
THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday Worship 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 and 10am; Evening prayer at 6pm.

Receiving Communion

All persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

Prayers for Healing

Prayer Team members are available at the Prayer Desk (located on the back, left wall of the Worship Space) during Communion and after the services.

Altar Flowers

This week's Easter flowers are given to the glory of God. Sign-ups for Flower offerings are in the narthex on the board next the Vesting Room.

Summer Sundays at St Michael's

Today is the first of our new service schedule. Our Sunday begins with Worship at 7:45am, followed at 8:30am by a simple continental breakfast and fellowship time.

At 9am we have an all ages Education Hour. There are a variety of programs for adults (6-12 graders are also welcome to attend these) including Seekers book group in the Brides Room, a bible study of the Book of Acts in the Cry Room, and a new offering in the Parish Hall, Sunday Roundtable, which this week will feature Rev. Peter discussing his recent trip to Honduras. Children's Sunday school for preschool to 5th grade will take place in the Education wing.

At 10:00am Worship with Holy Eucharist includes a Chapel to which all children are invited.

Our worship concludes with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm.

Today

Memorial Day Blessings

All military active duty, reserves, and veterans are invited to the altar for a special blessing. We deeply appreciate your service to our country.

Pentecost Decorating

Will take place after the 10:00 service. All of our glorious red hangings will be going up to celebrate. The more people stay to help, the more beautiful drapes will be raised. So stay after the service and get to play with pulleys and yards and yards of gorgeous fabric. See Tom or Claire Bray if you have questions.

Upcoming Events

St. Michael's Book Group Wednesday, May 31, at 2:30pm at Trianon Coffee Shop (3201 Bee Cave Rd.)

We will discuss the novel *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jackie King,

Prayer Services during the Week

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays 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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Pentecost Sunday, June 4

It is the birthday of the church and we have no shortage of things going on. In keeping with the tradition of Pentecost, we will read sections of the Prayers of the People in different tongues. Contact Rev. Peter if you would like to participate. We will also read The Lord's Prayer all together in different languages - translations are available in the church entryway. Our worship service will include two baptisms and at the end, we will process to the courtyard to bless our new cross. A delicious Lamb Roast Brunch, cooked up by the Men's Group, will conclude our day and don't forget to wear **red!**



Vacation Bible Camp, June 5-9, 1-4pm

One week to go and only a couple of spots left before the excitement of VBC begins! Hoards of children will be traveling through the Education Wing rooms having fun with science, crafts, music, bible stories, games and snacks - all helping them to 'Discover their Strength in God'. Some supplies are still needed - contact Lesley (lesley@st-michaels.org) if you would like to help with these. Register [here](#) or on the VBC page of the website for the last few spots!

Announcements

Rector Search Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We got a great response from the congregation. This survey was designed and interpreted by a company that specifically works with churches. It has given us some feedback on the congregational outlook in our time of transition and what characteristics a new rector will need to take us there. The Vestry just received the survey reports and interpretation. We want to review the information and data thoroughly. Our next step is to share the results at congregational meetings in June. These meetings will be an opportunity to listen, be heard and have your questions answered about the information we received.

Also, the Vestry is now accepting nominations for those interested in serving on the Search Committee for our new rector. You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their consent). The Vestry will select a small committee from the nominations received. Nomination forms and additional information are now on the website. Nominees should be active and confirmed members that

are recognized as leaders in the church. Nominees must be able to keep information confidential, work well with others, attend frequent meetings and travel on weekends. The active search may take 6 to 9 months. The Committee will be responsible for interviewing candidates presented by the Bishop based on the characteristics outlined by the congregation. Committee members will represent the church and work together until they can recommend a candidate to the Vestry. If you have any questions, please contact Margo Russell (margo@russellcpa.com) or any member of the Vestry.

Outreach Partner of the Month for May: Garden of Eating

Dirt, compost, water, seeds, plants, sun and hands make a garden grow. St. Michael's has 400 square feet of raised beds that a few dedicated members of the parish have been cultivating for 5 years. We have given hundreds of pounds of organic vegetables to our food pantry clients, Neighbor2Neighbor at St. James, and Manos de Cristo so that they may eat healthy food. Please support our work by making a donation or purchasing a sachet of lavender and fresh herbs, all from the garden, in the narthex after the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services. *"The people who give you their food give you their heart."* -Cesar Chavez.

Outreach Partner of the Month for June: Women's Storybook Project of Texas

Women's Storybook Project of Texas builds relationships between mothers behind bars and their children. Mothers include a short, personal message and children receive a copy of the recording and a new book each month. Contact Patricia for ways to support this important mission (patrcianewton@austin.rr.com)

Christian Formation and Education for the summer at 9am

Acts Bible Study in the Cry Room/Parlor The season of Easter explores the book of Acts. The book of the bible that tells the story of the apostles after Jesus ascended into heaven and how they founded the first church. Contact Will (will@st-michaels.org) for more info.

Sunday Seekers Book Study in the Bride's Room We will be starting a new book 'How to Read the Apocalypse' by Jean-Pierre Prévost. Bring your own copy or contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) if you'd like to order one. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Sunday Roundtables in the Parish Hall Each Sunday we will have a roundtable during education hour with various topics. This week, Rev. Peter will be talking about his recent veterinarian mission to Honduras. On Pentecost, June 4, our own Cameron Spoor will be back with us to talk about his mission to Cuba.

Children's Sunday School in the Education Wing. Our Summer program for children, preschool through 5th grade, will take place in rooms 2 and 5. We will explore some of our more familiar bible stories in a relaxed and fun way, incorporating the most popular part of our regular program - snack and games! Each week will be a stand alone session so join us whenever you are in town.

Children's Chapel during the 10am service All children are invited to take part in our new chapel program. Everyone will begin in church together then, during the 'Song of Praise', those children who want to take part will all leave together for their own worship service in the Brides room. Chapel will follow the liturgy of the day with readings, prayers, and music and will help the children become familiar with our Episcopal Worship service. We will rejoin families in church at the Passing of the Peace.

Nursery care 7:45am to 11:30am in the Education wing for infants to 3 years old; staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

Del Valle Book Drive Success



The Del Valle Book Delivery was a huge success on Monday. Many thanks go to Lil and Jim Mills for renting a U-Haul to make the transportation of the boxes much easier. The U-Haul was filled from back to front, top to bottom! Without their muscle power along with the physical strength of Anthony Orona, Will Root, and Michael Wiggan the books might still be sitting in the office.

Also many thanks go to each of you who donated books to make the drive a success. A special thanks goes to the Oberles and Bridge Point Elementary who gave thousands of books to Del Valle Elementary. That is not an exaggeration. Also, if Jean Grubb charged rent for storing thousands of books during the last year, we would be broke.

Most especially we give Mary Hermes thanks and praise for her dedication to the purchasing of many of the beautiful books we donate. Mary seeks out the best deals for the best books all year long. She

has organized the book drive for many years and has given much of her time to make it successful. Thank you all for your generosity.

Here is an excerpt from a letter written by Jennifer Eberly at Del Valle Elementary that expresses why we do this: "We work hard to pass this love of reading on to our students at DVE. The partnership that we have with your congregation plays a big role in that. Our students get excited about choosing books at the distribution and remember it from year to year. This opportunity to put books in their hands helps us promote the love of reading throughout the summer.

I really don't think that there are words to say how appreciative we are for your continued support. I am always amazed at how many books pour in each year. We are very blessed. Thank you for helping us build a love of reading with our students."

Scripture Resources for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

First Lesson - Acts 1:6-14; Second Lesson - 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; Gospel - John 17:1-11