



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JULY 5, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

UNDAUNTED, BOYS SCOUTS AND ST. MICHAEL'S DELIVER MUCH-NEEDED BOOKS

For a while it seemed that this annual outreach project wouldn't happen this year. But, on June 5, St. Michael's delivered well over 2,000 books to Del Valle ISD, following pandemic protocols. The books will help Del Valle elementary-age students limit the effects of "summer learning loss" and "pandemic learning loss," which are most pronounced in lesser-affluent school districts. A Del Valle mobile library will be stocked with the books and will circulate throughout the Del Valle community during the summer. Each Del Valle student will be able to choose books that can be read and then traded for different ones.

Long-time parishioner and 2020 Heritage Award winner Mary Hermes has been the steward of this project for several years; she and the St. Michael's team collected about half of this year's bounty. Helping Mary's team was Parker Moon—a Troop 30 Eagle Scout candidate. In November of last year, Parker led a



Troop 30 team

to collect books throughout the Cuernavaca area, which enabled them to supplement those collected directly by the St. Michael's congregation.

Troop 30 is sponsored by St. Michael's and completes over 1,000 hours of outreach every year. Thanks, St. Michael's, for providing the facilities and platform for this service opportunity.

Thanks, Mary and Parker, and your respective teams!

—Jackson Russell, Troop 30

Thank you, Jackson and the rest of Troop 30 for your extravagant generosity!

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost by Sally Lombardo, MDiv

My friends are very sacrificial. This morning, as four of us worked through Philippians together over Zoom, I saw God's mercy in their presence there, and in their willingness to talk and share. We discussed Paul's words to the church regarding his emissary: "I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare; others care only about themselves, not things of Christ" (2:20-21). We discussed Paul's description of Epaphroditus as "a true brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger who helped me in time of need" (2:25). At this unsettled time, God has given us friends, brothers, and co-workers in Christ to help us hold on through the fog. Friends show up week after week at Bible studies you lead, jump onto Zoom Evening Prayer when you are reading, ask how you are over the phone, and care about sick family members. Our friends laugh with us about silly things, and they encourage us to be better selves by not isolating or being sad. Paul had a few good friends, and two of them made the pages of the Bible due to their sacrificial love. We can pattern our own lives after this kind of love, linking humility with simple acts of service and friendship. Our friends are ways to glimpse God's ever-present mercy and grace.

NOTES

BRAVE WOMEN OF THE EARLY CHURCH | JULY ADULT ONLINE FORMATION All are welcome to participate in this three-week adult formation class, facilitated by parishioner Sally Lombardo. She's adapted her soon-to-be published book for this class, sharing her expertise on Mary Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla, Chloe, Phoebe, Junia, and Nympha. The video lessons will be sent on July 12, 19, and 26 in the Sunday morning email to the parish. Zoom discussions happen each Wednesday (July 15, 22, 29). Those links will be available in the Sunday emails as well. No need to register, but if you have questions, please email Christine Havens in the church office at chavens@st-michaels.org.

DIFFERENCE: THE POWER OF FAITH IN A CONFLICTED WORLD | EACH THURSDAY IN JULY | 5:30 PM VIA ZOOM Beginning July 2, Kathy Wiggin, our Junior Warden, facilitates this timely 5-session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The curriculum was developed by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; each 90-minute class combines study, prayer, and discussion. There is room for a couple of people; please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZURcO6srjMvGNGDKMWyynBNsSShTQUZY3BX>. Contact Kathy at kbwiggin@gmail.com with any questions.

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. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@aol.com.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Join St. Michael's book group this summer! July's book is *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith; the discussion is at **2:30 pm on July 29**. August's book selection is *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry; that discussion happens on **August 26 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM Join Mthr. Minerva and others for Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for Zoom meeting link.

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Mthr. Elizabeth each Wednesday at 4:30 pm during July. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Mother Minerva leads the weekly Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS 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 The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at 9:15 am each Sunday. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting info.

Here are links to a couple of Zoom tutorials on YouTube. This one, <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>, from the Creative Life Center, is great for those just using the platform for joining meetings. Click this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>, for a more detailed tutorial or if you're interested in how to host a meeting. If you have questions about using Zoom that aren't answered in either of the videos or you need clarification, please email Luis Rivas at livas@st-michaels.org about a Q&A session.

STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. 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 livas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

OUR ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS are on hiatus for July to give everyone a break from screen fatigue. Stay tuned to the SMEC Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/St.Michaels.Austin/>, for pop-up activities and inspiration for family fun!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Marky, aunt of Kirstie Cowan, for healing from infection and sepsis.

For George Jones, newborn grandson of Janice and Rick Jones, and his parents Ricky and Maggi.

For Billie Jacobs; for Terri Allphin, her daughter; and for the entire family as they navigate the concerns of Billie's infection, pain, and isolation during this time of uncertainty.

For Sara Axton, for recovery and return to good health.

For Lisa McIlvride, for safety and for stress-free regular medical care.

For Meg Meo's friend as he moves into assisted living.

For parents of teens and for their teens as they try to balance efforts to exert their independence.

For the father of Adalgis Smith, who is undergoing chemo for lung cancer; for his sister, who is a Marine, and for himself as he searches for a good roommate.

COVID-19 RELATED

For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.

For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.

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

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 all those without employment at this time.

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

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

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

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf

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/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE–INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

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



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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>.

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

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. 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.

READINGS, JULY 5, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-15
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.

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