

The Rev. James Paul Haney V, through no fault of his own, was born on the east coast while his father was in seminary, but by the grace of God grew up largely in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas. Though he has lived in three of the four largest metro areas in the country, as well as in a number of small towns with fewer than ten thousand people, he feels most comfortable in medium sized cities (like Lubbock).

Jim is a cradle Episcopalian, and the son (of Rev. James P Haney, IV, retired rector of St. Christopher's- Lubbock,) nephew, grandson, and great-grandson of Episcopal priests. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Renee, since 1984. They are the proud parents of two middle-school-aged children: Jimmy (James Paul VI), who was also born "back east" while *his* father was in seminary, and Lisa (Elizabeth Renee) who, like her mother, is proud to be a native Texan.

After graduating from Lubbock High, Jim attended Texas Tech University as a National Merit Scholar, receiving his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1985. During a brief stint in medical school he realized he was headed in the wrong direction, dropped out, and taught high school chemistry and physics for five years in the small South Plains cotton farming town of Lockney, until he could begin the process of candidacy for Holy Orders. During that time he and Renee were active members of St. Mark's, Plainview.

He graduated from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary with a Master's of Divinity degree in 1995. After ordination, he became the regional vicar of three mission congregations in the northeastern corner of Northwest Texas: Vernon, Quanah, and Childress.

In late 1997, he was called to be rector of Good Shepherd, Wichita. Jim has been active in the Diocese of Kansas as a camp chaplain, a two time deputy to General Convention, and on numerous committees, most recently the Standing Committee and as chair of the Examining Chaplains. He also served on the national Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop.

The Haney's enjoy traveling—Lisa and Jimmy have been to 43 states since they started school. Jim also is a movie buff, has an extensive music collection (predominantly rock, country, and classical), enjoys video games, walks outdoors, camping, and swinging a golf club (albeit badly).

Renee has been an Episcopalian since early childhood. She's been very active in ECW, including serving at provincial and national levels. She's also been heavily involved with the childrens' school, including a stint as PTA president. When she's able to say "No" to outside commitments, she enjoys reading, playing piano, needlework, and cuddling up with her beloved beagles.

While it will be tough to say goodbye to the folks in Wichita, Jim and Renee resonate with the line from the old Mac Davis song: "Happiness is Lubbock, Texas growing nearer and dearer." The Haneys are looking forward to many good years at St. Paul's.



***NOTE* Those who may be interested in reading a few of his many sermons may log onto his current parish website where they are located on the Sermons page.**

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