



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

CATCHING UP WITH SMEC FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS ☕

Before you know it, we will be gathering in person for worship and fellowship, having coffee, chatting about this, that, and the other thing, becoming (re)acquainted and catching up with each other face-to-face, shoulder-to-shoulder. In the meantime, here are some recent tidbits that we're happy to be able to share with you!

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication

In case you missed it, Mary Healy, an active member of St. Michael's for 22 years, now facilitates the Thursday afternoon Bible Study (see page 3 for details). She is thankful that Mother Minerva created this group where folks gather and chew the Holy Scriptures, and she happily agreed when asked to lead. The Thursday Bible Study provides a safe space to read and reflect upon God's word, sharing what it means and how group members experience it in their lives. Mary says, "What a blessing to share and learn and grow with this group!"



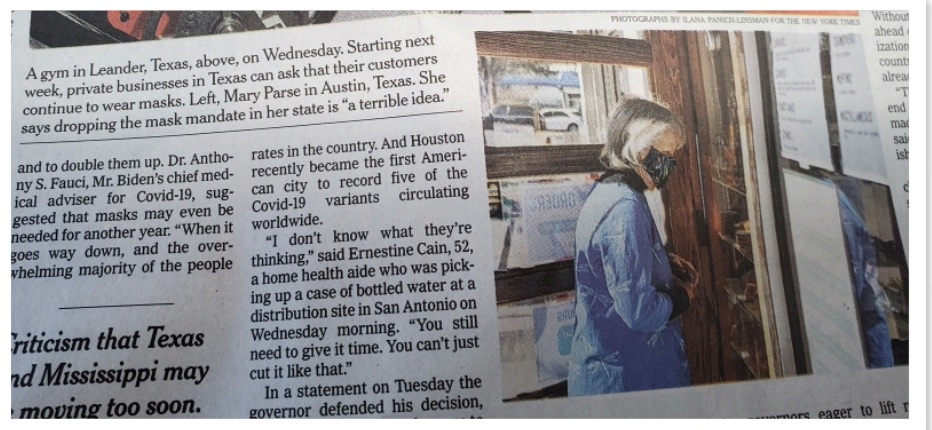
Congratulations to Dr. John Abikhaled, who was named Physician of the Year by the Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin! His colleagues noted:

"John is a general surgeon on staff at Seton Medical Center and currently is

president of the Travis County Medical Society. His leadership has been invaluable during this COVID-19 pandemic. He has written numerous articles for our local physicians and has even participated in a lighthearted YouTube video about COVID-19. . . . John exemplifies the qualities of the very best of our medical staff and we should acknowledge this proudly."

"My 15 seconds of fame."

Parishioner Mary Parse made the front page of the March 4 print edition of the *New York Times*! She was waiting to order whole wheat bread at the Upper Crust Bakery when a reporter approached, introduced herself, and asked Mary for her thoughts about the dropping of the Texas mask mandate.



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

JUNIOR WARDEN'S RESTORATION UPDATE FROM KRISTEN LECLAIR: "Everyone's care and concern regarding the building damage caused by the recent winter storm is greatly appreciated. We were fortunate to have the cleanup and water damage mitigated right away; the extent of the damage continues to be evaluated by our insurance and construction specialists. Unfortunately, careful inspection thus far has revealed further damage than originally expected. At this time, the comprehensive list for full restoration is not complete, but we are hopeful to have a fully defined plan and timeline in the next few weeks. Updates will be shared as available. It's notable that while the storm damage was not a pleasant surprise, the timing for repairs while COVID has already necessitated remote worship is a small silver lining. Additionally, the pre-planned and current project to repair our roof has continued uninterrupted. These opportunities will allow us to refresh and renew our beautiful church, and make our return to in-person services even more joyful. Thank you for your continued prayers."

NEW BOOK BY THE REV. DR. PHILIP TURNER! Congratulations to St. Michael's own Philip Turner, who has a new book out, *Christian Socialism: The Promise of an Almost Forgotten Tradition*, published by Cascade Books at the beginning of the year. The Rev. Dr. Turner has a PhD in Christian Ethics from Princeton, he served in Uganda as a missionary, and has taught at a number of seminaries, to name a few of his many accomplishments within the wider church. At St. Michael's, he has facilitated adult formation classes, led worship, and preached. Philip and Fr. John, in a special edition podcast, have an excellent, in-depth discussion of *Christian Socialism*, [click here](#) to listen

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU In a book she wrote chronicling her battle with colon cancer, the late Julie Yip-Williams stresses the importance of letting people see your "heartache, pain, and vulnerability" in times of hardship. St. Michael's Stephen Ministers would like to provide rest to all those who are weary and heavy laden. Julie de Wette (512-925-7029 / julie@losmadrone.com); Jeff Robinson (512-963-6687 / jarobinson100@gmail.com); or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) are available to talk with you further about how a Stephen Minister might help.

SHARE YOUR WINTER STORM STORY A science fiction author once wrote, "Shared pain is lessened. Shared joy is increased." To that end, parishioners are invited to send their winter storm stories to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org; the stories will be shared with the SMEC community at a future date. Thank you to those who have already shared theirs.

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

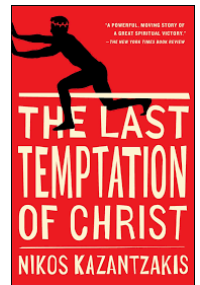
RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN Behind Jesus' use of the title "Son of Man," we find the Book of Daniel. Join us in a thorough study of Daniel's vision of God Almighty on Zoom at 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays. Click the link for the [syllabus](#). Sessions will be 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees 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 March 31 at 2:30 pm; the book is *Hum If You Don't Know the Words*, by Bianca Marais. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. April's title is *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=MHFkdmlwWXRnZFVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **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 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 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Families, Amanda Evans Lang invites you to check out the [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.

SUMMER CAMP WITH SMEC @CAMP ALLEN

Summer Camp at Camp Allen has always been a special part of the St. Michael's community.

This year, we have 6 sessions with 7 directors who are connected to our church community.

Find out more:
st.michaels.org/summer-camp-ca



Questions?
Contact Kellye Heinze at
kbheinze@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

St. Michael's is postponing the relaunching of Sunday EYC until further notice due to 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

In thanksgiving for a successful heart surgery for Saul, brother of Erin La Rue; may God grant him patience and a healthy recovery.

For George Hermes, who injured his foot.

For Shannon, who had recent brain surgery; for her mother, Colleen, who will be undergoing heart surgery.

For Stuart Wiggin, son of Kathy & Doug, who is suffering from shingles.

COVID-19

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

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.

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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.

MARCH 14, 2021 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities?

Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior is recommended.

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