

Events happened rapidly. In an improvised church building, transformed from a hamburger stand, the first service of Morning prayer was held on All Saints Day, November 1, 1942. With the congregation increasing, on July 1, 1945 ground breaking ceremonies were held and work started on the new parish hall building at 9th and Yale Avenue.

On Easter day, April 21, 1946, the first service was held in the completed Chapel Hall, and Rev. Crosbie became Vicar of St. Luke's Chapel. The new church was a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Lorton in memory of their son Robert Eugene Lorton.

Rev. Crosbie became the rector after St. Luke's was established as a parish in January 1951. Tragically, shortly thereafter he contracted pneumonia and passed away in March of 1951. Dr. Sears Riepma was selected as the interim rector and served until Rev. Charles Wilcox was installed as the rector on September 1, 1951. During this time, there was a huge increase in the development around east Tulsa and the end of World War II saw many young men returning to the area. As a result, the congregation grew so that by 1954 St. Luke's Church was the fourth largest parish in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

During these years of growth, the parish acquired eight buildings lots in the neighborhood. Ground was broken for the new, two story Crosbie Hall in 1952, with funds pledged by the members. It was dedicated by Bishop Chilton Powell on Palm Sunday in 1954.

In the early 1970's, a two-story building on the property next to the church was bought and made into a thrift store on the lower level and an apartment on the upper level. Subsequently in the 1990's, the thrift store was closed and also converted into an apartment.

Under the new leadership of Fr. Wilcox, stained glass windows were purchased for the nave as memorial gifts and in 1971 plans were made to build a pipe organ in the sanctuary. The organ was eventually built and installed by the Reuter Organ Company, and consists of eight ranks controlled by a two manual and pedal board console.

In July 1978, Fr. Wilcox called Rev. Thomas L. Haifley to be the new curate. Three months after Fr. Wilcox's retirement Fr. Haifley was called by the vestry to be the third rector of St. Luke's Church.

During the early 1970's, the neighborhood of the parish began to change. Tulsa's development exploded to the south and new Episcopal churches were established. During this period many St. Luke's families moved to the new south Tulsa neighborhoods and transferred the new congregations present a new challenge to the considerably smaller congregation of St. Luke's.

In June of 1987, Fr. Haifley was called to be rector of St. Christopher's in Midwest City, Ok. And Rev. William David Mullinax-the parish curate since April of 1985 — became the priest-in-charge until the vestry called Rev. William Patrick Douthitt of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to the fourth rector of the parish in 1988. After almost twenty years of service to St. Luke's Fr. Douthitt retired in April 2008.

In spite of the ups and downs common to any parish, and the shifting dynamics of the parish environment, St. Luke's continues to be a vibrant part of the local community, namely with thirty years of experience with the Meals on Wheels program, years of feeding the less fortunate at the Tulsa Day Center for the homeless, among other forms of outreach.

St. Luke's parish, numbering approximately 100 members continues as a Christian family with deep spiritual beliefs, which enables us to continue to follow the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to go forth into the world and preach the good news of the gospel to those who thirst for the healing ministry of our Lord.