



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## Dear St. Michael's family,

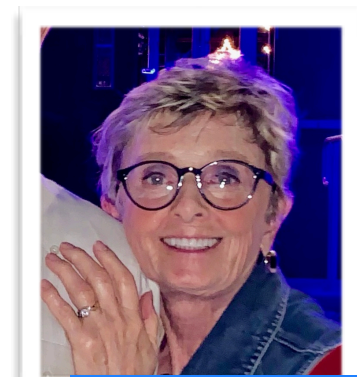
Rowan Williams writes that “grace, for the Christian believer, is a transformation that depends in large part on knowing yourself to be seen in a certain way: as significant, as wanted” (“The Body’s Grace”), in other words, as cared for. This is such a strength in the St. Michael’s community—working to help others to encounter God’s grace. Some parishioners have shared some recent experiences with Fr. John. We share these here with you.

*Christine Havens, Communications Director*

*From Margaret “Twinkle” Gosselink:*

“As I waited for this morning’s service to begin, I noted how empty the pews were. While COVID keeps your parishioners from being in those pews, I had to think how hard it must be for you [Fr. John], Elizabeth, and Hope to stand in front of an empty church preaching to an invisible flock.

Today is a dreary day. Zooming to church, listening to the lessons, Elizabeth’s sermon, distantly singing along, and just joining in is what I needed. Thanks for you continuing efforts .I do not feel forgotten by St. Michael’s. I feel cared for by Christ through this church.”

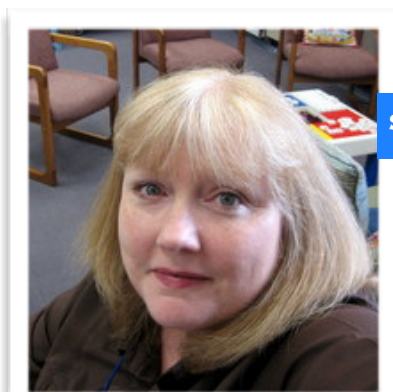


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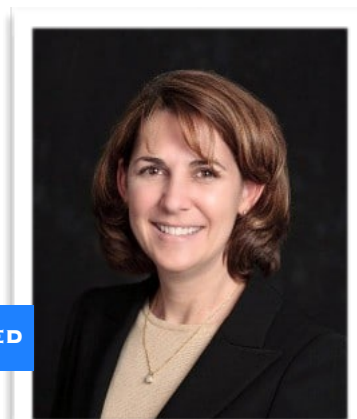
*From Sandra Borinstein:*

P.S. Shannon Abikhaled was also at Seton yesterday morning preparing to do surgery in an OR a few doors down. She stopped by my room and held my hand and prayed the most loving prayer for me before I went in to surgery. That meant the world to me. She was my Stephen minister yesterday!

Get this: Two nurses were in the room with me while Shannon prayed for me. They registered mild surprise that another doctor would come in to pray with me. I told them we are members of the same church - St. Michael's on 360. And it was a perfect opening to tell them what Stephen Ministry is all about.



**SANDRA BORINSTEIN**



**DR. SHANNON ABIKHALED**

**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

**THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS** Our Lenten Speaker Series this year is “God + Grace + Hope Amid the Pandemic.” We have five amazing speakers. 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.

**PANCAKE DINNER PANDEMIC EDITION** Shrove Tuesday is around the corner, and although the SMEC Youth Group won’t be hosting a Pancake Dinner in person this year, we would still like to celebrate together. Email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with your photos and/or recipes for pancakes, king cakes, or any other tasty treats that you’re making to mark the occasion and we’ll feature them in the Trumpet for everyone to see. That way, whether you want to try your hand at making something new or just want to see what everyone else is enjoying, we can all still share our last collective indulgence before the season of Lent begins!

**VIRTUAL-ONLY SUNDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES THROUGH EPIPHANY** *St. Michael's will not have any livestreamed or in-person worship through the rest of the Epiphany, but stay tuned for an update about worship during Lent!* 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. 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.

**SAFETY DURING OUR BUILDING PROJECT** Our contractors began work this week on the parish hall and the church—there is plenty of 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 as the driveway nearest the buildings is closed to traffic and parking.* We will keep you updated during this time, and remain thankful for your extravagant generosity that has created this opportunity to care for our home. 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: Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com) or 512-925-7029), Jeff Robinson ([jrobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jrobinson100@gmail.com) or 512-963-6687), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) or 512-327-1474).

## 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 Blee 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlFVZm2tIb04wUFVhUT09>. **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 Blee 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgVtK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, is planning an Ash Wednesday at-your-own-pace, on-campus activity centered around our Stations of the Cross walking trail. Please email her with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

## 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** *Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) if you'd like to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.*

### NEW PRAYERS

For Jim McConaughy, brother-in-law of Karen Haslund, who died on January 28. For his wife, Nancy; his daughter, Sarah; and all his family as they mourn.

For Dean Read, friend of Sally Metcalfe, as he undergoes kidney cancer-related surgery.

For Helen Mayhew, in thanksgiving for three years of "no evidence of disease" in scans.

For Jenny Pencis, who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer, and for her family.

### COVID-19

For Lydell "Kip" Kiplin, father of Kim Kiplin, who has been admitted to hospital with COVID-related issues. In thanksgiving that Christine's daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren have recovered from COVID, again.

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 all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

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.

Julie Hodges, our parish administrator, and her dog, Elvis, spent quality time with some of the day school students this week.  
"When is he coming back?"



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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers this week are given  
to the glory of God and in honor of Mthr. Elizabeth's  
36th 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 since services are prerecorded.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

### Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

## 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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