



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for the community*

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## BECAUSE OF YOUR EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY. . .

On Sunday, August 29, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ida made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 150 mph. As of Thursday afternoon, hundreds of thousands of folks in southeast Louisiana and Mississippi were still without power, water, and other essentials, and dealing with temperatures over 100 degrees. Many people can't go home yet, or else have no home. No end is in sight.

Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program team have begun holding daily coordination calls with impacted dioceses, and disaster response teams are assessing needs created by the hurricane to determine how to best respond.

In support of the relief work being undertaken by Episcopal Relief & Development, St. Michael's has donated \$1500 from our outreach fund and from Fr. John's discretionary fund. It is your extravagant generosity that allows our community to reach out to other communities who are hurting right now; your extravagant generosity that, added to the gifts of others, is the beginning of recovery for our brothers and sisters.

Let us pray:

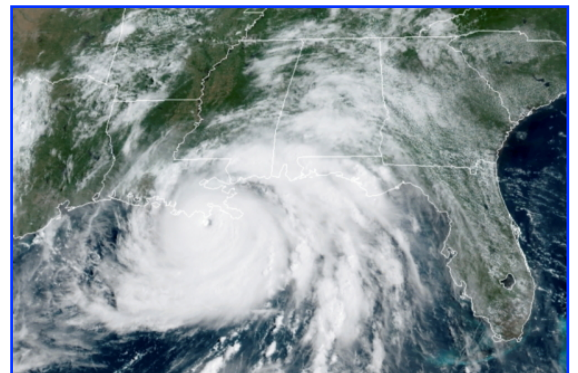
O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning; We give you thanks for giving our brothers and sisters in Louisiana and Mississippi and other places affected by Hurricane Ida the beginning of relief from pain and hope of health renewed. We give you thanks for all those who are working toward that relief. Continue in them all, we pray, the good work you have begun; strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be restored and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Adapted from Thanksgiving for a Beginning of Recovery, BCP p. 460*)

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Communication & Administration



Left: St. Andrew's Episcopal in Bayou DuLarge. Photo: ENS via Rachael Daisy Walker/FB

Right: Satellite photo of Ida on Aug. 29. Photo: NOAA via Reuters via ENS



## NOTES



**Taco Sunday, September 5** All are invited for fellowship and food in the courtyard and parish hall this Sunday! Andy Hines and hospitality crew will have delicious taco fixings and more between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. Happens the first Sunday of each month. Please join us!

**Church offices closed Monday, September 6** In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the church offices will be closed on Monday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7.

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### St. Michael's Episcopal Church

## Rector's Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece!

#### 100% ZOOM

Tuesdays at Noon August-December

Sundays at 12:45pm August-December

#### ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446

Passcode: 582175

## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**Seekers Book Group** The Seekers are currently reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck** The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering 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! *The next meeting is September 13 via Zoom.* Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**St. Michael's Book Club** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group will meet again at the end of September (the 29th), but have already chosen the book to read over the summer: *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link.

**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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVHUT09>. Passcode: prayer.

**Rector's Bible Study—Paul's Letter to the Romans: Tuesdays @noon; Sundays @12:45 pm** Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09> Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## FAMILIES & STUDENTS

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, and Michael Wiggin, student minister, invite you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Family Ministry Volunteers Needed!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

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## MINISTRIES

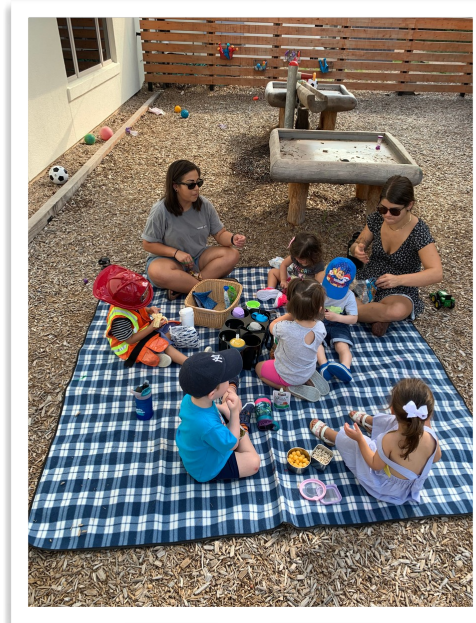
**Stephen Ministry** Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at [www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).



## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

First week at school! We have 70 families at St. Michael's Day School this year, and we're so glad they're part of the community. There were some tears at drop off time in the mornings, but soon were replaced by smiles. Thanks to the teachers for these great photos!



## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### Parish Prayer List

For Steve Sprowls, who died unexpectedly last week; for his wife, Judy, and for their family, as they grieve.  
For Richard, college friend of Margy Ayres, who died recently; for his wife, Lanier, and for Margy as they grieve.

For Karen Holody, as she recovers from surgery.

For all those who are recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ida.

For all those in Wilmington and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in the aftermath of the school shootings there.

For all those in Afghanistan and for all Afghan refugees.

### COVID-19

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

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

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Cuthbert's, Houston; St. Dunstan's, Houston; St. Isidore's, Spring

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto: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>.

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#### Track 1

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

#### Track 2

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

## FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels\_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

## CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

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

The Episcopal Church (TEC): [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

## 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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.  
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