

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE



August 29, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission Statement

*Helping Hands - Healing Hearts
Welcome All*

Our Vision Statement

*To be an engaging, passionate, spiritually healthy
community, open to all God's people*

THE
DOUBTER



The Rev. Christopher Blake Thomas

August 26, 2021

My Dear Doubters of Great Faith,

In so many ways, it is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the long, hot days of another North Texas summer, so similar, and yet so strangely different to the many we have witnessed in years gone by. This is the time that we hope toward anything that remotely resembles the first breath of spirit, a cool wisp from the north, even if only in the form of “pumpkin spice!” (I know, there is no such thing, that “pumpkin spice” is made up, but it does in some way represent the hope of something to come!)

And we need those things to hope toward, now, more than ever!

Beginning the week of Sunday, September 12, 2021, we will start a new worship schedule at St. Thomas the Apostle, one which I hope will give more people the opportunity to know the overwhelming love of God through the warmth and love of the Doubter parish family.

Sundays will include an in-person 8 am Rite I Eucharist service of word and table, a solemn and meditative, contemplative moment for those who encounter God in the earlier hours of life. The service will be spoken, with a brief homily reflective of the day’s scripture, lasting approximately 45 minutes.

At 9 am, we will continue with our on-line Zoom worship experience, a Rite II enhanced “Eucharist Under Special Circumstances with sermon” for those who find themselves more comfortable worshipping from home in the midst of the current COVID-19 crisis. This service provides the same interactive experience of in-person worship, with active leadership coming from parish participation. This service is spoken, and lasts about 50 minutes. Hosts are provided through the Church office. (Please contact Pam Liles for supply: pam@thedoubter.org)

The 10:30 am service is our in-person festival Rite II Eucharist, with sermon, and a full complement of music provided by our choir, hand bells, soloists, and other special musicians. The service is approximately 75 minutes.

On Wednesdays we will offer a noon Rite II Eucharist as a mid-week respite in the middle of a busy, chaotic week. This will be a spoken service with a brief homily reflecting on one of the many saints in our great lexicon of saints! This service should last about 30 minutes.

Several formation opportunities are in the works as well! We are planning a fall “Basics of the Faith” class to prepare another group of folks for Confirmation/Reception/ Reaffirmation by the Bishop. And a book study program is on the way as well! We are working on getting the South Meeting Room of the Office Building prepared to host combined in-person/Zoom meetings so that each of these offerings will be able to have participants in both kinds.

While in so many ways it is difficult to plan for the future in the midst of the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, we are continuing to find new and creative ways to be the worshipping body of Christ on our corner of Inwood and Mockingbird. We continue to turn toward the hope that rises again and again in Jesus Christ, as we look forward to the start of a new programming year!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Christopher+

Mission/Outreach

Fellow Doubters,

The Outreach Committee is excited to announce a new partnership with Cathedral of Hope in supporting their three programs that help to serve the food insecure and homeless population of Dallas. Our goal in partnering with other organizations is to support existing, robust programs that assist those in need in our community. In partnering with Cathedral of Hope, we hope to provide volunteer opportunities to our members as well as encourage interaction between St. Thomas and likeminded local organizations.

In addition to the three volunteer activities, we Doubters can also support the programs by donating items for the food pantry at CoH. The items to be collected would be canned or nonperishable food items (single serve packaging and protein foods are preferred) and travel sized toiletry items. Both food and toiletry items are distributed to visitors on a regular basis along with hot meals. We will collect the items at the services in the Narthex. We will have a basket or similar container to leave any donations you may have.

If you are interested in the new volunteer opportunities with Cathedral of Hope, please see the descriptions of the three food programs. To sign up or receive additional information, please contact Anita Haddy at the following link <https://cathedralofhope.com/anita-haddy> or call (214) 351-1901.

Breakfast at Cathedral of Hope (BACH) operates on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9 a.m., providing a hot, to-go breakfast for those living with food insecurity. Volunteers arrive at 7 a.m. to set up and they leave after everything is cleaned up. The number of volunteers is limited to those who have been scheduled to serve on a specific date since we are still operating on a to-go, take away basis. All those who participate in this ministry must have a current food handler's certificate on file, and Bill Martin can assist you in obtaining it. During this time of COVID 19, we are observing protocols of wearing face masks and social distancing.

iCare Lunch operates on Monday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., providing lunch to-go for those living with food insecurity. Volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set up and they leave after everything is cleaned up. The number of volunteers is limited to those who have been scheduled to serve on a specific date since we are still operating on a to-go, take away basis. All those who participate in this ministry must have a current food handler's certificate on file, and Bill Martin can assist you in obtaining it. During this time of COVID 19, we are observing protocols of wearing face masks and social distancing.

Taste of Hope – Volunteers gather to cook, package, and deliver hot meals to deliver to those experiencing food insecurity in Dallas. Prior to serving, participants in this program must obtain a food handler's certificate. During this time of COVID 19, we are observing protocols of wearing face masks and social distancing.

New Service Schedule beginning September 12th

Sunday Services	
8:00	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
9:00	Rite Two Eucharist/ZOOM
10:30	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
Wednesday Service	
Noon	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave



Dear Doubters of Great Faith,

We need additional people to assist with the Audio Visual equipment and livestreaming of the 10:30 service. This involves being at the church by 10 AM on the Sunday scheduled, getting the system turned on, distribution of microphones, and getting the livestream ready to go. Once we go live, you need to be at the monitor in the back of the church throughout the service in the event that there would be an issue. If this is something that you think you might be interested in, please contact Fred Ellis for more details. Fred may be reached at 214-704-3923 or fellis@sbcglobal.net.

An Opportunity to Serve Your Church

As we return to our Sanctuary, and resume a more familiar worship service, an opportunity exists to take a more active role in our services. I am the Interim Acolyte Guild Head. The Acolyte Guild provides the Crucifer, and 2 Torches to each of our in person services, and for special services, when needed. It is an all volunteer group. At this point, each Acolyte will ideally serve no more than 2 Sundays each month. If you have a desire to become an Acolyte, or would like to know more about serving as an Acolyte, please feel free to contact me at dauidahess@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Schedule

Week of August 29th

29 Sunday	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Zoom
10:30 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
11:30 am	Coffee and Social time/ IG
30 Monday	Office Open
31 Tuesday	
9/1 Wednesday	
7:00 pm	CoDA/NR
2 Thursday	
3 Friday	Office Closed
4 Saturday	
8:00 am	Step Up/SR
9:00 am	Garden Workday/CG
	Serving Altar Guild Members T. Chaney & TBD
Key Code:	SR - South Room; NR - North Room; CG - Community Garden; PH - Parish Hall; CR - Office Conference Room; K - Kitchen; N - Nave; IG - Interior Garden



Consecrated Hosts are available at the church office for those participating virtually in Sunday services. Please email or call the office (pam@thedoubter.org or 214-352-0410, ext. 104) before coming to ensure there is someone here.

A new way to see church!



We are now live-streaming our 10:30 AM service on Facebook Live. You do **NOT** need a Facebook account to watch the service. Simply click on the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheDoubter/live/>

You will then have 3 options, log in to your Facebook account, create an account, or click on the livestream that you want to watch. If you do not have a FB account, simply click on the livestream that you want to watch, and it will open.

We will go live approximately 5 minutes prior to the start of the service. We hope that you will worship with us in person. However, we are offering this as we continue to move forward in a post COVID-19 world.



Celebrating 136 years of Prayer, Service and Evangelism

All women members of the church can look into this LIFETIME COMMITMENT to this important service to the Parish and our Rector by going to the website - <http://www.doknational.org> - prayerfully consider joining. They may call and leave word on Nan Alexander's voicemail and I will be happy to be of help to anyone interested. This is not a guild but a commitment.

St. Thomas the Apostle in Person Service

DATE: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: The ZOOM service remains at 9:00 a.m.

IN-PERSON LOCATION: The Nave

During the months that the property was closed down due to COVID-19, the HVAC system throughout the entire property has been outfitted with advanced equipment for our safety. St. Thomas has installed air scrubbers on all of its HVAC units.

These air scrubber systems are many times more powerful than normal HVAC filtration systems at eliminating airborne pathogens. HVAC systems can capture dirt and dust from the air through their regular air filter inserts. Meanwhile, the scrubbers using UV light can get rid of much more minute living organisms such as bacteria and viruses, which further improves the air quality.

Parking is available in both the South and North Lots.

Masks are required for all in-person services.

Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the Nave. Individuals with temperatures of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter.

In case of the unanticipated need for contact tracing, attendees will need to sign a register in the Narthex before going into the Nave.

The entire service will be in a printed bulletin.

Music accompaniment will be provided by the organ.

There will be congregational singing.

During the exchange of the Peace, please be sensitive to those around you during this time. If you sense that someone might not be comfortable with hugging or even touching, respect that person's space.

PRAYER LIST

Do you know someone who is in need of our prayers? Please email pam@thedoubter.org to add them to our Prayer List. Names will be kept on for the current month unless notified otherwise and those names are in *italics*.

Healing in the Lives of: Ben Gloria Ann Patricia Melba
Ginger Annie Sandy JR Merjen Jack Harold
Kelly David Rusty Tim George John Rodney Ronny
Linda Wynne Cody Boes Family JT Carlo Christoria
John S. Stephanie Annette

God's Grace for: Children of Belize Gary Don Tammy James

Guidance: Gwen

In Prison: Allen Orlando Steven Aaron Brandon Hank
GR Stephanie Frank

Serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Aaron Connor Joyce
Collin Tyler Jesse

Seeking Employment: Bryan Maurice Brook Robin Vicki
Trey Gabby Gabriel Gail Oliver Aarib

Rest of the Soul: Mildred Joyce George

In the Diocese: Nashotah House Theological Seminary
Trinity School for Ministry
Duke Divinity School
Wycliffe College

Liturgical Assignments & Lectionary

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Counters: J. DeuPree & R Woodward

LEMs: Sub-Dcn: 2nd LEM: N/A Ext: T. Torres

Lectors: 9:00 am Zoom Service

1st & Psalm: R. Woodward 2nd: R. Woodward

POP: A. Junek

10:30 In-Person Service

1st: M. Legacy 2nd: J. DeuPree

POP: A. Junek

Ushers & Greeters: A. Montague, T. Chaney, R. Hering

Acolytes: Crucifer: S. Toon Torches: L. Ayres & M. Legacy

Sound: Fred Ellis

First Reading

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalm

45: 1-2, 7-10

Second Reading

James 1: 17-27

Gospel

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

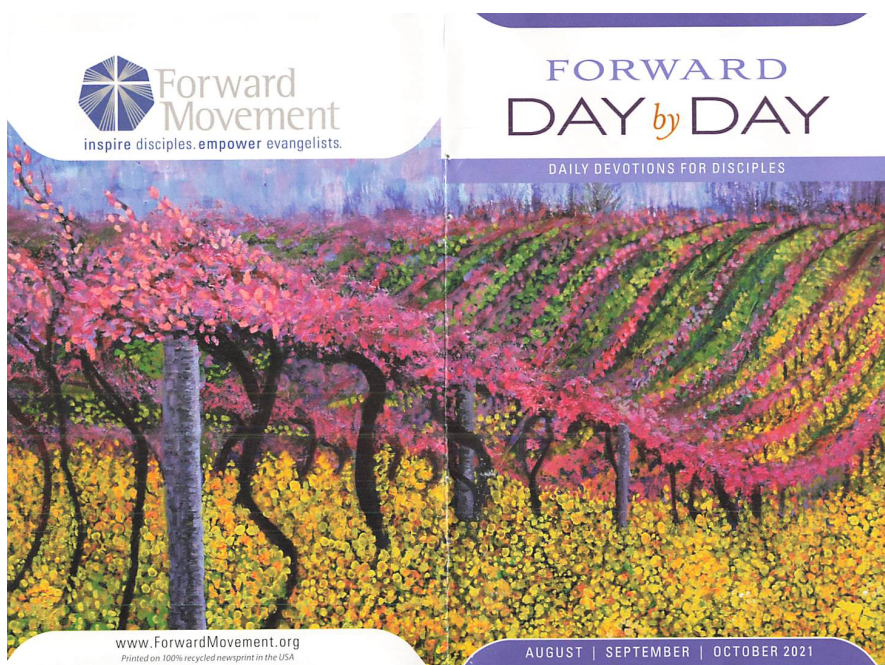
We now have a weekly service in the Nave on Sundays at 10:30 followed by a social gathering in the Parish Hall. We need folks to step up and take on some responsibility for making it happen. If you can help with:

- Coming a little early and help with setting up the service;
- Providing a snack; or
- Staying a little longer and helping put items away

please let Pam know at pam@thedoubter.org Together we can put social in the Social Time.



As we gather again in person for worship, if you would like to sponsor the **Altar Flowers**, **Mary Candle** or **Sacrament Lamp**, please contact pam@thedoubter.org.



Forward Day by Day
for Aug/Sept/Oct
is now available in the
Narthex, the church office
and on the newsstand
outside the South room.



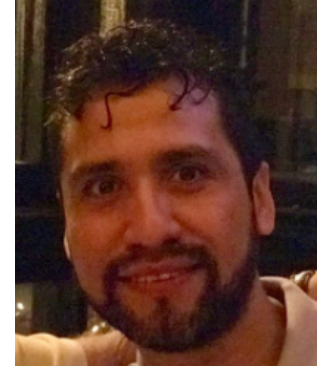
Happy August Birthday!



2nd Wynne Voorhees



3rd Bryan Long



10th Fernando Baldaras



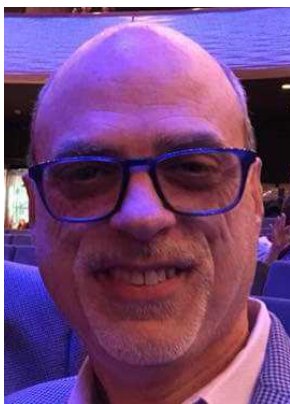
11th Mike Gsell



12th Don Walther



15th Richard Elsea



22nd Andrew Besterman



28th Brent Glass



30th Nancy LeGros

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



4th Stephen Toon



6th Henry Ayres



9th Steven Lee



10th Charles Mullins



12th Pam Liles



16th Paul McCright



22nd Emmett Sanchez-Brown



23rd Kenneth Goodwin



26th Fred Owen



29th Andy McCarthy

Parish Office hours are 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Tuesdays through Fridays

214-352-0410

Emergency contact: Rev 'd Christopher Blake Thomas 214-352-0410 ext 6

(Please leave message with name, call back number, and brief explanation of urgency. Fr. Christopher will receive an urgent message to call back as soon as possible.)

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop

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