St. Dunstan's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rite II - Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

November 15, 2026
9:00am

The Clergy

The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan - *Rector*
The Reverend Steve Ferguson - *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Naty Menjivar - *Associate Rector*

Welcome

We are so glad that you are here! If you are new or visiting, please let an usher know so that we can connect with you! Children are welcome at all of our services. We also offer the following opportunities for children every Sunday:

- Nursery: Open 8:45am-12:45pm for children ages infant - 5 years old and located in the Bentley Education Center (BEC). Enter thru the doors under the porte-cochere
- Children's Chapel: After the Collect, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel in the BEC and will return to the worship service during the announcements.
- Prayground: A soft space near the choir loft for little ones to get the wiggles out during service while getting a front row seat to worship. Pews available in the area for parental supervision.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed and members of the congregation may be captured on camera during communion and other parts of the service.



We aspire to live out the Gospel of Christ as a Body of Believers
Rooted in Faith and Growing in Community

Our Core Values and Mission Strategy:

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: We seek to nurture the spiritual development of children and youth by encouraging their participation in the life of our congregation and larger community.
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: We gather often to build friendships and to share the love of God through interests, hobbies, activities, events, speakers, Bible study and outreach.
- CHRISTIAN FORMATION: We share the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and spiritual growth to develop Christian disciples.
- OUTREACH: We are passionate about providing Christ-centered ministries beyond the walls of St. Dunstan's by meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the local and global communities.
- WORSHIP: We look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of Episcopal worship while offering a variety of preaching styles, musical expressions, and opportunities to participate.
- PASTORAL CARE: We work to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of persons in our parish with well—trained and responsive lay and ordained pastors. Our practice of pastoral care extends beyond times of crisis to encompass our daily lives.

The Word of God

Prelude

Word of God Speak — *Pete Kipley and Bart Millard*

Entrance Song *All standing*

Love the Lord — *Lincoln Brewster*

Verse 1 - X2
Love the Lord Your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Chorus 1
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Verse 2 - X2
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength

Chorus 2
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Celebrant continues with following

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Gloria in Excelsis *Sung* — *David Horn*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

At this time , all children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to meet at the back of the church and follow the Children's Chapel Cross and adult leaders to your designated Chapel space in the BEC. The Children w ill return to the service during the announcements.

First Reading *The people sit.* Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *Said by all,*

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**
**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**
**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**
**4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**
**5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
**7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**
**8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
**12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Song *All standing.*

God of This City *Richard Bleakley, Aaron Boud, Peter Comfort, Ian Jordan, Peter Kernaghan, and Andrew McCann*

Verse
You're the God of this city You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation, You are
You're the light in this darkness You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless, You are

Pre-Chorus
There is no one like our God (2X)

Chorus
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city

Repeat Verse, Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done HERE!

The Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

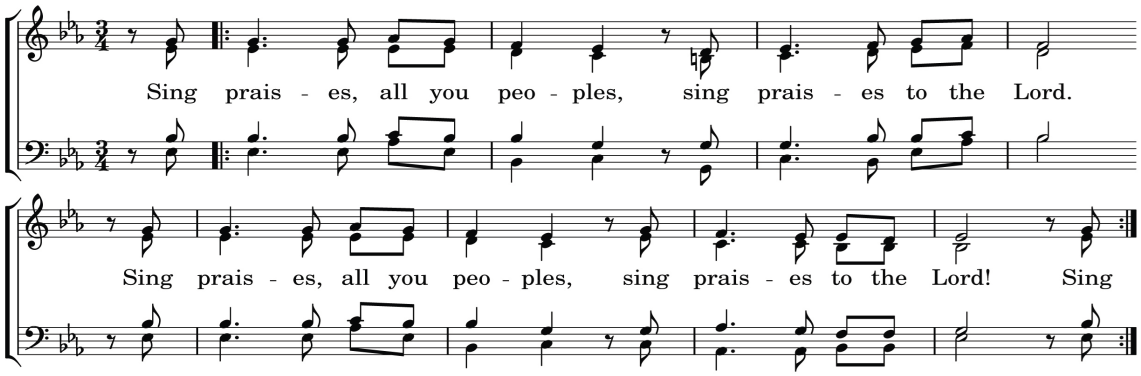
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Taize Response



The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Roman D. Roldan

The Nicene Creed *All standing and saying together,*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The People respond to all the petitions with

Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord Our God.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. All saying

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".

Announcements & Offering

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The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Goodness of God — *Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson*

Verse 1
I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2
I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (sung twice)
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Repeat Chorus twice

The Presentation of Alms and Oblations

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.
The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar

The Doxology H-281

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People **and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

which concludes

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung* — *David Horn*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant, kneeling

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People **Grant us thy peace.**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion follow the direction of the ushers towards the altar. Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, and carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming, or drink from the cup. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Prayer teams offering prayers for healing and thanksgiving are stationed in the chapel. You may go before or after you receive the Eucharist.

Communion Anthem

Your Great Name — *Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff*

Verse 1
Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name

Verse 2
Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name

Chorus
Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us, Son of God and Man
You are high and lifted up that all the world
Will praise Your great name

Verse 3
All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name

Verse 4
The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great name
The sick are healed and the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name

Repeat Chorus

Bridge
Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King
Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King

Breakdown
Jesus - The name of Jesus
You are high and lifted up and all the world
Will praise Your great name

Postcommunion Prayer

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Song of Mission

You Never Let Go — *Beth Redman and Matt Redman*

Verse 1
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

Pre-Chorus
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus
Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Verse 2
And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus

Ending
Lord, You never let go of me

The Dismissal

From the back of the church, the Priest dismisses the people, who respond

Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Laura's birthday and our church family, given by Ed and Laura Gunn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Community Coffee in the Mace Room! Come Connect with Us!

TODAY

Commitment Sunday - November 15

Commitment Sunday is today at all services! We invite you to prayerfully consider a commitment for 2027. Your gifts make our ministries and day to day operations possible! Visit saintdunstans.org/give to set up your 2027 pledge!

DOK Meetings - November 15 & 19

"Reflections on Thanksgiving" is the topic for the meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 10:15am in BEC 309. Our speaker is Sister Veronica-Noel. On Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11am, the DOK hosts a docent-led tour of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston's own Gothic Revival church. Following the tour, lunch will be available in the Cafe as well as shopping in the Gift Shoppe. Please RSVP to currentsa@gmail.com by November 10. All parish women are invited!

COMING UP

Reminiscers - November 18

The Reminiscers Group will meet at 4pm at Zara's on Wednesday, November 18th. All are welcome! Contact Annette Matthews 832-244-4524 to RSVP. ***Bring a copy of your favorite Thanksgiving Recipe!

Youth Day Time Lock In - November 23

Enjoy games, food, a movie and fun with your fellow youth during Thanksgiving break! In the Youth Room 8am-2pm Monday, November 23rd. Email sjones@saintdunstans.org

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 25

Come give thanks at the Lord's table before Thanksgiving Day! Join us for a service at 7:00pm on November 25th.

Advent Decorating - November 29

Help decorate and make the Christmas season come alive on our campus! Meet in the Mace Room at 10:15am.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas - December 12

Enjoy food, holiday crafts, & a visit from Saint Nicholas. FREE—invite friends for some holiday Fun! Scan the QR Code to shop our Seafarers amazon wishlist for items to assemble in boxes during the event!

Lessons & Carols - December 13

Hear nine Lessons which tell the story of a God who prepared a great Messiah to be with us and save us from our sins, so that we can be with Him forever. Sing the carols of the season, pray for the world, the Church, and the poor. Livestreamed.

MINISTRIES

Become a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministry training equips you to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care through listening, prayer, and encouragement. You don't need all the answers—just a willing heart! Could God be calling YOU to this ministry? Contact Kelley Helmick to learn more: 713-899-1746.

Clothed by Faith Collection

JDOK is still collecting clothes for the whole family through December! Clothed by Faith provides clothes and shoes for families in need throughout Houston. Bring donations to the bin outside of Sandy's office in the Mace Room!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Three dates remaining for the rest of 2026! Please note we accept only one donation per Sunday so that each person's dedication receives the proper attention. Visit saintdunstans.org/give to donate!

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