



# THE TRUMPET

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FEBRUARY 2, 2020

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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## Dear St. Michael's family,

Recently, I was asked to identify my faith community—St. Michael's or the Church of the Incarnation (Brin Bon's church plant). My response was Brin's church. However, the initial question has been lingering in my mind because, to some extent, I could also name St. Michael's because I'm on the staff and participate in the life of this church. But then, there are the other faith communities in Austin that I am, or have been a part of—LOGOS Poetry Collective, St. Matthew's, All Saints', St. Mark's, and definitely the Seminary of the Southwest. I've also visited a few of the other churches here, too, while seeking a more permanent place to call home.

The advent of Bishop Kai Ryan's visit on March 29, at which she will confirm and receive both adults and youth, reminded me of my first true faith community, the Episcopal Church, into which I was confirmed as an adult. It was a whirlwind confirmation, only 6 months after my baptism, but that can be how the Holy Spirit works. This was in Iowa, at Trinity Episcopal Church—I was new to the Episcopal Church and to churchgoing overall. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, visited in November; we chose a Hawaiian theme for the reception. The good friend who invited me to Trinity in the first place served as my sponsor; I still carry the prayer book he gave me as a keepsake. There is a comfort in it, which still brings a visceral memory of the bishop laying his hands on me, welcoming me into the larger Christian community in a way that many may not remember from baptism. That laying on of hands remains with me, but has also led from that faith community of Trinity down here to Austin and Incarnation.

All this is to invite those of you who are new to the Episcopal Church or to St. Michael's, to pray about taking your next step of faith into this community through confirmation or reception. There is a freedom in being confirmed even as you become enfolded by those around and by God, through Christ. If you are curious and have more questions, please email Fr. John at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org). He would love to explore this more with you.

Have a prayerful and playful week,

Christine Havens

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## NEWS THIS WEEK

**VALENTINES FOR THE BORDER | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 10:10-10:50 AM | PARISH HALL** During our Taco Sunday meal time, kiddos and adults alike are invited to join Lizzie and the family ministry team in the parish hall to make Valentines for our friends at Team Brownsville, our partner ministry on the US-Mexico Border. The volunteers there give hours every day feeding, clothing, and caring for thousands of people awaiting asylum in the United States. On this upcoming holiday, we want to shower them with love for the love they pour out for asylum-seekers.

**SUPER BOWL SHINDIG | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 5:00 PM | PARISH HALL** Favor the 49ers? Cheering for the Chiefs? All are invited (bring friends & family!) to a Super Bowl Shindig on February 2. We'll watch the game, eat some hearty snacks, and have football fellowship. Bring your own drinks, beer is acceptable. The game starts at 5:30 pm; if you arrive before the end of the 1st quarter, you are welcome to participate in a pool. Questions? Email James Russell at [james@russellcpa.com](mailto:james@russellcpa.com).

**SCOUT SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 9** After the **11:00 am service on Sunday, February 9**, the Scouts of Troop 30 want to thank St. Michael's and the congregation for sponsoring their troop by serving a variety of fruit cobblers. The youth's growth as contributing members of our community is enhanced with St. Michael's generous support. Additionally, the church's support allows Troop 30 to contribute directly to our community with hundreds of hours of service hours each year.

**YOU'RE INVITED! CASA MARIANELLA PRESENTATION | FEBRUARY 9 | 10:10 AM | CHURCH OFFICE** Come join the Outreach Commission and learn about Casa Marianella and the amazing work they are doing with immigrants and refugees in Austin. The Outreach Commission is partnering with Casa Marianella to provide support and friendship to the residents who live there. Also, on **Sunday, February 16**, during Sunday School hour, the Outreach Commission will have its first Service Sunday of the year—putting together kits for the residents of Casa Marienella.

**ST. MICHAEL'S OUTREACH EVENT AT TRINITY CENTER | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | DOWNTOWN AUSTIN** We will come together to share St. Michael's community worship and a meal with our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center, downtown Austin, from 2:00 to 4:30. If you would like to volunteer we need help with welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, being part of the kitchen crew, and clean up. Volunteers must be at least 11 years old. Contact Elizabeth Jackson ([ejackson68410@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson68410@gmail.com), text/call 512-784-5645) to sign up or if you have any questions. Our future date for St. Michael's Trinity outreach is May 3.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY | MARCH 8** St. Michael's celebration of Girl Scout Sunday is on March 8. Please email the names and ages of current Girl Scouts and names of former Girl Scouts who would like to participate in the service to [jennifer.Austin.GS@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.Austin.GS@gmail.com). Girl Scout cookies will be served during coffee hour. The Girl Scouts' birthday is March 12, commemorated annually by a week-long celebration of the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia.

**ANNOUNCING JOINT MEN'S FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 WESSENDORF RANCH, BLANCO, TX** St Julian of Norwich and St Michael's have jointly organized a men's retreat for February 28-March 1—a long weekend of connection, community, communion, and fun. The retreat will be held at Well Spring Retreat Center at the Wessendorf Ranch outside Blanco, Texas. Fr. John will be leading a program called "The Power of Grace." For details, including directions and schedule, follow this [link](#). To register, click [here](#). To pay the \$90 fee (financial assistance available), use the [giving link](#) at the St Julian's website or contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com). You can also contact Andy with any questions.

**MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP** The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, February 26, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *Unsheltered*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: [jsking2010@yahoo.com](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com).

## FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

### ADULTS

**RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES** Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton.

**SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY** The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. The current book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Blee ( [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) ) for more information.

### CHILDREN

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** No Sunday School—join us in the parish hall for making Valentine's Day cards & Taco Sunday.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN** pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

**WORSHIP BAGS** are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!

### STUDENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, MAIN CHURCH OFFICE** No Sunday School—join us in the parish hall for Taco Sunday.

**EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)** This Sunday is game night!

**SKEPTICS' SUPPER CLUB @ GALAXY CAFE NW HILLS | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM** The Skeptics' Supper Club is back! SSC is a monthly small group discussion where we come together over dinner to discuss those questions that you might be afraid are too irreverent, too basic, or too out-of-bounds to ask. Join us, dinner is on St. Michael's. Please RSVP to [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org). Galaxy Cafe is located at 8127 Mesa Drive, Austin 78759

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES!** Bishop Suffragan Kai Ryan will be at St. Michael's on Sunday, March 29. **Beginning Sunday, February 2**, through Sunday, March 1, classes for students 8th grade and above will be held from **9:45-10:45 am in Room 8** of the Education wing. Classes will be taught by Todd FitzGerald, Luis Rivas, and other members of the St. Michael's clergy team. *These classes are mandatory as part of the confirmation preparation process.* If you're tentatively curious, please come and check it out. Questions? Contact Luis Rivas, our Student Minister, email at [Lrivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:Lrivas@st-michaels.org). You may also contact Fr. John with questions: [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org).

**MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 6:00 PM** Would you like to help flip pancakes for our Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner? St. Michael's students interested in helping to cook and serve can contact Luis at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org) for more details.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

*Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God, and by Minerva's lay committee in celebration of her ordination.*

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex, or you may email Christine Havens directly ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)). Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin, hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day, or give to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our [Give](#) page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for JD as he recovers from a skiing accident, we pray for the Rev. Elizabeth Turner on the 35th anniversary of her ordination, and we pray for the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith as she is ordained to the priesthood.

## WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

### Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid ([reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com)).

### Centering Prayer—New Time!

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blees ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)).

## 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.

## READINGS, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40; Psalm 24:7-10

*Didn't bring cash?  
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*