



# THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

MARCH 13, 2022  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## FIRST COMMUNION AT SMEC

March 6 was a very special day in the life of St. Michael's! At the 11:00 am service, 11 children experienced first communion as the culmination of our Connecting to Communion class led by Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister. For some it was truly their first time around the table; some have received the body and blood of Christ many times, but now have a greater understanding of this sacrament, thanks not only to Amanda, but also Fr. John, Mother Elizabeth, and the Altar Guild. Thanks to Kirstie Cowan for the photos.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications



## NOTES

### Spring Bible Study: Ephesians | Sundays @12:45

pm The Rev. Dr. Philip Turner begins a 5-week study on Ephesians this Sunday, March 13. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719; passcode: bible.

### Save the Date! Fourth Sunday 4 families

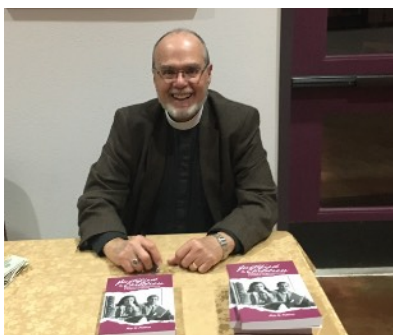
**March 27 | 10:00am hour | Parish Hall** Ms. Amanda, Ms. Grayson, and the rest of the Family Ministry team invite you to join in our next Fourth Sunday 4 families project on March 27 in the parish hall! Stay tuned for more details.



**Save the Date! Bishop's Visit | April 3** Bishop Andy Doyle will be visiting St. Michael's on April 3 during the 11am service. All are invited to this joyful occasion—we'll have confirmation of youth and adults, not to mention it's Taco Sunday!

### ICYMI: The Rev. Roy G. Pollina, *Justified by Her*

**Children** On March 8, St. Michael's welcomed the Rev. Roy G. Pollina, retired rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Virginia, who gave a great presentation about his book (click the link to purchase): *Justified by Her Children: Deeds of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism*. We've been asked not to share his talk on the internet, but if you'd like to view it, you may do so here: <https://vimeo.com/686073311/74eacb33b2>. A big thanks to the Outreach Commission for sponsoring his visit.



## SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

March 13, 2022  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 am	Coffee Hour   Parish Hall The Seekers   Bride's Rm & Zoom
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
12:45 pm	Bible Study-Ephesians   Zoom led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner
TRUSTING IN GRACE: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES	
5:00 pm	Eucharist   Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Scott Bader-Saye   Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Dinner   Parish Hall

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and the Lenten Speaker Series online at [www.st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://www.st-michaels.org/worship-online)

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 27





**March 6 | "When Grace Abounds"**  
Trisha Taylor, author, *The Leader's Journey*

**March 13 | "Grace and Goodness"**  
Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, Professor of Christian Ethics, SSW

**March 20 | "Gracious Cursing"**  
Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, Professor of Christian Scriptures, Baylor

**March 27 | "Grace as Gift"**  
Dr. Anthony Baker, Professor of Theology, SSW

**April 3 | "Grace and Grief"**  
The Rev. Kelly Koonce, Founder, Life after Loss

**TRUSTING  
IN  
Grace**

**SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT**

**5:00 pm** Eucharist\*  
**5:30 pm** Speaker\*  
\*In-person & livestreamed  
**6:15 pm** Refreshments

Activities available for children & youth

## ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS OUR 2022 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES, TRUSTING IN GRACE.

The Collect for the third Sunday in Lent begins with an acknowledgment that we "have no power in ourselves to help ourselves." As we prepare our hearts yet again to find grace and hope in the empty tomb, how might we be intentional about our spiritual practice, all the while growing in a life of trust that God's "glory is always to have mercy?" Five lay and clergy speakers share their thoughts in the St. Michael's sanctuary following a brief

Eucharist service. Join us in person or via livestream on our website. Dinner will be served in the parish hall afterward. *Ms. Amanda will have children's activities in the parish hall beginning at 5pm; youth can join our student director, Grayson, in the Family Life Center for games.* You can learn more about all our speakers here: [www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series](http://www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series).



### March 13 "Grace and Goodness" | Scott Bader-Saye

Lent is a time when we pay attention to our spiritual lives. We look at the ways we are cultivating habits of depth and goodness and the ways we have strayed from these aspirations. In this particular Lent, we are challenged by social, political, and global events that make us very aware of where things are going wrong. The inclination to find and do the good in this fraught time is a holy impulse, but without grounding in grace, our attempts can feed self-judgment, self-blame, and a sense of weary hopelessness in the face of overwhelming challenges. In this time together, we will explore these dynamics and discuss how to plant our aspirations for goodness in the soil of God's grace.

**Scott Bader-Saye** is Academic Dean and Helen and Everett H. Jones Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. He has taught ethics for the past twenty years in seminary and university contexts. He is the author of three books: *Formed by Love*, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, and *Church and Israel After Christendom*. His current research focuses on transgender ethics. As an active layperson, he has also served in volunteer and staff positions for youth ministry and adult formation. He lives in Austin with his wife, Demery, who is a teacher and a priest. They have three children in various stages of being launched into adulthood.

## PLUG INTO OUTREACH

**Honduras Mission Project Update** Parishioners Bunny Cowan and Karen Haslund journeyed to the Holy Spirit Episcopal Bilingual School in Honduras, which is part of our Honduras Mission Project. Bunny taught there from 2006-2009 and she makes an annual trip to manage the library she has created. It began as a few boxes of books and a spare room. Now it has over 6,500 individual titles. Bunny and Karen are spending two weeks repairing books, cataloging, and making the library ready for the students to return to in-person school soon. They went to Ash Wednesday services at the school's church; all the students and their families are very appreciative of St. Michael's extravagant generosity. *Submitted by Karen Haslund.*



**Trinity Center Update** Many thanks to Marsha Hart and Stephen Bedell for their volunteer service preparing and distributing boxed lunches for 50 individuals at Trinity Center on February 20. Gratitude to the Bedell family for providing 50 sandwich bags filled with cookies to include in the boxed lunches! Generosity with grace abounds at SMEC!

If you're interested in helping in April, our next opportunity, contact Marsha Hart ([mhartsales@outlook.com](mailto:mhartsales@outlook.com)) or Harriett Choffel ([harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com)).

**Outreach Partners** St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned! *Submitted by Harriett Choffel*

## FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am** Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. Drop off is on the playground and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

**Vacation Bible Camp—Save the Date!** It's not too early to get excited about VBC, which happens the week of August 1! This year's theme is Catch the Wave. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at [Amanda@st-michael's.org](mailto:Amanda@st-michael's.org) for more details.

**Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Now Open!** Now is the perfect time to register your child or grandchild for a great week of camp at Camp Allen. The season begins in June, and sessions fill up quickly! For more information, or to register, click here: <https://www.campallen.org/summercamp.html>.



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

**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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

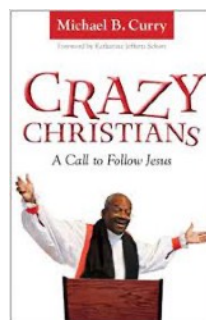
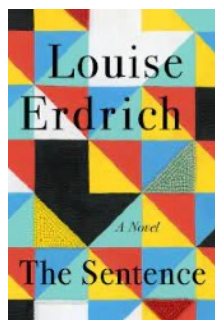
**Photography Ministry** Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto: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.



## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**Spring Bible Study: Lectionary Readings | Tuesdays @noon** Fr. John leads a lectionary reading study on Tuesdays. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

**St. Michael's Book Club** 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 via Zoom. March's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, and the group will meet on the 30th. For April, the group will read *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link.



**UPDATE! The Seekers | This Sunday, March 13 @10:00am | In person and via Zoom** The Seekers just began reading *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, by Michael Curry, currently the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bleebs at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck** The SMEC Women's Potluck group gathers at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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 Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

**Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm** 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 Bleebs 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. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

**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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

How beautiful is their creative focus. Thanks to Miss Ileana and Miss Melody for these photos!



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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### Parish Prayer List

For Michael Donegan as he recovers from heart issues.

For Tom and Sue Allen as they transition into a new living space.

For Bunny Cowan and Karen Haslund on their mission trip to Honduras.

For all victims of gun violence.

"We pray in solidarity with all children of God who are now in harm's way. I invite you to pray with me for peace—and for a world where we all join hands and 'strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being.'" --From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's prayer for the Ukraine

### Ongoing Prayers

#### COVID-19

Rita's uncle, Allen Archer; his wife, Therese; and Brandy Brown's grandfather, Kenneth Archer, who all have COVID.

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.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar is bare during Lent. Please consider dedicating Easter lilies or choosing a date later in the year.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Dedications can be emailed to: [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>.

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### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.*

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(use 2207 if prompted for our phone number).*