

THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Dear St. Michael's Family—

Words alone cannot express the depth of my thanks and my family's thanks and gratitude to the St. Michael's community for your prayers, love, and support during my long hospital stay last year and the healing that continues. It is only in retrospect that I gained an appreciation for the seriousness of the infection that I had.

Melanie; my daughters Madeleine, Caroline, and Tori; and I joined St. Michael's in 2008. We had been members of another Austin-area Episcopal parish, but with Melanie entering our lives, we chose to find a new church home. From our first visit, the SMEC community has welcomed us with open arms and made us feel part of the family.

Early this past August, I suffered from severe back spasms that I thought were merely a periodic flaring up of an old high school sports lower back injury. After almost two weeks of pain, I acquiesced to a trip to the ER where we learned that I had a rare strain of strep infection in my blood stream that resulted in abscesses growing on my spinal cord. Forty-three nights and 252 IV bags of antibiotics later, I got to come home.

The medical professionals certainly did their part in restoring my health, but it would be a disservice to my St. Michael's family to not give you equal billing. Medical science had a role . . . and so did the grace of God. David Gross once shared with me his faith in the healing power of being on the parish prayer list during an illness and how it made a real difference. I didn't think much of it at the time, but you know what? He was right then, and now I share that same faith.

Minerva, Elizabeth, and John were so generous of their time to bring communion and pray with me and just talk. Minerva "just happened to be there" that first afternoon in the ER and was so generous in lending Melanie a sweater against the cold air conditioning. The many visits from James, Andy, Patrice and Brian, and Barry to check in and hang out with me for a while meant so much. Lastly, the Altar Guild's kind gesture of flowers for our home. I am grateful for your care, your friendship, and your love.

**All my best, now and always,
Randy Imhoff**



THIS WEEK'S NOTES

SMEC CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE Fr. John knows many of you feel anxious about the coronavirus. Bishop Doyle has done a good job communicating his expectations, which you can read about here: <https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>. St. Michael's will continue to provide a calm, hospitable, non-anxious environment, and we will modify our practices as necessary to ensure a safe worship space. Toward that end, we have added a brief rubric with the Bishop's directions concerning the passing the peace and receiving communion to our 11:00 am worship book and the 9:00 am slides which reads: "At the direction of Bishop Doyle, St. Michael's is not allowing intinction (dipping the bread in the wine). You may eat the bread and then drink from the chalice. You may also refrain from drinking the wine. In eating the bread, one still receives the full sacrament of Eucharist. We also ask that the Peace be exchanged with a bow of the head or an elbow bump along with a warm smile." We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any changes if/as they arise.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETING THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 15 The DOK will meet this Sunday at 10:10 am in the Gathering Room. All women are invited to attend.

HAVE YOU LISTENED TO OUR LENTEN PODCAST YET? A new episode available every Wednesday during Lent, at 6:00 am. This series is developed by Luis Rivas, our Student Minister, and is all about the history, contents, and theology of the BCP. St. Michael's staff narrate. The podcast notes, which will be available online, will include further reading for those interested in discovering more.

STARRY NIGHTS TO HONOR FR. JOHN | MAY 7 Camp Allen is honoring our very own Rev. John Newton, along with a handful of Austin area clergy, at this year's Starry Nights fundraiser on May 7. Underwriting opportunities and tickets are available while they last at <https://www.campallen.org/starry-nights-events.html>, so come join the revelry for a great cause! Contact Bonnie Walton at bonniewalton@gmail.com for more info.

EASTER LILY REMEMBRANCES Honor your loved ones or give thanks for blessings by making a donation for our Easter flowers. Look for the special Easter donation envelopes on the table in the narthex and place the envelope in the alms basin. You may also place a check in the offertory plate, write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line, and email Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org by **Wednesday, April 1**, to indicate on whose behalf the flowers are being offered.

MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, March 25, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *Space at the Table*, by Brad and Drew Harper. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jsking2010@yahoo.com.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church THE POWER OF GRACE

Sunday evenings in Lent
5:00-6:45 pm

5:00PM Eventide Eucharist
5:30PM Dinner & Wine
6:15 PM Guest Speaker, Parish Hall

March 15 A Classical Theology of Grace

The Rev. Bertie Pearson

The Rev. Albert "Bertie" Pearson is the rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. He studied at the Sorbonne before entering seminary at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA. He served at St. Francisco de Asís and taught classes at Seminary of the Southwest. Bertie put himself through seminary as a DJ!



Pre-K - 8th grade formation in the Sanctuary at 6:15 pm

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FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, **even** on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. The current book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

FAMILIES—ARE YOU ATTENDING THE LENTEN SERIES?

We will have formation programming in the sanctuary for children in grades K-8th. The Youth Group will be in the parish hall to hear our weekly speakers.

CHILDREN

OFF TO OZ! VACATION BIBLE CAMP JUNE 1-5, 2020 1:00-4:00 PM Registration now open!
Click here: <https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/vbc2020>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: No Sunday School for pre-K through 3rd grade this Sunday (adults and youth still meet), but it will resume on Sunday, March 22 for Garden Day.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!

STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, ROOM 8 Join us for Sunday School today.

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY) On pause for Lent—see you after the resurrection!

AUSTIN-AREA EYC SPRING BREAK STAYCATION | MONDAY, MARCH 16 - THURSDAY, MARCH 19 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Youth are invited to this joint Spring Break event with the other Episcopal Churches around town! Starting on Monday, we will gather at each respective church to participate in half-days full of fun, food, and fellowship. Carpooling will be available on all days at 8:15 am from St. Michael's and back if needed. Contact Luis at livas@st-michaels.org for the list of church locations or more details. Everyone is welcome to come for as many or as few days as desired!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! EPISCOPAL STRONG MISSION TRIP JULY 12 - 18 Episcopal Strong will be serving areas around Houston with the objective of bringing together Episcopal youth groups and adults from throughout the diocese and the country who want to help with Harvey relief efforts in the summer of 2020. Students grades 6th - 12th are welcome to participate! RSVP to Luis at livas@st-michaels.org. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/episcopalstrong/>.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The Lenten arrangement this week is given to the glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex, or you may email Christine Havens directly (chavens@st-michaels.org). Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin, hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day, or give to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our [Give](#) page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for Jane, Steven T., Jeff R., Kris B., for all those formerly incarcerated, for all those who have COVID-19, and all who must make decisions to contain the coronavirus spread.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer—New Time!

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blees (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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.

READINGS, MARCH 15, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11;
John 4:5-42; Psalm 95:1-7

Didn't bring cash?

Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.