



THE TRUMPET

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APRIL 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. MICHAEL'S IS COMMITTED TO EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Our vestry recently allocated an additional \$15,000 to our outreach budget to help pay our teachers during our day school's closure and to meet COVID-19-related needs for people in the Austin community.

I am so proud to be the rector of a church that understands what grace in action looks like. Because of your generosity, our church is making a love-spreading difference in people's lives during this time.

--Fr. John Newton

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Third Sunday of Easter *by the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith*

Can we be the Church when we are required to be physically apart? There was a brief moment that many of us wondered if it was possible. What is the Church but a group of people who worship together and then go peace into the world to love and serve the Lord. Now the shelter in place rules kept us from coming together in our sanctuary and going out into the world. But that moment was brief. Congregations all over our diocese are responding to the needs of their communities. The Holy Spirit is speaking and moving among us.

We have discovered that we can worship from afar. The word of God can reach through the internet and into our hearts. We have found ways to continue to love and serve the Lord. Twenty-five members of St. Michael's responded to the invitation to create a phone tree. They have reached out to every member of the congregation through phone, email, and text to keep us connected and to offer prayer and support. Being physically separate does not mean that we have to be disconnected. These conversations have led to new friendships, deeper relationships, and a renewed commitment for the human to human connection that is the foundation to Jesus's commandment 'love your neighbor as yourself'.

Yes, the Church can be the Church when we are required to be physically apart. We might even be learning how to be more connected to one another. It is through that closer connection that we can go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

NEWS

SHARING YOUR STORIES Thank you to the folks who have sent photos and videos or shared them by tagging us on Facebook—they are marvelous and beloved! Keep them coming! If you post something on your Facebook page or on Instagram, please consider tagging St. Michael's, so that we can see it more easily. Just type @St.Michaels.Austin anywhere in your post (it should become a blue link) and viola! Please send items to Christine Havens, Admin and Communication Assistant, at chavens@st-michaels.org. Photos should be sent at the highest resolution possible. Please keep videos to about 3 min.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM Each **Sunday at 12:00 pm**, join Fr. John on Zoom to discuss the Gospel According to John. Even if you are new to the class, it is never too late to join; we pick back up with John 19. Please email jnewton@st-michaels.org for Zoom info.

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM Join Mthr. Minerva and others for Morning Prayer each **Tuesday morning at 9:00 am** on Zoom. Please email mskeith@st-michaels.org for Zoom meeting link.

EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM Led by Fr. John **each Wednesday at 4:30 pm**. Please email jnewton@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY MEETS VIA ZOOM Mother Minerva leads the weekly **Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm**, via Zoom. Please email mskeith@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

CENTERING PRAYER IS NOW MEETING ONLINE This ministry is available every **Tuesday night at 6:30 pm**. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM The Seekers are currently reading *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans and meeting via Zoom at **11:30 am each Sunday**. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting info

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. Sally lives in Barton Creek and is happy to meet via FaceTime. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@gmail.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) POSTPONED Lizzie McManus and Amanda Lang are sorry to announce that our Off to Oz VBC has been postponed. Stay tuned for any updates later in the summer. If you have questions, please email lizzie@st-michaels.org or amanda@st-michaels.org.

STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTER LIZZIE ON FACEBOOK LIVE | THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM Join us for the reading of two books that are fun for the whole family. While this event, like worship, is "live," the recording stays up on the St. Michael's Facebook page, so you can tune in whenever you're ready for some comedic relief and sweet tales. *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS POSTED TO FACEBOOK | SUNDAYS AT 11:30AM Rev. Hope and Family Minister Lizzie take turns leading a special message for kids, a story from the Bible, our favorite songs, and our five-finger prayer—just like we would do in Children's Chapel in person! *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM | SUNDAY 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM All kids (with a parent in the room) 5th grade and below are invited to join us for this time together where we make a craft (supply list sent out the week before), check in with each other, sing our favorite songs, and say prayers for each other. Parents must email Lizzie (lizzie@st-michaels.org) for the link to join. All welcome!

STUDENT MINISTRY

AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC took a break for Holy Week and Easter but will be back the week of April 20. Follow [@austin_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links.

All events scheduled later than May 3 will occur as planned unless they are in conflict with government or diocesan guidelines. Stay tuned for updated information every week.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

New Prayers

For Patricia Newton, that she might return to better health.

For Hap, Jenny's father, who is much better and coming home.

COVID-19 Related

For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.

Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

For Karen, flight attendant and daughter of Mary Hermes, who had tested positive but is now released from quarantine.

For Kory Killough, son of Lisa and Kirk, who is unemployed.

For Jerilynn Sparks, who lost her job, and the Sparks family.

For all those without employment at this time.

For Greg Stiles, in Philadelphia, who is in the vulnerable, high-risk population. For Greg and Kelly's daughter, Amanda, who is pregnant.

For Hannah M.

All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Ed Erdman.

RESOURCES

This is by no means an exhaustive list of available resources. Please feel free to email Christine Havens (chavens@st-michaels.org) with suggestions.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church: <https://episcopalchurch.org/>

Article from the Office of Government Relations:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/misinformation-disinformation-fake-news-why-do-we-care>

PRAYER

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare–Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

GROCERIES, PHARMACY, AND OTHER DELIVERY SERVICES

HEB Senior Grocery Delivery (via Favor): <https://favordelivery.com/seniors>

Special Shopping Times for Vulnerable Populations–USA Today Article: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/17/coronavirus-shopping-stores-introduce-time-for-vulnerable-elderly-pregnant/5074064002/>

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MEDICAL

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—BUSINESSES

Small Business Association Disaster Relief: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

A WORD ABOUT ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Normally after Lent and Easter Sunday, we would have flower arrangements on the altar each week and would invite dedications in honor of loved ones and/or special occasions. However, during this time of encouraging safe social distancing practices, we will not be having flowers delivered.

If you have a dedication that you would normally request at this time of year, send it to Christine Havens (chavens@st-michaels.org) and we will publish them all once we are back to worshipping within the sanctuary together. Thank you to those who have sent dedications in already.

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