



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

APRIL 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME TO EASTER AT SMEC!

It's here! We've journeyed together through Lent, a time in which we contemplated our relationship with God, and the knowledge that we are loved. Now we rejoice in that love, demonstrated in Christ's crucifixion and the empty tomb on Easter morning!

SMEC invites you and your family and friends to worship and hunt for Easter eggs with us! There's no Sunday school, but Ms. Amanda will have fun Easter wiggle bags for kiddos and the Gathering Room will be ready and waiting for those who have extra-wiggly children.

After the 9:00 and 11:00 am services, families can gather in the courtyard for an egg-citing Easter egg hunt. You can bring your own basket or we will have ones here for you to use.

The flowering of the cross is an Easter tradition at many churches and St. Michael's is no different. Children (of all ages) are welcome to bring their favorite flower to place on the wooden cross that will be in the narthex before each service. Don't worry—we will have flowers here for you in case you don't get a chance to get any!

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services are being livestreamed if you prefer to join us online.



WORSHIP

7:45 am

9:00 am*

11:00 am*

wiggle bags & gathering room
no sunday school

*livestreamed at www.st-michaels.org

EGG HUNTS

10:00 am

noon



NOTES

Good Friday Services We have two worship services for observing Good Friday, April 15—at noon and 7pm. These three services will be in the sanctuary and will be livestreamed at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online.

Holy Saturday | April 16 @Noon in the sanctuary
Join the Rev. Brin Bon for brief liturgy contemplating the “Holy Sabbath, so we may await with Jesus the coming of the third day.” This service *will not* be livestreamed.

The Seekers Group and Spring Bible Study will not meet on Easter Sunday. The Seekers will resume meeting on April 24, and a new Bible Study will begin on the 24th (*more details on both in our Formation and Fellowship section on page 4*).

Church Office Closed on Easter Monday, April 18
The SMEC church offices will be closed in observance of Easter Monday. We will resume our regular office hours—Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm—on Tuesday, April 19.

Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary Time to start collecting books for elementary students to enrich their summer reading options. We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books for Del Valle Elementary School. *Drop off will be in the church entrance (narthex) on April 24 and May 1; please do not drop books off until then.* Our goal is 2,000 books; we’re half way there thanks to a 1,000 book donation from Half Price Books. Let’s meet the challenge—we’ve done it before. Enrich a child’s life—give the gift of reading! *If interested in helping deliver the books to Del Valle on Friday, May 13, please contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com; or call 512-917-3018.*

St. Michael’s Presents Trusting in Grace, our 2022 Lenten Speaker Series Did you miss one of our amazing Lenten speakers? Want to check out Trisha Taylor, Scott Bader-Saye, Rebecca Poe Hays, Tony Baker, or Kelly Koonce again? Click here: www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series.

SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

April 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt | Courtyard
Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
- 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt | Courtyard

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services
www.st-michaels.org/worship-online



Readings for Easter Sunday:
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Countdown to Easter! Congratulations to Ms. Amanda, Ms. Grayson, and the rest of the Family Ministry team for the wonderful walk through Holy Week—the Countdown to Easter program on April 10. Storytelling, family foot washing, and finding God in the trash game were a few of the activities that taught children and grownups alike about the traditions surrounding Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. A big shout-out to our student volunteers for helping to make this a very special evening for our families!



FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Spring Bible Study: Lectionary Readings | Tuesdays @noon Fr. John leads a lectionary reading study on Tuesdays, which finishes up on April 19. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

Spring Bible Study: Genesis 1-11 Starts April 24 | Sundays @12:45 pm & Tuesdays @noon Fr. John invites you to explore the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis—from the Creation to the Tower of Babel. The discussion begins on April 24 for the Sunday sessions and April 26 for the Tuesday ones. 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. For April 27, the group will read *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | In person and via Zoom The Seekers are 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 or Phyllis Blees at 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 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. 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHGvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY LIFE

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 your children off with Ms. Amanda, our family minister, at the front doors of the church, and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

SUMMER @SMEC



GRACE & GRITS | JUSTICE CAMP-IN
JUNE 26-29, 2022
INCOMING 6TH GRADERS & UP



MAKE WAVES | VACATION BIBLE CAMP
AUGUST 1-5, 2022
3 YEARS-5TH GRADE

Our 2022 Student Ministry Camp is four days (9am-9pm) of exploring the biblical mandate of Grace and Mercy while discovering our personal passions surrounding justice. This year's summer camp will explore topics of diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice all while engaging with Austin's grassroots and social service organizations. An incredible mixture of EPIC fun, workshops with local leaders, and community building hijinks, we are striving to build a community of students with hearts fully tethered to justice and mercy.

Registration fee: \$495, scholarships are available.

WE CAN NOT WAIT for VBC!

Join us August 1-5, from 1-4 pm each day, for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and more fun than this description can contain.

\$25 Registration fee includes T-shirt and snacks.

Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info or to volunteer.

Click here to register:

<https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations>

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Support for Refugee Services of Texas Refugee Services of Texas Austin primarily serves newly-arrived refugees and asylees with their initial resettlement into the local community. RST Austin is affiliated with the Episcopal Migration Ministries in partnership with the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. The group also serves survivors of trafficking. Thanks to your extravagant generosity, St. Michael's has recently given \$3,000 to support this work.

Trinity Center Update St. Michael's have committed to provide sack lunches one time per month through December for Trinity Center. We need five people/families to make a total of 40 sack lunches each month. These can be delivered directly to Trinity Center or Harriett Choffel can assist you with delivery. Remaining dates available: September 1; October 1; November 1; December 1. If you're interested, contact Marsha Hart (mhartsales@outlook.com or 713-805-2243).

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!

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).

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 PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The Puppies class were fascinated by a butterfly that they'd hatched; the Owls class painted with Peeps! So many ways to explore the world. Thanks to Miss Annelise and Miss Jennifer for their photos.



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 Daryl H., who is dealing with prostate cancer.

For all those affected by the tornadoes across Bell County in central Texas, on April 12.

For Refugee Services of Texas.

For all victims of gun violence; we especially remember those involved in the Brooklyn subway shooting.

“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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Northshore Church Plant, Houston; Northside, Houston; Palmer Memorial, Houston; Redeemer, Houston.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United); pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

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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. Venmo donations to saint-michaels-austin (use 2207 if prompted for a phone number); or send via our PayPal link: paypal.me/smecatx, and put "altar flowers" as the memo.

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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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.

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