

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Heavenly Rest is dedicated to serving and creating community by proclaiming the good news of God's love for all. New here? Please fill out a welcome card from the back of the pew or on our website at heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

TODAY AT HEAVENLY REST

Sunday Morning Classes - Join us Sunday mornings for one of our classes.

- Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Gerhart Hall at 9 am
- Coffee Talks led by Mark Waters - Gen von Ende Room at 9:15 am
- Eastertide book study led by David Christianson - Bishop Garrett Room at 9:15am

Sunday School for Children and Youth - Children and teens can head to the parish house for community, connection, and spiritual growth! Contact Carol Ann Weston for information on children's and youth classes.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

United Thank Offering Ingathering May 17th- You are invited to 'count your blessings' and fill your UTO blue boxes or envelopes (found in the Narthex and Cloister). The coins you put in the Blue Box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God reflect your gratitude and will brighten your life and the lives of those around you. Your prayers and offerings have built churches and schools, provided shelter, fed the hungry, provided care and support for many, and provided grants throughout the Diocese. Your intentional thanksgiving can make a difference in your life as well as the lives of those who receive your offering! **Prayer for May 10th**- Holy and gracious God, we give you thanks today for the United Thank Offering and all who participate in the spiritual discipline of gratitude. Let the blessings flow symbolically into your Blue Box.

Haven't seen your birthday listed?! - Update your information in our church database. Our directory is available through the Church Center App and online at heavenlyrestabilene.churchcenter.com/directory. Use your phone number or email to log in and create or update your profile. You have control over what information is shared. Contact the office with questions at info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

EST Spring Schedule - We will spend the spring going through each baptismal promise. Come for breakfast and stay for spiritual treasure! 5/10: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" (Karen Boyd), 5/17: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" (Dustin Rainwater).

Wednesday Night Programming - Rogation Day Procession, May 13 - Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. At 6:30p.m., we will begin our traditional Rogation Day procession as we walk the boundaries of our parish, offering prayers for God's mercy, protection from disasters, and blessings for a fruitful harvest. This ancient custom, dating back to the 5th century, reflects our call to be faithful stewards of God's creation. The procession will begin in the courtyard and conclude with the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful observance.

Ascension Day Eucharist, May 14 - Celebrate the Ascension of the Lord with the Holy Eucharist and hymns at 7 p.m. This feast commemorates Christ's bodily ascension into heaven, marking the culmination of the Paschal Mystery.

Appreciation Sunday, May 17th - This is a special time to acknowledge worship leaders, leaders of children and youth, adult study leaders, altar guild, kitchen and office volunteers, acolytes, and all others who serve in the ministries of Heavenly Rest.

Lost and Found - LOST ITEM REWARD OFFERED! One of our parishioners has lost their college ring and is offering a reward for its safe return. Description is a man's gold class ring from 1959 College of St Thomas. Please contact the parish office if you have found it or have any information on its whereabouts.

Summer Break begins May 24th - Please note **May 17th** will be the last day for EST, the Eastertide book study and Sunday School for children and youth before the summer break. Our final spring Wednesday night will be May 20th. Classes and Wednesday night programming will resume in the fall!

Ordination to the Diaconate - Join us on Saturday, May 31, 2026, at 11:00 am for the ordination of Bikole Mulanda & Austin Hackel to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. A reception will follow the service in Gerhart Hall.

Father David's Sabbatical (May 11-August 17)

Please share any pastoral needs to the church office or other members of the clergy. Sunday, May 10th will be David's last day before sabbatical. His first day back will be Tuesday, August 18th. Please join us in prayer for David, Sarah Beth, CeCe, Lizzie and Gracie Romanik during the upcoming months.

Registration & Information

VBS

June 1-3



Women's Retreat

June 12-14



Men's Retreat

July 17-17



Summer Camps

June 21-26 & July 12-17



THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, May 10th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, May 11th

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Soup Sisters & Misters
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, May 12th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, May 13th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Sewing Circle
5:15 PM Children's Music, Choristers, and Wind Down Wednesday*
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing*
6:00 PM Meal and Programming*
6:40 PM Canterbury Ringers
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (midday option)
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (evening option)
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:00 PM Ascension Day Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, May 15th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution

Saturday, May 16th

8:30 AM Swahili Prayer
9:00 AM Altar Guild Preparation
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

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8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
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12:00 PM VBS leaders meeting
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Hang
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

* Nursery available (ages 0-4 years old)

MINISTRIES

Hands-On Outreach Ministry – Our parish grocery distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, is currently in need of **personal hygiene items**. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at smmmn@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion, please contact the parish office at (325)-677-2091. Suggested donation is \$150.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Julie Bechkam, Jax Burton, Finn Gensic, Kerigan House, Debbi Maxwell, Narubati Nene, Wade Purcell, Braylee Purcell, Jen Rogers, Lizzie Romanik, Max Stearns, John Suttle

Intercessions: Barbara Brock, Carol Knapp, Kristin Funk, Jackie Batjer, Sandra Pierson, Michelle Fernung, Jim McManus, Sandy Abel, Charlotte Passell, Kathy Dickerson, Jerry Gulley, Evelyn French, Dustin Tatro, Lola Williams, Gary and Debby West, Mitch Krane, Tommy Pyeatt, Keith Boyd, Truitt Sutton, Courtney Newton, Annabel House, Don Bridges, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Gerry Lawler, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroyimnson, Brandy Gaiennie, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, Leta Bell, Linda Greer, Carlotta Luster, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Brianna Johnson-Onielle, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Scott Mead, Charlie Donovan, Alice Townsend Poirier, Charles Fairchilds, Bryan Gibbs, Karen Telck, Barbara Arnold, Dianne Cash, Martha Swartz, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Susan Langford, Dawn Ahart, Ralph Webb, Rusty Plocheck, Anne Melcher, Christopher Choate, Shane Jones, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Riziki Mulanda, Michael Scarborough, Joe Biles, Ryan Jones, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Lloyd Felton, Billye Proctor Shaw, Chris Thomas, Mike Wiggins Sr., Jacob Moore

CONTACT US

To learn more or to contact the clergy, visit us online at heavenlyrestabilene.org or by email info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1-4:30 PM, F 8:30-12:00 PM

Hands On-Assistance (Online) M,W,F 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Grocery Distribution F 9-11:30 AM

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Thrift House, 761 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX 79601

(325) 672-3812

Open: Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Is there something you would like to share with the church? Please submit announcements and materials to the Communications office.

Contact Jen Rogers at jrogers@heavenlyrestabilene.org.