



FAITHWAY – Eastertide 2019

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welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture.

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with Solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us.

We worship together in peace to praise and thank God, to transcend division, and to celebrate the mystery of faith.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful and Friends of Holy Faith,

What a wonderful Easter Day celebration we had at Holy Faith! A huge thank you goes to all the acolytes, musicians, altar guild members, ushers, greeters, hospitality members and clergy who made it all happen. The observances of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday – and the presence of our Bishop Michael Buerkel Hunn, Meg Buerkel Hunn, and their daughter Dosie – the weekday Eucharists, the pilgrimage to Chimayó, Tenebrae on Wednesday evening, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening, made our Easter joy that much more special and complete.



“May your Easter joy continue through the Easter Season!”

At the Great Vigil on Easter Eve, we kindled the New Fire and lit the Paschal Candle, which will burn for the fifty days of Eastertide, and at each baptism and funeral in the coming year. We also had the opportunity to renew our own baptismal vows as we witnessed the baptism of Sofia Castillo Salazar, daughter of our Facilities Manager Marcos and our Housekeeper Rocío. Some of the baptism was even conducted in Spanish!

On Easter Day, standing room-only crowds celebrated our Lord’s Resurrection. Between the services, more than thirty-five children scoured the campus for Easter Eggs, hidden by the youth of the parish. That Easter joy continued into the Second Sunday of Easter with three more baptisms – Layla Grace, Cecilia Rose, and Josephine Marie Condit.

May your Easter joy continue through the Easter Season! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Yours faithfully in the Risen Christ,

Robin D. Dodge
Rector



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MEET “MOTHER N’OTHER PAM” -
INTRODUCING REVEREND PAMELA GRAHAM

STORY BY JAMES OVERTON
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JANET MCCROSKEY AND JAMES OVERTON

BRINGING THE MESSAGE ALIVE...

By her own reckoning, the Rev. Pamela Graham says there’s hardly been a time that church has not helped to define her spiritual life.

The Rev. Graham joined Holy Faith earlier this year as an associate rector after eight years at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Rockdale, Texas. She initially learned about Holy Faith through parishioner Pam Jones, a longtime friend from Austin who subsequently asked if moving to Santa Fe might be of interest to her.

Ironically, prior to that – as can only happen in Santa Fe with its zero degrees of separation – Rev. Graham had a chance encounter with Fr. Robin Dodge, as she was about to attend a Holy Faith performance of Santa Fe’s Desert Chorale.

“I didn’t know him from Adam,” she related in a recent interview. And it took several months before they finally connected and firmed up a job possibility. That occasion also included a three-hour visit with her Labradoodle Oliver napping on the floor of the rector’s office.



"This was such a God thing," she said of the evolution of their working relationship. "I came out. I visited. The rest is history."

As she began her clerical duties, learning Rite One was a new experience. "I had never celebrated using Rite One. It was not my favorite way to pray. But prayer is prayer, right?" she asked rhetorically. "In the liturgy of Rite One, the sense of the sacred is very beautiful. We can be sacred in many places."



At Holy Faith, Mother Pam will also be working with the Women's Spirituality group. But she is especially excited about leading the Children's Ministry. But one young ward already delights in calling her "Mother N'other Pam."

She was raised Roman Catholic in San Antonio and Austin, Texas. While attending Southwest Texas State in San Marcos – and being a singer and guitarist – she explored Austin's early music scene. She sang at coffee houses and legendary East End clubs like The Chequered Flag in the heyday of folk singer Allan Wayne Damron and the 11th Door, a favorite haunt of Janis Joplin and Bob Dylan. "My instrument is my voice, and I play the guitar to

accompany myself," she says of the passion she still has for song. But the day came when she veered away from a possible show business career and turned to the church.

Mother Pam taught for more than 30 years in parochial and public schools while raising her three children, growing her academic portfolio while teaching all grades from kindergarten through university and operating "Genesis," a Christian bookstore in Austin.

"My call to the ministry came in 1984," she said. "I came to the Episcopal Church because I had done all I could do as a Catholic woman. I needed a sacramental community to worship in."

At Holy Faith, Mother Pam is now shepherding some 20 young children ranging in age from three to 10 or so. "My passion is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. That's basic. And to get children excited about that message, that it's not boring, old stuff, but about bringing the message alive and making it fun and exciting.

This means moving Holy Faith's youth from "Godly Play" to future mission trips for high schoolers. She is undeterred by the challenge of doing this in a generation where parents may need religious education themselves. She has creative ways to reach their children. Recent events have included a Valentine's Day "cookie caper" and observing the preparation of the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Introduce the young early and keep them engaged.

"I want to build a program where the kids just cannot wait to get here," she said. "I want them to have activities where they feel like they're needed, where they feel like they're serving God, that serving God is the greatest thing in the world they can do."

One of her five grandchildren reinforced her own ministry by asking Mother Pam why she went to church all the time. "Who made you, honey," she asked?

"God," her grandson answered.
"Who made this beautiful world?" she then asked.
"God," her grandson answered.
"Don't you think it would be a good idea to tell God, 'thank you?' " she posited, "for all of His children to get together and worship and thank God for what He's done?"
"Okay, let's go," answered the grandson.

"If only it was that easy," said Mother Pam.



HOLY WEEK IN PICTURES

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES OVERTON, PATTY & JAMES VAUGHAN AND CATHY GRONQUIST

PALM SUNDAY





PILGRIMAGE TO CHIMAYÓ





THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL





THE BAPTISM OF SOFIA CASTILLO SALAZAR



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND FESTIVE RECEPTION



LEST WE FORGET – THE BURNING OF THE PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND PRETZEL MAKING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES OVERTON





SEVENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S QUIET DAY: "SPIRITUALITY OF WILDERNESS: A LENTEN JOURNEY"

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY BONNIE HARDWICK

On Saturday, February 23, at least 85 women braved a nearly 8-inch overnight snowfall to participate in the seventh annual Women's Quiet Day at Holy Faith. The theme for the day was "Spirituality of Wilderness: A Lenten Journey." It was guided by The Rev. Carolyn Metzler (pictured, left), priest of the Diocese of the Rio Grande and Spiritual Director for the Living School, a major program of the Center for Action and Contemplation, founded by Franciscan Richard Rohr in Albuquerque.

The day began with a welcome continental breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00. Then in four interactive sessions, interspersed with periods of quiet reflection, Rev. Carolyn led the participants to examine the wildernesses within and around us, with wilderness meaning anything we cannot control, predict, or influence. We explored these places of mystery, uncertainty, difficulty, loneliness, limitation, ambiguity to discern how one finds holiness—meets God—in the wilderness experience. She then led us through the various stages of wilderness, from

the invitation to enter a wilderness to how to integrate into our lives what we learned or how we changed while there. And finally, she described the tools needed for the wilderness journey, such as prayer, confession and reconciliation, gratitude, Scripture, hospitality, reading and reflection, solitude, spiritual direction.

This year the Women's Quiet Day Committee also served a light lunch. It was a good opportunity for the participants to mingle with the more than 12 different religious communities, besides Holy Faith women, attending. The vigorous publicity outreach for the day made the occasion truly an interfaith community-building event.

Most of the women were able to stay for the culminating Holy Eucharist, organized by Canon Mark Childers, presided over by Mother Pam Graham in one of her first celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at Holy Faith, and which included topical readings, a stirring sermon by Rev. Carolyn, and Taizé hymns.



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S VALENTINE CAPERS

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LAST BUT NOT LEAST – CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF THE CONDIT GIRLS APRIL 28, 2019 PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES VAUGHAN



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