
THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worshipping at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to join us as we worship, work, sing, laugh, cry, admit our sin, and experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ.

Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am, 9am and 11am; Evening prayer at 6pm.

Receiving Communion

All baptized persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest; request gluten free wafers from your bread minister.

Prayers for Healing

Prayers are available at the Prayer desk on the back wall behind the pulpit during Communion and between the services.

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God. *Sign-ups to donate altar flowers are located in the narthex on the bulletin board.*

Outreach Partner of the Month: Del Valle Book Drive.

Great thanks to those who have come forward already with children's books for Del Valle Elementary School! Each bag, each box, delivered to the narthex or office brings us closer to our goal of 2000 new and gently-used books for May distribution.

Did you grow up reading Winnie the Pooh, Make Way for Ducklings, Amelia Bedelia, Little House on the Prairie, Julie of the Wolves? How blessed you were... Many Del Valle children lack any books at home or library access. We have found this simple way to enrich their lives and help them retain their newly-acquired reading skills over summer vacation. Anything from earliest "I Can Read" beginner books through books 6th graders would enjoy will be welcome. Look around at home for idle books that could make a difference to a Del Valle child.

Any questions? Mary Hermes can answer them all! Visit the information table that will be set up in the church entryway throughout April and find out how you can help with books, monetary donations, and distributing the books to the children at Dell Valle.

Today at St. Michael's

Taco Breakfast 10:10-10:50am in the Parish Hall

Gather in the Parish Hall between the services for a delicious taco breakfast prepared by our Men's Group. Tacos are always served on the first Sunday of the month and this is a great opportunity for fellowship between folks who attend different services.

Food Pantry Sunday

Our highlighted food for April is canned fruit. Donations will be collected in the church entryway and during Taco Breakfast. The St. Michael's Food Pantry serves a great many families throughout the

Weekly Prayer

Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday, during Lent, at 9am in the Worship Space. For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee, (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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Austin community. If you have a few extra cans or any other non perishable foods stashed away, please consider donating them to our food pantry. Not just on Food Pantry Sunday but every week where you feel you can give a little more. The donation basket is located in the narthex at the center table.

Men's Group 5-6:30pm in the Parish Hall

The Men's group will be meeting for a Lenten Check In. Discussion of how our Lent is going and what we can do in the remaining 2 weeks of Lent to better prepare for the Celebration of Easter. Great fellowship, Great discussions. Tasty snacks provided. BYOB if desired. Contact Andy Hines with questions ahines@hinespool.com

Upcoming

Spring Spruce Up on Saturday, April 8th 9am-12:30pm

In advance of a busy month of April (Easter and the bishop's visit!!!) we're going to do a mass clean-up of the church and the grounds, such as picking up trash and organizing things around the building. Come ready to clean up some clutter and maybe even move some pews around. There will be lunch served afterwards!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the Easter Vigil Sunrise Service, April 16

If you or someone in your family has never been baptized, please speak with Rev. Peter or Rev. Brin no later than Sunday, April 9th. A baptism preparation class (required for adult candidates and one or both parents and god-parents) will be scheduled on a weeknight before the baptism date.

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day, April 16 10:30am

For all kids 5th grade and under. Will be held in the grassed areas around the parking lot (kindergartners and under will have their own place). Please drop off 1 dozen filled eggs to the church office by Friday, April 14, if your child is going to take part.

Serving

No One Dies Alone is a volunteer ministry to ensure that hospital patients don't face death alone - even if they were alone in life.

Upcoming training session: Seton Medical Center, Hays:
Saturday, May 6, 8:30am -12pm.

To register contact Rachel Smith at rbsmith@seton.org. For more information, contact Lil Mills at lillianmills@mccombs.utexas.edu.

Simple Gifts

This year our Lenten Simple Gifts will benefit four of our fellow Episcopal entities

St. Etienne's Episcopal School in Haiti; with whom St. Stephens Episcopal School is partnered in ministry. SMEC donations have played an important role in providing salaries for teachers & staff, and helping sustain their educational program, *and three of our companion dioceses*

Southern Malawi; where our donations are used to help bring water to small villages so girls are free to spend their days in school.

North Dakota; where we help maintain an Episcopal presence to listen & minister to the Native Americans, who have not, historically, seen the best of Christian Missionary work.

Costa Rica; with whom we partner in ministry to at-risk youth & help build churches in the inner city.

Gifts can be made this Sunday in the church entryway and will also be available April 2, and 9. You can find more details about our companion dioceses in the December 2016 Dialog, (the magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; available online at www.epicenter.org) or contact Kay Allen (kaytballen@gmail.com)

Integrity Group, Sunday, April 30th 7-8:30pm in the Parlor/Cry Room

We would like to welcome all LGBTQ persons of faith and seekers, as well as their allies, to be a part of the Integrity Group. We will focus on informing and educating others on LGBTQ issues and being there to support persons that have questions in a Christian setting. Confidentiality will be kept. Please feel free to attend or to ask questions. For more information contact Phillip Boone at clayton12673@yahoo.com

Christian Formation and Education Each Sunday

Children and Student Ministries during Worship

Christian Education for 3 year olds through 12th grade takes place in the Education Wing during both the 9 and 11am services. Once their programs are over, everyone is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their parents and families.

Nursery care 8:45am to 12:30pm in the Education wing for infants to 3 years old and staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

Adult Educations and Family Fellowship 10:10-10:50am

Please note: these opportunities do not meet on the first Sunday of the Month so that everyone can enjoy Taco Breakfast.

Living the Weekly Word in the Cry Room. Bible Study on the weekly RCL (Revised Common Lectionary.) Readings can be found at <http://www.lectionarypage.net>. Contact Will (will@st-michaels.org) for more information.

Sunday Seekers Book Study 10:10 to 10:50am in the Bride's Room. The current book is 'How God Became God' by Richard Smoley. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Contact Phyllis Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for details.

Playground Fellowship in the Education wing playground. All parents and children are welcome. Rev. Brin and Lesley will be on hand to talk. Hot coffee and snacks will be provided.

EYC Hangout for 6-12th graders and **Kids Intermission for preschool-5th grade** 10:10 -10:50am in rooms 8 and 6 of the Education Wing. Games, snacks, and fun - a chance to connect with friends from the other service.

Episcopal Youth Community

3:00-4:30pm in room 8 of the education wing and is open to all 6th through 12th grade students. Come for fun games and a short program. Contact Anthony for details.

Announcement

The Staff and Wardens of St. Michael's have made the decision to engage a bookkeeper for the church accounting functions. This person will work under the Parish Administrator, and will be a part-time position. It will be posted on our website as well as several other websites in the next several days. The posted job-description will be a summary-only of the duties expected and requisites of the position. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please direct them to our website or they may submit their resume to jobs@st-michaels.org

Holy Week and Easter at St. Michael's

Palm Sunday, April 9

7:45am, 9am, 11am - Sunday of the Passion liturgy with palms

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6pm - Agape Meal with Eucharist and Foot Washing

8pm - All Night Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 14

9am - Wilderness Stations of the Cross

Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

7pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Morning, Sunday, April 16

6am - Easter Vigil Sunrise Service followed by Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall

9am - Easter Worship with Eucharist

10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt for kids 5th grade and under

11am - Easter Worship with Eucharist

Scripture Resources for The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament - Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms - Psalm 95

New Testament - Romans 5:1-11

Gospel - John 4:5-42