



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

AN INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Ash Wednesday is this week, the entry point into Lent. On behalf of Fr. John and the staff, you are invited to spend this holy season with the St. Michael's community.

Ash Wednesday

On February 17, Ash Wednesday, there will be an opportunity to receive ashes between 12:00-1:00pm at the far end of the St. Michael's parking lot. Due to work associated with our building project, we cannot offer ashes in the St. Michael's courtyard. There will be plenty of signage directing you where to park, and a private devotional pamphlet that can prepare you before reaching the ashes will be given to you upon your arrival. Furthermore, a virtual Ash Wednesday service will be sent to the community at 5:00am on February 17, as we know many of you will be participating from home. This remote service will include both a sermon and beautiful music, and will be based on the liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Worship

We will return to in-person worship on Sunday, February 21, the 1st Sunday in Lent, with a 10:30am outdoor Eucharist in the courtyard. This will not conflict with our virtual Eucharist, and we will continue to send a link to our remote service at 9:00am on Sunday morning. This will be our schedule for the five Sundays in Lent. Although we will have chairs set up in the courtyard, families are also welcome to bring their own chairs and blankets if they want, especially if you intend to bring young children. We will have "wobble baskets" on hand to keep our youngest Christians engaged during the service. Our 10:30am outdoor worship service will only be canceled in the event of rain. If the weather is cold, plan to bundle up! Masks, physical distancing, and signing in at the welcome table upon arrival will be required.

Lenten Speaker Series

This year, our theme 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, beginning on February 21, 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 page 2 for the speakers and the dates.

Family Activities

Our [Weekly Family Devotion Kit](#) contains a new object for each week of Lent to contemplate and a guide to connect as a family. Email amanda@st-michaels.org to pick up your kit.

Stations of the Cross Family Style Our beautiful St. Michael's campus includes a small hike that incorporates the Stations of the Cross and a fresh air experience. Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can participate in this activity at your own pace and take advantage of printed guides at the bottom of the hill or use our Family Ministry Interactive App. Email amanda@st-michaels.org for more details or with any questions.

Egg Hunt We will celebrate Easter with our traditional egg hunt but with more distance and in smaller groups. Stay tuned for times available on Easter Weekend.

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

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.

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@losmadrones.com or 512-925-7029), Jeff Robinson (jrobinson100@gmail.com or 512-963-6687), or Fr. John Newton (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. Click the link for the [syllabus](#). Sessions will be recorded and the audio only made available at www.st-michaels.org/listen for those who might miss a session. Here is the Zoom information:

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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles at 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 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHGvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

For those of you with children, please view our [Family Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your activities as a family. Please email her with questions at 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 if you'd like to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

NEW PRAYERS

For Lydell "Kip" Kiplin, father of Kim Kiplin, who is recovering from pacemaker surgery but is clear of COVID.

For John Loving, who passed away last week from colon cancer. For his girlfriend, Meegan, who was his caregiver, and for his family, as they mourn his death.

For Jake, a child with bone cancer, and his, mother, Laurie.

COVID-19

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 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.



You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. A Proper Preface for Lent, BCP p. 379

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar is bare during Lent. An announcement about Easter lily dedications will be forthcoming.

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. 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. We will get it into the bulletin as close to the occasion as we are able since services are prerecorded.

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
Psalm 50:1-6

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. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (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.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*