

# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

JANUARY 31, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

Our Lenten Speaker Series this year is "God + Grace + Hope Amid the Pandemic." We have five amazing speakers, profiled below. This will be an online-only series, with a new video message posted on our website each Sunday, followed each Tuesday by an in-depth conversation on Fr. John's weekly podcast. While this series will feel much different since we can't gather in person, your extravagant generosity nonetheless weaves the St. Michael's community into a greater whole, letting us offer the wisdom of these speakers to our neighbors not only in Austin, but also to the wider world. Scroll down to the top of page two and mark your calendars!



**THE REV. AARON M. G. ZIMMERMAN, RECTOR  
ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WACO, TEXAS**

Aaron received his MDiv degree from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in 2008. Before St. Alban's, he served churches in

Pittsburgh and Houston. Aaron is a contributor to the Mockingbird blog and magazine, and is past President of the Board of Directors of Mockingbird Ministries. He is on the advisory board for StoryMakers NYC.



**THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN  
CANON FOR WELCOME AND  
EVANGELISM  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,  
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Becky is on the working group for the Presiding Bishop's *Way of Love* initiative, and also writes

curricula for the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in partnership with Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). She received her MDiv degree from VTS and an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Gettysburg College.



**THE REV. JIMMY BARTZ, RECTOR  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING**

Prior to Jackson, he was the founder and priest at Thad's, an emergent Episcopal Church in Santa Monica, CA. He has also served at All Saints' in Austin and All Saints' Parish in Beverly Hills,

CA. He is a graduate of UT-Austin and VTS. Presently, he serves as the Chair of the Board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society.



**THE VERY REV. CYNTHIA  
KITTRIDGE, THD  
DEAN & PRESIDENT, SEMINARY  
OF THE SOUTHWEST  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Fascinated by the interplay of intellect and imagination in the interpretation of scripture,

Cynthia is a noted scholar and poet. Prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1999, she taught at Harvard University and at the College of the Holy Cross. She serves as assisting priest at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin.



**THE REV. BERTIE PEARSON, RECTOR  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS**

Bertie studied at the Sorbonne before entering seminary at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. He has served as vicar of St. Francisco de Asís in Austin as well as adjunct professor at Seminary of the Southwest and at the Iona School for Ministry. Bertie put himself through seminary as a DJ.

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church presents**



*Amid the Pandemic*

**New video message each Sunday in Lent**

+

**New podcast episodes on Tuesdays**

**February 21 + 23**

The Rev. Aaron Zimmerman, Rector  
*St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Waco, Texas*

**February 28 + March 2**

The Rev. Becky Zartman  
*Canon for Welcome and Evangelism  
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas*

**March 7 + 9**

The Rev. Jimmy Bartz, Rector  
*St. John's Episcopal Church  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming*

**March 14 + 16**

The Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge, ThD  
*Dean & President, Seminary of the Southwest  
Austin, Texas*

**March 21 + 23**

The Rev. Bertie Pearson, Rector  
*Grace Episcopal Church  
Georgetown, Texas*

## NOTES

**VIRTUAL-ONLY SUNDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES FOR NOW** *St. Michael's will not have any livestreamed or in-person worship for the foreseeable future.* The Sunday liturgy will be made available each Sunday at 9 am on the website at [www.st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://www.st-michaels.org/worship-online) and in our weekly Sunday emails. We hope you will worship with us, and invite your friends and family to watch. Assuming that COVID numbers are not in Stage 5 and trending upward, our 10:30 am service and other in-person offerings will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Just a reminder that you can send photos of your Sunday worship watch parties to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)—we'll share on Facebook or in the Trumpet as we're able.

**CONSTRUCTION SAFETY DURING OUR BUILDING PROJECT** Sometime around February 1 (next week), our roofing contractors will begin putting up fencing and covered walkways to keep campus visitors and day school families safe during construction. If you come up to campus for any reason, please be mindful of traffic flow and where to park as the crews will have staging areas near the annex and fencing will extend into the parking spaces. We will keep you updated during this time, and remain thankful for your extravagant generosity that has created this opportunity to care for our place. If you have questions, please contact Julie Hodges, our parish administrator, at [parishadmin@st-michaels.org](mailto:parishadmin@st-michaels.org).

**STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE** The events of the past year and weeks have been overwhelming, frustrating and heartbreaking. We've all had to learn new ways of living, working, and staying healthy. It helps to have someone to talk to—a person who is non-judgmental, a Christian, confidential, and who will listen without giving advice. St. Michael's Stephen Ministry is here for you. You do not have to be a member of St. Michael's. We strictly follow CDC/COVID guidelines while visiting with our care receivers so it is safe for all. Talk to a Stephen Leader or Fr. John to see if a Stephen Minister would be good for you or for someone you know:  
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Jeff Robinson ([jrobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jrobinson100@gmail.com) or 512-963-6687),  
Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) or 512-327-1474)

**COVID VACCINE INFO FOR OLDER PARISHIONERS** Austin Public Health (APH) has a webpage where you can preregister to receive the vaccine; click this link, <https://covid19.austintexas.gov/>, or just search "APH COVID vaccine."

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

### **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN BEGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2!**

Behind Jesus' use of the title "Son of Man," we find the Book of Daniel. Join us in a thorough study of Daniel's vision of God Almighty, and rediscover the hope that lies at the heart of the Biblical promise: a day will come when all dominion in heaven and earth is given to "one like a son of man, who will reign" over all "peoples, nations, and languages" in a kingdom of love that will never end (Dan 7:13-14).

This Bible study will be offered via Zoom at 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays. Sessions will be recorded and the audio only made available at [www.st-michaels.org/listen](http://www.st-michaels.org/listen) for those who might miss a session. If you want to participate in a Bible study before then, we will still meet (Tuesdays only) on January 12, 19, and 26 to study the lectionary readings. Here is the Zoom information, *which will be used for the whole spring*:

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZFeKdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 839 7649 1370

**Passcode:** 276756

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The next meeting will be on February 24 at 2:30 pm. The book is *The Whistling Season*, by Ivan Doig. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link. Here are March and April's titles: *Hum If You Don't Know the Words*, by Bianca Marais and *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees*, by Meredith May.

**ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK** Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM** You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

**CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM** This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, [mary.r.healy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team are looking forward to spring when we hope to be able to come back to picnic church and find other ways to grow together. Please feel free to reach out to Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) with questions or to chat.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

### **EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY**

St. Michael's is postponing the relaunching of Sunday EYC until further notice due to high COVID numbers. Please check our student ministry website for updates on upcoming virtual events that are in the works. Check out <https://www.st-michaels.org/students> to stay up-to-date with all the happenings with SMEC Student Ministry.

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS**

### **NEW PRAYERS**

For Barbara Rusling, for healthy recovery from knee surgery.

For Tom Allen, in thanksgiving that he's home from hospital.

For Everett, ex-husband of Terri Allphin, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.

For Larry Moodry, brother-in-law of Britt Behrens, who is hospitalized with multiple cancer-related health issues, and for his family, who cannot visit him.

For Mary Healy's infant grandson and his parents, who are being tested for COVID.

In thanksgiving that Mary & Rick Benko, Hope's parents, have recovered from COVID.

### **COVID-19**

For Lydell "Kip" Kiplin, father of Kim Kiplin, who has been admitted to hospital with COVID-related issues.

For the Stokes family, Christine's daughter & son-in-law and grandkids, who have been diagnosed with COVID for the second time.

For Mark Lander, his wife, Linda; their son, Matthew; and Mathew's preschool daughter, Alana, who all are recovering from COVID.

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

For Peggy DeBerry Bell, who died of COVID-19; for Donna Hulsey and the rest of the family as they grieve.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

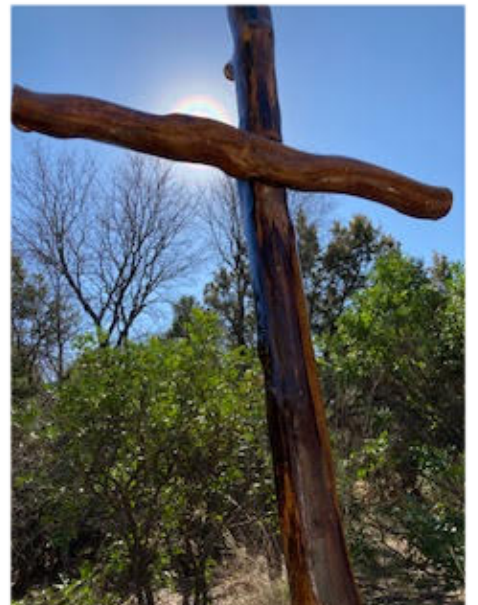
All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.

For Ed Erdman.

Thank you to parishioner Joyce Miller for this lovely photo taken on the SMEC campus!



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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers this week are given  
to the glory of God and in honor of Fr. John's  
12th ordinandiversary.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. Email to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). We will get it into the bulletin as close to the occasion as we are able.

## JANUARY 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Psalms 111

## SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Thank you!

## THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

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