worn in service area. We also did not wear shoes out of respect for their tradition.
- Everyone washes their face, hands & feet in special wash-rooms, separate from bathroom facilities. Men and women have different washrooms.
- Women wear head covering. We women of St. Francis also wore head covering as a sign of respect.
- Women have a separate room, although it is not required. Women must stay behind the men in the service.
- The service area is unadorned—no decorations on the walls; nothing but chairs and carpet in the room.
- The service is in Arabic. The Iman did repeat the lines of his 'sermon' in English so we guests could understand.
- His 'sermon' was not unlike our sermons in that God only expects us to do our best and He will do the rest.
- No music or singing. Only 'Calls to Prayer', the 'sermon', and many prayers, kneeling and rising between each.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
WEDDING SHOWER TO
HONOR

Marley Rae Johnson
and

Brooke Elisabeth Bell

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
AT 3PM

ST. FRANCIS FELLOWSHIP HALL

GIFT REGISTRY
AVAILABLE



Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Good Food!

Good Fellowship!

Join us in

April



Daughters of the King Quiet Day



"Quiet Time with the Psalms"
Saturday, April 25th
9:30 am—1:00pm

Lunch Provided

All Welcome
Men, Women, Tweens & Older

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Camp Allen
LONE STAR
FAMILY ROUNDUP

MAY 1-3, 2026

Calling all Diocese of Texas families and camp alumni—Lonestar Family Roundup is your weekend to come home! Reunite with old friends, introduce your kids and loved ones to Camp Allen, and enjoy a full slate of classic camp activities. From canoeing and horseback riding to zip lines and s'mores, it's a refreshing spring getaway for all ages in the heart of the piney woods.

Activities

ARCHERY	REPTILE SHOW
ROPES COURSE	PICKLEBALL
FISHING	OUTDOOR MOVIE
SWIMMING	HORSEBACK RIDES
PADDLEBOARDING	CRAFTS
CANOEING	CAMPFIRE
GIANT SWING	SKEET SHOOTING
NATURE HIKES	YOGA
LABYRINTH	ZIP LINE
LIVE MUSIC	EUCHARIST

Rates

HOTEL LODGING \$110
per room, 4 person max
PROGRAM/ MEALS \$152
per person
Packages include six buffet meals and most programming. Kids age 2 and under are free.
Check In: 5:00 PM Friday
Check Out: 1:00 PM Sunday
Learn more & register at:
CAMPALLEN.ORG

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS FOR APRIL
The Rev. Robert Odom, Celebrant
Liturgy of the Word—April 26th

- Sunday** **Nursery available on request**
- 8:30 am Rite I—No music
 - 9:30 am Adult Lectionary Discussion
 Children/Youth Sunday School * On Request *
 - 10:45 am Rite II—Traditional Music
 Live-Stream on FaceBook & YouTube
- Wednesday** **Regular schedule returns April 8th**
- Noon Noon Morning Prayer — Sanctuary
 - 12:30 pm Bible Study — Parish Hall
 - 2:00p Grief Support Group
 - 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- Thursday**
- 5:30 pm Handbell Practice—Music Room

April Special Events

Wed. April 1

Lent Healing Service & Eucharist: 12:00pm
 Soup and Bread Lunch: 12:30pm

Thur. April 2, 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing &
 Eucharist Service

Fri. April 3

Easter Egg Hunt Set-up: 9am
 Stations of the Cross: 12:00pm
 Good Friday, Lay-Led, w/o Eucharist: 6:00pm

****Sat. April 4****

NO Breakfast for All/Men's Group Meeting
Easter Egg Hunt Setup: 8:00am
Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00am
Booths: After Egg Hunt

Church Under a Bridge Lunch Prep - 12:00pm

Mon. April 6, 6:30pm

Book Club - Parish Hall

Sat. April 11, 9:00am

DOK Meeting *All Women Welcome*

Sat. April 11, 10:30am

DOK Discernment *All Women Welcome*

Sunday, April 12, 12:00pm

Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives

Sat. April 18, 6:00pm

Thrive for 20 & 30 Somethings

Mon. April 20, 6:30pm

Book Club - Parish Hall

Tues. April 21

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: 11:30am
 Vestry Meeting: 6:00pm

Sat. April 25, 6:00pm

DOK Quiet Day
 All Welcome—Men & Women

Mission Statement

*Why do we exist?
 What is our purpose?*

St. Francis is a community of Christians whose mission is to love one another, serving God's kingdom on earth through

- Developing discipleship through worship, prayer, education, and fellowship,
- Ministering to one another
- Offering ourselves as servants in God's world.

Vision Statement

The parish we aim to become

The vision of St. Francis is to

- Promote spiritual growth through education and worship,
- Reach out in service to the community,
- Increase diverse music ministries to create a joyful sound in celebration,
- Provide vibrant children's, youth, and campus ministries,
- Create a variety of ministries and programs for everyone.

VESTRY

Jay DeOrnellas
 Senior Warden (2026)

Dan Amy (2026)

Dominique Lucas (2027)

Ann Bush (2028)

Gay Barron (2028)

Kathy Clark (2028)

Sandra Dugan (2028)

Connie Wilson (2028)

Carol Lanthrum, Clerk

CHURCH STAFF

Rector, In Transition

Dr. Cameron Rose
 Director of Music

Carol Lanthrum
 Parish Administrator

Susan Kohler
 Treasurer

Alberto Cruz
 Sexton

We want to know!

What are your concerns?
 We want to answer your questions, & hear your suggestions!

