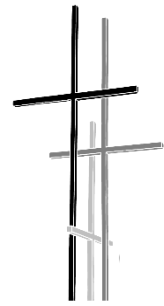


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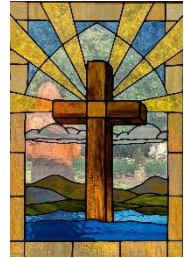
A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom

Rector Installation Service

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00pm

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Presiding



Here's a Little Bit about Me

We have had a wonderful beginning of our ministry together! I was asked to write a little bit about myself as we get to know each other in a deeper way.

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 8/31/1964 and am the youngest of three children. My older brother, Wade, died of kidney cancer in 2018 and both of my parents are deceased. My older sister, Ginny, lives in a care facility in Cincinnati.

My first career was in theater as a Stage Manager and Producer. I worked on operas, plays, musicals, concerts, and ballets. I've also played the piano since about age 7.

I have two beautiful adult children, Katey and Matthew, from my first marriage. Katey was married to Avery Fields this past March and they are moving to Fayette, North Carolina this month (he is in the military). Matthew is an artist and gamer who lives with us. He is one of the most loving people you will ever meet.

My husband is Jim and he works for NASA remotely. He has a long history in aerospace engineering and, yes, it is fascinating to talk to him.

I look forward to getting to know each one of you. Please email me or text me to set up a meeting, lunch or coffee. We are so happy to be here!

Where two or three are gathered...

In Peace,

Rev. Vivian+

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Why EfM (Education for Ministry)?

*Are you seeking a deeper relationship with God
and desire others to accompany you on your journey?*

EfM believes our relationship to God matters. We believe this relationship is a means of living in a complex world with faith, hope, and love. We believe in creating space for curiosity, community, and looking at life through the lens of a relationship with God. We believe that the lens through which we deepen our relationship with God can be sharpened by specific practices.

We call them EfM's Core Practices

- **Living in Community** - *We are intentional about creating sacred space where people feel welcomed and safe; where they can learn, grow, and wonder about God; where authentic interaction can happen.*
- **Regular Prayer and Worship** - *We recognize the presence of God with us in every session, and we explore ways to deepen our individual spirituality.*
- **Study of Christian Tradition** - *EfM materials root us in Christian scripture, history, theology, and ethics. Biblical studies form the primary work of the first two years. EfM helps participants understand and then apply Holy Scripture to daily life.*
- **Theological Reflection** - *Our conversations take on an added dimension in EfM's model of theological reflection, which brings the Christian tradition, our experiences, our opinions, and the various cultures that influence us into conversation, leading to ways to live our faith more fully.*
- **Vocational Discernment** - *When EfM talks about vocation, it isn't so much about what a person does, but how a person lives with purpose.*

We are looking for a group of 6-12 seekers to join us in starting an EfM group that will meet at St Francis on Mondays. If we have enough for two groups, we will have one in the evening and one during the day – time to be determined. If you think you might be interested, please join us on Monday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm for an informational meeting.

Please contact either one of us for more information.

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More information about EfM is available at: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>

Everyone who is interested in EfM, or wants to find out more about it, is invited to an organizational meeting on Monday, August 3rd at 6 pm to talk about EfM, ask questions and finalize details for this fall.

A Reminder about Stewardship

As we approach August, your vestry wants to offer a gentle reminder to everyone about the stewardship pledge cards you signed last year. Please take a few moments to review your pledge and make sure your giving is lining up with the commitment you made! St. Francis has called and received the priest that we prayed for. Continue in your support her ministry and that of St. Francis with your time, talent and treasure.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our New Rector

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing our new rector to this parish. May she seek you in all things and not stray from your call. Make her a godly priest, pastor and teacher; may your truth always dwell in her mind and on her lips. Refresh her daily as she ministers to our congregation and guide us all to embrace our future together with obedient and generous hearts. Amen.

****Sat. Aug 1st****



Breakfast for All &
Men's Group Meeting
9:00am

Church Under a Bridge



Lunch Prep
10:00am

DOK Meeting



Sat. Aug 8th * 9:00am

Adult Ed Room

****All Women Welcome****

Discussion from book
Bible Women
about Ruth

****Mon. Aug 3rd****

6:00pm

Education for
Ministry
Organizational
Meeting

to finalize details for
this fall

Book Club

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30pm in Parish Hall



Out-to-Lunch Bunch
Tues. Aug 18th * 11:30am
TBD

Conversations Exploring
Cultural Perspective

Sun. Aug 9th * Noon
Lunch Provided

Nellie Spencer
Area Agency on Aging
"Navigating the Aging Network"

*The Feast of St. Clare
Celebration
Sun. Aug 9th
at St. Clare's Episcopal
Worship at 6pm
Led by
Revs. Jerger & Shelby
Followed by
Festal Tea Party
Bring finger food if you wish*

Wednesday Schedule

Eucharist Service

The Rev. Vivian Shelby, Celebrant

12:00p

Bible Study

12:30p

*Gardening Group
Help keep the gardens looking nice
Mostly Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10am
Just show up to help*

Vestry Mini-Retreat
Sat. Aug 22nd ** 9a – 12p

No Vestry Meeting
Tues. Aug 18th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jim Shelby (8/4)

Charlotte Weller (8/7)

Roy Barron (8/10)

Royal Daniel (8/20)

Lisa Kraus (8/29)

Rev. Vivian Shelby (8/31)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jimmy & Nell Barr (8/6)

Bill & Tony Deckard (8/15)

Frank & Lisa Kraus (8/31)

IT HAPPENED IN JUNE

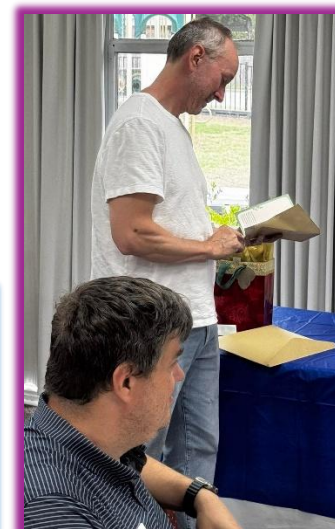
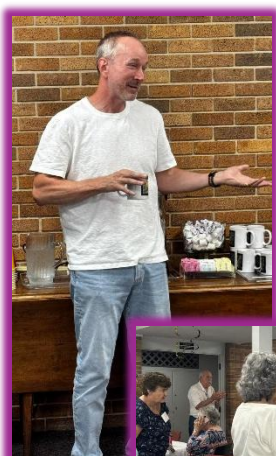
Carol Ann Chidlaw Completes Four-Year Program of
Education for Ministry



Carol Ann (in white) receives award and



Fr. Robert Odom - Thank you for being our devoted supply priest!





The Rev. Canon Kellaura Johnson visited us. Thanks for helping us find our priest!

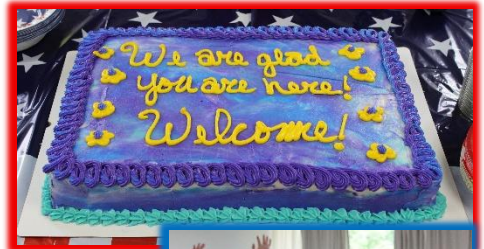


'Robby'
Fr. Rob Jerger

Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives

There were 23 participants at the June meeting. The speaker, The Rev. Rob Jerger, Vicar of St. Clare's Episcopal Church, many of us know because he is a former member of St. Francis. He felt called to the ministry, and St. Francis helped support Robby with tuition to the Iona School of Ministry and St. Clare's as a mission church. But to hear Fr. Rob's story, through his traumas of childhood, homosexuality, and alcoholism to recovery of self-worth and dignity through faith and community support is inspiring.

Our Priest Is Here!! Welcome!! June 28, 2026 The Rev. Vivian Shelby



Annual Fourth of July
Ice Cream Social
Thanks Choir!

Fried Chicken at the Parish Hall June Serendipity



It Happened in July

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs at the Taliaferros' July Serendipity



Jeremy Cole, Speaker July Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives



Gardening Group - Making the Church Look Good!



Even St. Francis
Is working hard



You Are Cordially Invited

*to a Celebration of New Ministry
and the Installation of a Rector*

*The people of St. Francis Episcopal Church joyfully invite you to join us as we welcome and
celebrate the ministry of Rev. Vivian Shelby.*

*The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher will institute and install
the Rev. Vivian Shelby in this new ministry.*

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

**St. Francis Episcopal Church
3232 Jan Ave
Tyler, Texas**

*Please join us in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship as Rev. Shelby begins
this new chapter of ordained ministry with the St. Francis community.*

Join us in the Parish Hall before or after the service for light refreshments.

*Sign up in the hallway to bring
finger food, cookies, and other light refreshments.
The DOK will facilitate the reception.
We can use your help serving & clean up.*

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

The Rev. Vivian Shelby, Rector

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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

- Noon Eucharist — Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Bible Study — Parish Hall
No Choir Rehearsal during Summer

Thursday

- 5:30 pm Handbell Practice—Music Room

August Special Events

Sat. August 1

Breakfast for All – 9:00am
Men's Group Meeting - 9:00am
Church Under a Bridge Lunch Prep - 10:00am

Mon. August 3, 6:00pm

EfM Organization Meeting

Mon. August 3, 6:30pm

Book Club - Parish Hall

Sat. August 8, 9:00am

*DOK Meeting - 9:00am * All Women Welcome**

Sun. August 9, 12:00pm

Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives

Sun. August 9, 6:00pm

*Feast of St. Clare Celebration at St. Clare's
Worship followed by Festal Tea Party*

Mon. August 17, 6:30pm

Book Club - Parish Hall

Tues. August 18, 11:30am

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Sat. August 22, 9:00am

Mini-Vestry Retreat

Wed. August 26, 6:00pm

*Installation of Rector Service
The Rev. Vivian Shelby
Reception follows*

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)

Gay Barron (2028)

Ann Bush (2028)

Kathy Clark (2028)

Sandra Dugan (2028)

Connie Wilson (2028)

Carol Lanthrum, Clerk

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Vivian Shelby
Rector

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!

