

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Texas cautiously has begun opening back up, and most are looking forward to the day when we return to a more normal routine. Our dog, Cosette, and cat, Vincent, seem quite happy to have the whole family at home, but Cosette really misses the human interaction on Sundays (and especially Sam's treats).

We received some great news this week. The Parish and School have received funding through the CARE Act for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program. A special thanks to our Sr. Warden, Bill Rolston, for handling this!

Here's where things stand at St. Paul's this week:

- We're continuing to do Sunday services online only. These are broadcast live via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. The recorded sermon may be found on our website as an MP3. This will continue at least through May 10th.
- The church building is now locked when not in use. This is to allow for the expensive video equipment to remain in place between services, and to make it so that we do not have to complete a top-to-bottom sanitizing every time we use the church. If you are one of the parishioners who uses the church for private prayer, please contact the Rector.
- Our Sunday services improve each week, and the number of viewers continue to increase. Our tech team (i.e. The Faunce family, Laura Funk, and Mark Walsh) are great! Thanks to all of them!
- Our parish office has closed, and we are working from home at least through May 10th. We are checking parish voicemails remotely, responding to emails, and meetings will be done via conference calls and videoconferencing.
- If you need to get with me for a meeting, I'm available to schedule one for a phone or video call. Probably the best email is [fathernickfunk@gmail.com](mailto:fathernickfunk@gmail.com).
- Pastoral Care is being done via phone and videoconferencing. Face-to-face pastoral calls are only done in dire situations, and by the Rector only. If you have needs for shopping, emergency repairs, etc., please email or call – we can help!
- Zoom videoconferencing has been the major provider for videoconferencing in the Diocese, and St. Paul's is using it regularly. The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020, and password is: 7777777. That's the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom and Facebook and/or YouTube live streaming (when it works).
- Our 'Bible and Breakfast' Bible Study continues at 8:00 on Friday morning (without the breakfast) via Zoom.
- We have our Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service via a Zoom meeting.