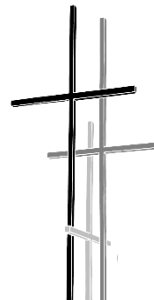


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A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom



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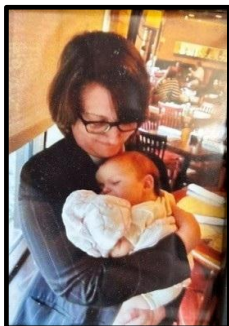
God Loves You!

I feel like we all truly have trouble believing that God loves us. At some level, there can be a deep-seeded belief that we are unlovable. Sometimes this comes from wounds in our past which can present as voices we listen to that say we are not enough, we must do more, be more or be perfect. I myself have felt this and wondered what I needed to DO to become worthy of God's love.

I was at a staff lunch in a restaurant in the Woodlands when I was an Associate at Trinity Church. One staff member had her baby with her and couldn't get a bite of her lunch because the baby was so fussy. I offered to hold the baby while she ate. I walked with her, talked to her and just held her tight. She fell asleep on my chest so deeply that her feet were dangling. Someone took a picture and I was known from then on as the Baby Whisperer.

When I showed this picture to my Spiritual Director, she asked me to frame it and keep it in my office. I asked her why and she said that I should look at it any time I feel unworthy of God's love. She looked me straight in the eyes and said, "You are the baby and God loves you that much!". As my eyes filled with tears, I knew she had nailed it. Holding that baby and comforting her gave me so much joy. She felt loved enough to completely rest in my arms, trusting I would not let her go. The thought of God feeling that way about me still brings me to tears, but tears of joy.

By our baptism, we are received into the arms of God and marked as Christ's own forever! There is nothing that can undo that mark of the cross on our forehead. Come by my office and look at this picture. My prayer for you is to feel that unconditional love and remember that you are a beloved child of God!



For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~Romans 8:38-39

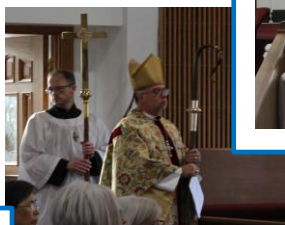
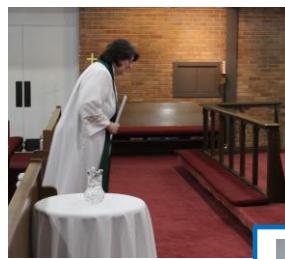
In Peace,

Rev. Vivian+

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Installation of our New Priest
The Reverend Vivian Shelby



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. Sept 5th****



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

Church Under a Bridge
Lunch Prep
10:00am



DOK Meeting



Sat. Sept 12th * 9:00am
Adult Ed Room

****All Women Welcome****
Discussion from book
Bible Women

Mondays

2pm & 6:30pm

Education for
Ministry

Conversations Exploring
Cultural Perspective

Sun. Sept. 13th * Noon
Lunch Provided

Rev. Jonathan Benedetti, Speaker
Open Table Ministry

Fri. Oct 2nd * 7p to 9p

Conversations will visit
Temple Beth El to celebrate

Simchat Torah
More info later

Questions? See Roy Barron



Serendipity Luau
Sat. Sept 26 * 4-7p

At the home for
Frank Cabell & Lisa Kraus
1620 Holcomb Circle
Wear your Beach Shirt
Swimming Pool Open

Main Dish: Chicken Adobo
Sign up in the hallway

Wednesday Schedule

*Eucharist Service*12:00p
The Rev. Vivian Shelby, Celebrant
Bible Study*12:30p

Newcomers Luncheon

Sun. Sept 27th * Noon * Parish Hall
Sign up in the hallway
& see Kathy Clark

October Happenings

Blessing of the Animals
Sat. Oct 3rd *10a

Neighborhood Night Out
Tues. Oct. 6th * 5:30p

Book Club

Monday, Sept 21st
6:30pm in Parish Hall



Gardening Group*Just show up
Mostly Tuesdays from 7:30-10am

Out-to-Lunch Bunch
Tues. Sept 15th * 11:30am
Olive Garden

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Claire Hodges (9/3)

Andy Wells (9/3)

Gipsy Schneider (9/5)

Stephen Haltom (9/6)

Dominique Lucas (9/12)

Cindy Meyer (9/12)

Earl Boudreau (9/19)

Wil Abudeye-Fernandez (9/23)

Nicholas Nash (9/27)

Doug Clark (9/29)

Dotty Hillis (9/30)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen & Pamela Haltom (9/28)

Jim & Vivian Shelby (9/28)

Edward & Lara Tabri (9/30)

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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
 - 10:45 am Rite II—Traditional Music
- Children/Youth Sunday School * On Request*
- Live-Stream on FaceBook & YouTube*

Monday

- 2:00p Education for Ministry
- 6:30 pm Education for Ministry

Wednesday

- Noon Eucharist — Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Bible Study — Parish Hall
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday

- 5:30 pm Handbell Practice—Music Room

September Special Events

Sat. September 5

Breakfast for All – 9:00am

Men's Group Meeting - 9:00am

Church Under a Bridge Lunch Prep - 10:00am

Mon. September 7

Happy Labor Day

Sat. September 12, 9:00am

DOK Meeting * All Women Welcome*

Sun. September 13, 12:00pm

Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives

Tues. September 15

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: 11:30a at Olive Garden

Vestry Meeting: 6:00pm

Mon. September 21, 6:30pm

Book Club

Sat. September 26, 4:00pm

Serendipity Luau at Cabell-Kraus

Sun. September 27, 12:00p

Newcomers' Luncheon

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

