

SAINT PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WELCOME TO SAINT PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

To our next Rector:

We look forward to meeting you and can't wait for you to join us and become part of our family.

Saint Philip's Episcopal Church San Antonio is under the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (PECUSA) and is part of the Anglican Communion. Our parish is within the Diocese of West Texas. St. Philip's is diverse and wholly welcomes everyone regardless of race, gender, age, creed or class. LGBT individuals are gladly received. As paraphrased by The Rev. Canon James R. McLean, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Arkansas, many chose to be Episcopalians because our faith acknowledges:

1. Worship that brings you in, instead of putting you on the sidelines.
2. A theology that demands our intelligence rather than ignoring it.
3. A willingness not only to accept, but to celebrate differences.
4. A heritage that takes the Bible very seriously, but is not bound by literalism.
5. A strong sense of community in which our consensus is in Christ, not to a conformity of opinion.
6. A devotion to the Biblical Sacraments instituted by Jesus which evoke awe and mystery instead of factual explanation.
7. A sense of ministry that is rightfully the obligation and privilege of every baptized person.
8. An insistence upon morality (what is good and loving) and an avoidance of moralism (salvation by code and not by Christ).
9. The heritage of the apostolic faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in the apostolic order given to the Church by Him.



WHERE WE CAME FROM

"In 1877 Bishop R. W. Elliott of the Missionary District of West Texas envisioned a church for the nearly four million recently freed black citizens of Texas. His campaign for Sunday Schools and other religious services for African Americans was cut short by his retirement, but his actions carved a path for the future. Under the authority of Bishop James Steptoe Johnston, the first Episcopal Church for African Americans in the Diocese of West Texas was established in 1895. The first home of "St. Philip's Episcopal Church for Negroes" was an old German Methodist church in downtown San Antonio later known as La Villita. In 1898, the church began a vocational school for African American young people which in 1923 became known as St. Philip's College. After many years at La Villita, the congregation was forced to find other homes. Beginning in 1917, several locations served in turn as houses of worship for St. Philip's. A new church was erected on Pecan Valley Drive in 1963; it remained the only predominantly African American church in the diocese until 1964. A full parish since 1967, St. Philip's provides support for many Episcopal programs and funds and is active in community outreach and fellowship."

-History of St. Philip's Episcopal Church: San Antonio, Texas 1895 - 2012
By the Rev. Dr. Milbrew Davis



OUR SAINT

ARTEMISIA BOWDEN

(JANUARY 1, 1879 – AUGUST 18, 1969)

The Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, Second Bishop of West Texas, called Artemisia Bowden from North Carolina to the Diocese of West Texas. He offered her an opportunity to become the chief administrator and primary teacher of St. Philip's Normal and Industrial School in San Antonio, Texas, a school for daughters and granddaughters of emancipated slaves. She accepted the position and arrived at St. Philip's in 1902.

Through the years, the school saw many financial hardships, but survived and grew into a grammar school. Artemisia wasn't done there. She kept growing the school and St. Philip's Junior College opened in 1927. Then, the Great Depression hit and the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas was no longer able to financially support the college. That still didn't stop Artemisia! She started fundraising, and campaigning and even used half of her inheritance from her late father for supplies and teacher salaries. Eventually, on September 15, 1942 St. Philip's Junior College was accepted by the San Antonio School Board as the first junior black college governed by a city school board and Artemisia Bowden became its Vice President. In 1954, after 52 years of service Artemisia Bowden retired with the title Dean Emeritus.

Forty-six years after her death, The Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention added Bowden to its liturgical calendar and established her feast day as August 18.

WHO WE ARE NOW

Although we began as a church for African Americans, we are now a proudly diverse congregation. We recognize that God's children come in all shades, shapes, and backgrounds. Everyone is welcome at Saint Philip's and greeted with open arms.



We honor God with our hearts and actions; through our hard work, our love for one another, and our celebrations for the many blessings in our lives.



MEET THE VESTRY



Leon Stubbs
Sr. Warden



Errol Smith
Jr. Warden



David Amaya
Member



Rowland Martin
Member



Elizabeth Applin
Member



Pedro Vela
Member



Vivian Crenshaw
Member

OUR MINISTRIES



Thrift Shop



**Daughters of
the King**



Altar Guild



Men of St. Philip's

SPECIAL EVENTS



Fish Fry!



**Confirmation/
Reception**



**Easter Sunday
Egg Hunt**



**Delivering Goody
Bags to our Local
Nursing Home**

SPECIAL EVENTS



**Breakfast with
Santa**



**Celebration of Ministry in
Daily Life**



Back-To-School Bash



SPECIAL EVENTS



Child Entrepreneurs!



Immunization Drive



**High Hats & Tea at
Saint Philip's College**



SPECIAL EVENTS



**St. Philip's Episcopal
Church San Antonio
Scholarship Fund
Founded**



Blessing of the Animals





VISION

Our vision is to be a church that serves our Lord and community with love and compassion, living and teaching the ways of Jesus Christ.

MISSION

We are the people of God, committed to Jesus Christ and the advancement of his kingdom on earth. Moving in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will adopt a spirit of Christian stewardship, fellowship, brotherhood, and faith consciously and actively in our hearts and minds; so that all become aware of their heritage as children of God.

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OUR CHALLENGES

We all agreed that we have challenges in front of us. We are ready to meet them with God's help and yours!

- We have a strong desire to be more involved in meeting the needs around us, which are many in our community; however, our desire outweighs our means to bring that desire to fruition.
- We understand the importance of growth, and we recognize the need to increase our numbers; however, we do not want our church to grow simply because we want a bigger church, bigger buildings, or increased income. We love our church, and we want others to experience the love, acceptance, and community that we experience at Saint Philip's!
- We consider our church family to be one of the great blessings in our lives! We welcome everyone and pray that St. Philip's feels like home. We would love to welcome a greater number of young families and children to grow with our church. We are looking for someone to work with us to help make this prayer/dream/hope a reality!
- Music is very important to us! We used to have a great music program, but it has dwindled down to one singer and an organist. We would like our next rector to help us rebuild an amazing music ministry to help lead our worship.



WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN A PRIEST?

In early 2025, we took part in a church-wide survey process to pray and reflect on who we are and where we believe God is moving us in the future. We also considered the gifts and qualities that will be important in our next leader. Among them are:

- Part-Time Rector with dynamic leadership skills
- Foster a sense of belonging and recognition among our community
- Maintain a strong relationship with St Philip's College
- Pastoral care for the sick, shut-in, and bereaved.
- Develop and support formation for children and youth.
- Develop and support a strong music program

We understand that you cannot do everything, and we do not expect you to! We will support you, and we will have your back.



SERVICES

Sunday Service 10:00am

Ash Wednesday

Holy Week

Easter Sunday

Christmas Eve

SAINT PHILIP'S BY THE NUMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

Active Members/Participants

81

Average Sunday Attendance

36

Baptisms

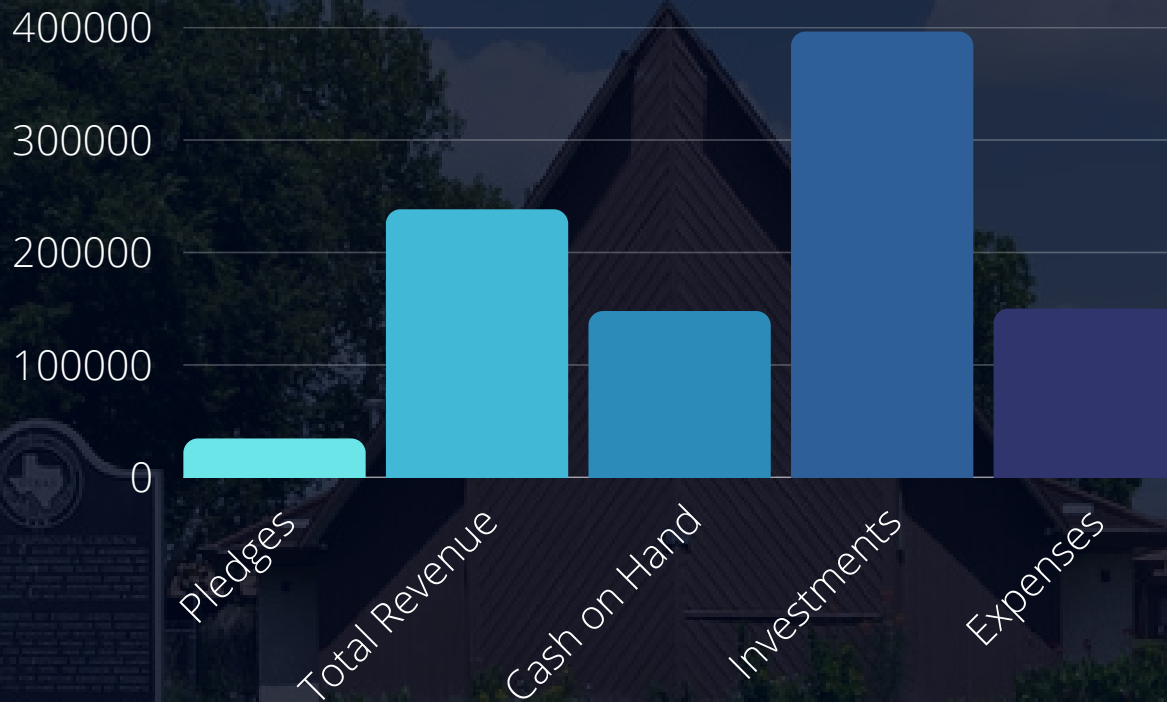
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Confirmations/Receptions

6

* As of August 31, 2025

SAINT PHILIP'S BY THE NUMBERS



Pledge Cards	13
Amount Pledged	\$34,660
Total Revenue	\$238,400
Total Expenses	\$150,116
Total Cash in Checking/Savings	\$147,957
Total Investments	\$396,425

*Total Revenue includes \$177,000 sell of donated property.

**Amounts are calculated from current year to date as of August 31, 2025.



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of West Texas*



The Right Reverend David Read, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, was consecrated as the 11th Diocesan Bishop in July, 2023. Prior to his consecration, Bishop Read served as rector of four congregation in the Diocese, most recently at St. Helena's in Boerne. Bishop Read brings a strong vision for church planning, discipleship, and congregational development. He reminds us that the Diocesan Staff exists solely to serve as a resource for the 87 congregations in the Diocese of West Texas.

Bishop Read has been married to his wife Jacqui since 1991; they have two children (Amy and Aiden) and three grandchildren (Kaydence, Makenna and Jameson David).



The Right Reverend Angela Cortinas, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas, was consecrated as the 7th Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese on March 15th, 2025. Prior to her consecration, Bishop Cortinas served congregations in Florida and Texas. She brings her many gifts and skills to the work and ministry of the Diocese, and oversees lay ministry development, Christian formation, and discipleship.

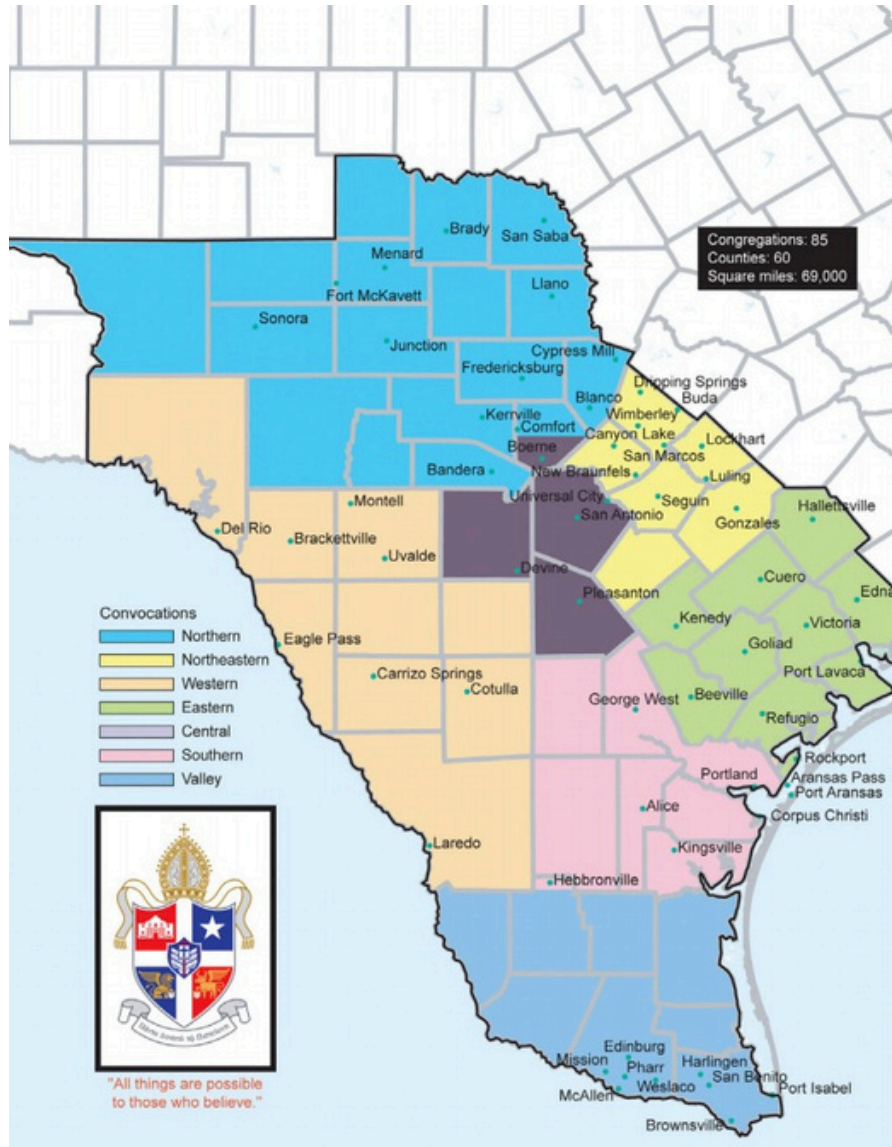
Bishop Cortinas has one daughter, Victoria Fletcher.



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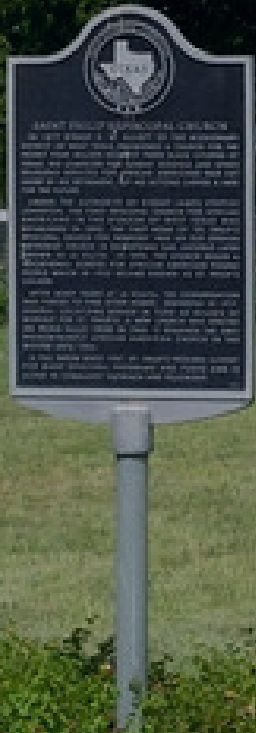


EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of West Texas*



We are a part of the Diocese of West Texas, which is made up of 87 congregations spread out over almost 70,000 square miles. From Brady and San Saba to the north, the Texas Hill Country, to the coastal bend, to the Rio Grande Valley, you will find faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ doing the work that God calls us to do!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR FAMILY!



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