



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



MARCH 12, 2023

GOING GREEN AT SMEC IN MARCH!

Celebrating Girl Scout Sunday on March 12

DID YOU KNOW that the Girl Scouts' birthday is March 12? That's when the organization commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12.

St. Michael's will be honoring this special occasion at the 9am and 11 am services on March 12. All Girl Scouts, past or present, will be invited up to the altar for a prayer and blessing from Fr. Josh. We'll have Girl Scout cookies in the parish hall during the 10am coffee hour thanks to parishioner (and Girl Scout) Kirstie Cowan.



Good News from the SMEC Garden

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS harvested and delivered 21 bags of veggies to Hope Food Pantry today- spinach, kale, collards, onions, radishes, cilantro. We need 2 more volunteers to help with watering and harvesting for the next few months— one day a week will be perfect! Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com for more information.





March 12

“Grace upon Grace: The Apostle Paul’s Story of Metanoia”

Dr. Jeehei Park is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Seminary of the Southwest. She holds an MDiv from Harvard Divinity School and a PhD in Christianity in Antiquity from Fordham University. Her first book, *All Citizens of Christ: A Cosmopolitan Reading of Unity and Diversity in Paul’s Letters*, was published by Brill last October.

REPENTANCE AS GRACE

SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT
ST. MICHAEL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary
5:00 pm Eucharist
5:30 pm Speaker

Parish Hall
6:15 pm Dinner

5:00-7:00pm
Storymakers programming for children & youth

“It’s not the long walk home that will change this heart, but the welcome I receive with every start.”
--Mumford & Sons

February 26	Pittman McGehee	“Repentance and Self-Compassion”
March 5	Brian Brewer	“The Reformation of Repentance”
March 12	Jeehei Park	“Grace upon Grace: The Apostle Paul’s Story of Metanoia”
March 19	Kathy Culmer	“Turnaround Grace: Stories of Turning Around to Move Forward”
March 26	Michael Lloyd	“The Humanity of Metanoia”

ST. MICHAEL’S PRESENTS OUR 2023 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: REPENTANCE AS GRACE

Too often, we associate repentance with feelings of guilt, or perhaps with a need to try harder to be more like Jesus. But *metanoia*, the original Greek word, quite literally means a shift of the mind. This Lent, join us at St. Michael’s as, together, we experience the grace of shifting our minds to see the depth of God’s love and to experience with more clarity how we can be a conduit through whom that love flows out into the world. Five speakers share their thoughts following a brief Eucharist service. Dinner and refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterward.

From 5:00-7:00 pm, children & youth can enjoy Storymakers, a creative Lenten activity, in the Education Wing, with the Family Ministry team. Dinner provided.

Watch the livestream here: st-michaels.org/worship-online

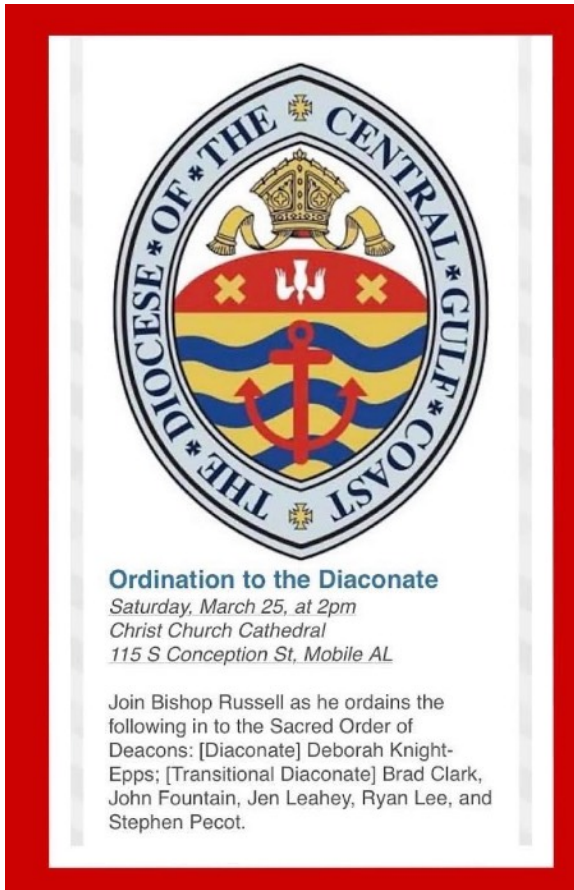
Check out our speakers here: st-michaels.org/2023-lenten-speaker-series (*Recordings of the talks will be posted here, too*)



Lenten Speaker Series Dinners All are invited to the parish hall for dinner at 6:15 pm, after our speakers finish their talks. There is no charge and thanks to volunteers from the parish, we will have five delicious meals together. March 12 is a picnic-style meal hosted by the Altar Guild and the Daughters of the King: sandwiches and salads, with peach cobbler and ice cream!

NOTES

Del Valle Elementary School Book Drive It's time to begin looking through your children's books, thrift stores, garage sales, etc and setting aside books for Pre-K through 5th grade to donate to our book drive. Stay tuned for details about collection dates and delivery dates. Contact Alison Fly at alisoncfly@icloud.com for further information.



Congrats to Our Seminarian, John Fountain On March 25, at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile, Alabama, John Fountain, our seminarian, will be ordained as a transitional deacon in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. St. Michael's is so thrilled for him at this next stage of his journey!

Bishop's Visit on Sunday, March 26 On March 25, at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile, Alabama, John Fountain, our seminarian, will be ordained as a transitional deacon in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. St. Michael's is so thrilled for him at this next stage of his journey!

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

MARCH 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Room 4, Ed. Wing
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom
- LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES**
- 5:00 pm Eucharist | Sanctuary
Children & Youth | Ed. Wing
- 5:30 pm Speaker | Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Dinner | Parish Hall

9:00 & 11:00am services
& Lenten Speaker livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings for March 12, 2023
Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42; Psalm 95

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

2023 Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations in 2023 and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them:

- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)
- Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)
- St. Francis Ministries** (*foster care*)
- El Buen Samaritano** (*family services*)
- One Good Turn** (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Commission intentionally focused on connecting with a variety of theological and social service organizations. Additionally, the church will continue to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC Community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive.

If you have a passion for any of these organizations and projects or want more information about them, we would love to hear from you. We sincerely want to increase parish participation in spreading our love and grace throughout the community.

Please reach out to Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you'd like to serve.



Faith in Action: The quilts from our quilt drive last fall are ready to provide warmth and comfort to the foster children who will be living in the new St. Francis Ministries facility in Lubbock, Texas.

Plug into the Trinity Center St. Michael's serves Trinity Center by providing sack lunches on a monthly basis. This involves purchasing the items, assembling the bags, and getting them to the church so that Marsha Hart can make the delivery. Different groups/individuals in the parish take responsibility for each month. If folks have an interest in helping in any way they can contact Karen Haslund at drhaslund@gmail.com.

We also have four dates this year that St. Michael's will serve at the Trinity Center's Sunday worship service. Those dates are: April 30, August 6, October 15, November 12. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | During 9am & 11am Services Sunday school begins Lenten spiritual practices for children. Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. Questions? Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Our Sunday School Classes are Growing! Sunday School Helpers Needed Do you love working with children? Our Sunday school classes are growing, and the Family Ministry team needs adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org.

The A(colyte)-Team St. Michael's A-Team—our amazing acolyte team—is so appreciated! They add light to our Sunday worship by leading the procession as torchbearers and crucifers. A big thanks to all of the parents of our acolytes as well. If you're nine-years-old and above, and interested in joining the team, contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. The group is starting a new book this week: *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. A fascinating discussion ensues in this recently-released and favorably-reviewed book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

Spring Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Take a journey through the Book of Exodus with Fr. John. This in-depth Bible study meets via Zoom on Sundays and Tuesdays now through the end of May. ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. Here is the title for March 22—*Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth*, by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, and Jason Stanford. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees 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 All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | Locations to be announced Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. Stay tuned for details about the April meeting. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

Daughters of the King The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 but went on hiatus during COVID. They are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at jcsrcc@gmail.com.

Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Thursday was an outside kind of day for the Lambs. The children walked over to the trailhead to look at the bluebonnets. They did a little lesson on how to mix colors to match what they see.

Thanks to Ms. Sarah for sharing this photo.



THIS WEEK AT DAY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Each Wednesday, the day school children have chapel in the sanctuary with Fr. Josh and Family Minister Amanda. This week's lesson was about Matthew 14:22-33: A Walk on Water.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For Karen Whitty, who is suffering from an infection related to her recent back surgery.

For Pat Williams, who is having health and aging issues.

For Ruthanne Mulvihill, who is having health issues.

For Mary Healy, whose mother, Sally Reinhart, passed away this week; for Sally's family as they mourn.

For all Girl Scouts, past, present, and future, as the organization celebrates its birthday on March 12.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany, Calvert; Holy Innocents, Madisonville; St. Andrew's, Bryan

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar remains bare during the season of Lent.
Consider sponsoring altar flowers after Easter or dedicate lilies on Easter Sunday. Your dedication can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, www.st-michaels.org, or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

GIVE TO SMEC



THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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