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# THE TRUMPET

*Notes about the St. Michael's community*

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Luis Rivas, Student Minister, and his fiancée, Marie Chatfield, got married on Saturday, April 25, at noon. The wedding ceremony was livestreamed via Facebook Live and on the church's website. The Rev. John Newton served as the celebrant and the service performed outside in the St. Michael's courtyard. Their solution of a virtual service was a wonderful solution to the problem posed by social distancing restrictions, enabling many to share their joy during a time of anxiety.

Next year, the Rivas' plan on celebrating their first anniversary in a big way—a ceremony blessing their marriage followed by a reception, with family and friends present on the St. Michael's campus with lots of photographs, hugging, dancing, and cake.



They are thankful “for all the support” the community “has shown as [they] begin this lifelong journey together.”

## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

### Thoughts for the Fourth Sunday of Easter by the Rev. Elizabeth Turner

I started last week feeling like Alexander in the children's book *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, by Judith Viorst. Unlike Alexander, I did not wake up with bubble gum in my hair. However, like Alexander, Australia was sounding like a good option. My week did not start with any identifiable mishap or disappointment—I just started it feeling extremely grumpy and ready to resume pre-COVID-19 life. I knew I needed an attitude readjustment!

Fr. John's podcast gave me a boost on Tuesday with his reminder about gratitude. I needed to focus on the glimpses of grace that I see and experience on a daily basis, rather than on what I am missing! And there is so much grace in my life!

The most precious glimpses of grace have been personified in the way two members of the St. Michael's staff have dealt with COVID disappointments. On Saturday, Luis, our Student Minister, was married to Marie. It was not the wedding they had planned: there was no church filled with loved ones and there was no fabulous reception. But they married, it was lovely, and they rejoiced, knowing they will have that party this time next year. I am also seeing grace in the way that Lizzie, our outgoing Family Minister, is dealing with an upcoming graduation and ordination to the diaconate. Lizzie WILL graduate, and Lizzie WILL be ordained, but it will not be as imagined.

In the same way, we have loved ones in our lives (or ourselves) who are facing disappointments because of COVID-19: proms, graduations, summer plans, weddings. My prayer is that they, and we, might be able to glimpse God's grace. . . even without moving to Australia!

## 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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Photos should be sent at the highest resolution possible. Please keep videos to about 3 min.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP** Beginning **this Sunday, May 3**, we will say a prayer for birthdays and anniversaries near the end of the service. We would love to print names of parishioners celebrating one or both of those occasions in a given week in the worship bulletin and in the Trumpet. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). We also encourage you to type your requests in the Facebook Live chat feed on Sundays during the service.

**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](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for Zoom info.

**WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POT LUCK, MONDAY, MAY 4, 6:00 PM** Join in via Zoom for a lovely girls' evening in—connecting with others while staying safe at home. Please contact Becky Brindley at [rbrindley@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrindley@yahoo.com) for meeting ID and the link.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB RESUMES!** All are welcome to join the next book group discussion at 2:30 pm on May 27, which will probably be via Zoom. May's book selection is [\*Their Eyes Were Watching God\*](#) by Zora Neale Hurston. Please email Jackie King at [jsking2010@yahoo.com](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com) for meeting ID and link; any updates regarding location will also be shared in upcoming Trumpets.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM—NEW TIME!** The Seekers are currently reading [\*Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation\*](#) by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They are meeting via Zoom at **9:15 am each Sunday**. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lizzie@st-michaels.org) or [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

### **STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTERS LIZZIE AND AMANDA 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](mailto: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.

**Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [Lrivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:Lrivas@st-michaels.org) for updates on events scheduled to take place after May 3.**

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS**

### **New Prayers**

For Rhoda Silverberg's granddaughter, Emma, who is recovering from back surgery.

For recovery for Sally Metcalfe's father, Charles Starnes, who is in the ICU due to a series of strokes, and for her mother, Priscilla, who cannot be with him due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For Peggy, Edwina Clift's sister, who is experiencing serious health issues.

For Carl Hunter, father of Ken Hunter, who recently died, and for the Hunter family who mourn Carl's passing.

In thanksgiving for the birth of Jack & Clark, new grandbabies of Vicky and Ken Hunter.

For Jeanne, friend of Lisa Killough, whose husband has been diagnosed with Stage Four colon cancer.

### **COVID-19 Related**

For all those living in eldercare facilities, for their families, and for the staff.

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 all those without employment at this time.

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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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) with suggestions.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: [www.epicenter.org](http://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/>

### **MEDICAL**

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

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: [connectatx.org/](http://connectatx.org/)

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-BUSINESSES**

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

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**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](mailto: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.



**Thanks to Kirstie Cowan for this dear photo of her worship watch party. Peace be with you!**