



The Episcopate in West Texas

Diocesan Bishops (dates indicate years served as diocesan bishop)

1874 - 1887

ROBERT WOODWARD BARNWELL ELLIOTT, D.D.

Bishop Elliott was born August 16, 1840, in Beaufort, South Carolina. He graduated from South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. and was ordained deacon by Bishop Quintard on August 4, 1868, and priest by Bishop Beckwith on April 9, 1871. He married Carolina Elliott, a third cousin. Bishop Elliott was consecrated on November 15, 1874, by Bishops Gregg, Wilmer and Quintard. He was 106 in American Succession. He became the first Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Texas in 1874. He received his D.D. from the University of the South. He died on August 26, 1887, and was buried in Sewanee, Tennessee.

1888 - 1916

JAMES STEPTOE JOHNSTON, D.D.

Bishop Johnston was born June 9, 1845, in Church Hill, Mississippi. He attended the University of Virginia and was ordained deacon in 1869 and priest in 1871 by Bishop Green. He married Mary M. Green and they had four children. Bishop Johnston was consecrated January 6, 1881, by Bishops Wilmer, Dudley and Tuttle. He is 144 in American Succession. He was Second Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Texas from 1888 to 1904 and first bishop of the Diocese of West Texas from 1905 to 1916. He received his D.D. from the University of the South. Bishop Johnston died in 1924 and was buried from St. Mark's, San Antonio, by Bishop Kinsolving in November 1924. Burial was at Mission Park, South.

1916 - 1943

WILLIAM THEODOTUS CAPERS, D.D.

Bishop Capers was born August 9, 1867, in Greenville, South Carolina. He attended the University of Kentucky and received his M.A. with D.D. from University of the South. Bishop Capers was ordained deacon 1894 and priest in 1895 by Bishop Ellison Capers. He married Rebecca Holt Bryan who died in 1931. He married Mrs. Louis Cash Meyers in 1936, and they had three children. Bishop Capers was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas in 1914 by Bishop Tuttle, Bishop Weed and Bishop J. S. Johnston. He was 270 in American Succession. He was Bishop of West Texas 1916-1943. He died March 1943 and was buried from St. Mark's Church with burial at Mission Park, South.

1943 - 1969

EVERETT HOLLAND JONES, D.D.

Bishop Jones was born June 9, 1902, in San Antonio, Texas. He received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, and was ordained deacon in June 1926 and priest in July 1927 by Bishop Capers. Bishop Jones married Helen Miller Cameron. He was consecrated 4th Bishop of West Texas in September 1943 by Bishop Tucker, Bishop Fenner and Bishop McKinstry. He was 440 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from the University of the South, Sewanee. Bishop Jones retired in 1969. He died November 18, 1995 and was buried from St. Mark's Church with interment at St. Mark's Church.

1969 - 1976

HAROLD CORNELIUS GOSNELL, D.D.

Bishop Gosnell was born July 17, 1908, in Syracuse, New York. He attended Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. and was ordained deacon in April 1933 and priest in November 1933 by Bishop Fisek. He married Marjorie O. Adams and they had two children. Bishop Gosnell was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas on September 11, 1968, by Bishop Hines, Bishop Jones and Bishop Burroughs. He was 633 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from the University of the South. Bishop Gosnell served as Diocesan Bishop from 1969 until his retirement in 1977. He died on July 18, 1999 and was buried from St. Mark's Church.



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1977 - 1987

SCOTT FIELD BAILEY, D.D.

Bishop Bailey was born October 7, 1916, in Houston, Texas. He received his M. Div. & D.D. at Virginia Theology Seminary; STM and D.D. University of the South and D.D. at Seminary of South West. Bishop Bailey was ordained deacon March 1942 and priest in December 1942 by Bishop Quinn. He married Evelyn L. Williams and they have four children. He was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Texas in September 1964 by Bishop Hines, Bishop Quarterman and Bishop Goddard. He was 604 in American Succession. Bishop Bailey became Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas in 1976. He served as Diocesan Bishop from 1977 until his retirement in 1987. Bishop Bailey died April 9, 2004, with interment in the Columbarium of the Chapel of St. John at the Bishop Jones Diocesan Center.

1987 - 1995

JOHN HERBERT MacNAUGHTON, D.D.

Bishop MacNaughton was born November 19, 1929, in Duluth, Minnesota. He attended Bexley Hall Divinity School in Ohio. Bishop MacNaughton was ordained deacon June 1954 and priest in February 1955 by Bishop Keeler. He married Shirley Ross and they have five children. He was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas in February 1986 by Bishop Browning, Bishop S. F. Bailey and Bishop S. Hauser and is 802 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from University of the South, Sewanee. He became Diocesan Bishop of West Texas in 1987 and retired December 31, 1995.

1996 - 2006

JAMES EDWARD FOLTS, D.D.

Bishop Folts was born March 11, 1940, in San Antonio, Texas. He received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary was ordained deacon in July 1965 by Bishop E. H. Jones. He was ordained priest in January 1966 by Bishop R. E. Dicus. He married Sandra Pauline Johnston and they have two children. Bishop Folts was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas in February 1994 by Bishop Browning, Bishop S. F. Bailey and Bishop John H. MacNaughton and was 889 in American succession. He received his D.D. from Virginia Theological Seminary and University of the South. He became Diocesan Bishop in 1996 and retired in 2006.

2006 - 2017

GARY RICHARD LILLIBRIDGE, D.D.

Bishop Lillibridge was born May 2, 1956, in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a B.S. in education in 1978 and earned his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1982. He was ordained deacon in June 1982 by Bishop Hauser and priest on January 1, 1983, by Bishop Bailey. He married Catherine DeForest and they have three children. He was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas in February 2004 by Presiding Bishop Griswold, Bishop James Edward Folts, Bishop Robert Hibbs, Bishop Scott Field Bailey, Bishop John MacNaughton, Bishop Earl McArthur, and Bishop McAllister and was 995 in American succession. He became Diocesan Bishop on February 23, 2006 and retired in 2017.

2017 -

DAVID MITCHELL REED, D.D.

Bishop Reed Bishop Reed was born March 9, 1957, in Brownsville, Texas. He received his M.Div. from Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1983. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Hauser in June 1973 and priest on January 13, 1984 by Bishop Bailey. He married Patricia Ann Kopec on June 18, 1988. They have two children. Bishop Reed was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas on August 26, 2006, by Bishop Bruce MacPherson of Western Louisiana and President of Province VII, Bishop Gary Lillibridge, Bishop James Folts, Bishop Robert Hibbs, Bishop John MacNaughton, and Bishop Earl McArthur. He was 1005 in American succession. Bishop Reed was installed Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas on February 28, 2015 and became Diocesan Bishop on June 3, 2017.



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Suffragan Bishops

RICHARD EARL DICUS, D.D.

Bishop Dicus was born September 1, 1910, in Jerome, Arizona. He received his M.Div. from School of Theology of University of the South. He was ordained deacon in January 1938 and priest in November 1938 by Bishop Richard Mitchell. He married Mildred Dawson and they had two children. He was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of West Texas on July 11, 1955, by Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, Bishop Frederick D. Goodwin, and Bishop Nobel C. Powell. Bishop Dicus was 536 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from the University of the South. He retired in 1976. He died January 13, 1996, with interment in Nogales, Arizona.

STANLEY FILLMORE HAUSER, D.D.

Bishop Hauser was born August 7, 1922, in Laredo, Texas. He received his M. Div. from University of the South and was ordained deacon in September 1945 and priest in October 1946 by Bishop Jones. He married Madelyn M. Horner and they have 5 children. Bishop Hauser was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of West Texas on August 4, 1979, by Bishop Allin, Bishop Bailey and Bishop Jones. He was 731 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from the University of the South. He retired in 1987. Bishop Hauser died in August, 1989, and was buried from St. Mark's Church, San Antonio. Interment is in the Columbarium of the Chapel of St. John at the Bishop Jones Diocesan Center.

EARL NICHOLAS McARTHUR, D.D.

Bishop McArthur was born January 1, 1925, in Houston, Texas. He received his M. Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. Bishop McArthur was ordained Deacon in July 1963 by Bishop Jones and priest in 1964 by Bishop Dicus. He married Shirley Nyberg and they have four children. He was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of West Texas in January 1988 by Bishop Browning, Bishop MacNaughton and Bishop Gosnell and is 822 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from the Virginia Seminary and University of the South, Sewanee. Bishop McArthur retired in 1993.

ROBERT BOYD HIBBS, D.D.

Bishop Hibbs was born April 20, 1932, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. with a BA. He received his S.T.B. from General Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Roberts in June 1957 and priest in December 1957 by Bishop Hart. He married Nancy Joane Alexander on August 24, 1957. They have three children, one of whom is deceased. Bishop Hibbs was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas on January 6, 1996, by Bishop Browning, Bishop Scott Field Bailey, Bishop John Herbert MacNaughton, Bishop Earl Nicholas McArthur and Bishop James Edward Folts and is 911 in American Succession. He received his D.D. from The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He retired in December 2003.

DAVID MITCHELL REED, D.D.

Bishop Reed was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of West Texas in 2006 and served as Suffragan until installed Bishop Coadjutor in 2015. *See Diocesan Bishop section above for full biography.*

JENNIFER BROOKE-DAVIDSON

Bishop Brooke-Davidson was born June 29, 1960 in Corpus Christi, Texas. She graduated from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut with a BA and the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas with a JD. Prior to ordination, Brooke-Davidson practiced commercial financial law for 12 years. She married Carrick Brooke-Davidson on August 17, 1985, and they have two children. She was ordained a deacon by Bishop Reed in June 2009 after graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary and ordained a priest on December 16, 2009 by Bishop Lillibridge. Bishop Brooke-Davidson was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas on July 29, 2017 by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Ahrens, Bishop Gary Lillibridge, Bishop Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop Gutiérrez, and Bishop David M. Reed She was 1104 in American succession and resigned in 2019 to serve as Assistant Bishop of Virginia.



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