

# Our Bishop



## **The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read, Bishop of West Texas**

David Read was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on May 18, 1965 to Bill and Doris Read while Bill was on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. The third of three sons, he was baptized at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Winston-Salem before the family returned to San Antonio. David was confirmed at St. Francis' Episcopal Church in San Antonio by the Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Texas State University in San Marcos in 1988.

He graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA in 1992 with a Master in Divinity degree. He was ordained to the diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Earl McArthur, Jr. at St. Francis' Church in San Antonio on June 14, 1992. On December 16, 1992 he was ordained a priest by the Rt. Rev. John MacNaughton at St. Paul's Church in Brady.

David married Jacqueline Cheeseman on June 29, 1991, at St. Mark's Church in San Marcos. The couple has two children, Amy and Aidan, and three grandchildren, Kaydence, Makenna, and Jameson David.

David served as rector of St. Paul's Church in Brady from 1992 to 1995; St. Francis Church in Victoria from 1995 to 1998; St. Helena's Church & School in Boerne from 1998 to 2009; and St. Luke's Church & School in San Antonio from 2009 to 2017. He returned to St. Helena's in 2017, serving as rector there until his election as bishop coadjutor. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development from Bexley Seabury Seminary in 2022.

He was elected bishop coadjutor for the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas at the 119th Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi, on February 18, 2023, and consecrated by Bishop W. Michie Klusmeyer in All Saints Chapel at TMI Episcopal in San Antonio, July 8, 2023. He is the sixteenth bishop to serve in West Texas (the eleventh diocesan) and 1159 in the American Succession.