



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 26, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT

7:00 PM
FESTIVE
EUCARIST

9:30 PM
CHORAL PRELUDE

10:00 PM
SOLEMN EUCARIST

all three services in person + livestreamed

SUNDAYS

DECEMBER 26
JANUARY 2

Special Times: 7:45 am in person 10:00 AM in person + livestreamed

WATCH ALL LIVESTREAMED SERVICES
AT WWW.ST-MICHAELS.ORG/WORSHIP-ONLINE

NOTES

End-of-Year Giving Below you will find some basic information on how you can complete your 2021 pledge if you have not yet done so. If you have questions about your pledge balance for 2021, please email Lisa Killough, chair of our finance commission, at lkillough@austin.rr.com and she will gladly provide that information.

Some choose to make an end-of-year gift in-person. These will be accepted in the church office **NO LATER** than 1:00 pm on December 31. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31. Any gifts received in person after 1:00 pm on December 31 or postmarked January 1 will not be included on your 2021 giving statement. You can also go to the Give page on our website to complete your pledge or give an end-of-year donation: www.st-michaels.org/take-action.

SMEC OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 27-31

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

No Sunday School on December 26 Family Minister Amanda will have special wiggle baskets for the kids and our Gathering Room (window-paneled room visible from the sanctuary) is always open to families with extra-wiggly children. We look forward to seeing you at the special 10:00am service time.



Taco Sunday, January 2—Special Time! Join us for Taco Sunday on January 2 at a special time—11:00am, after the 10:00am service! Help us celebrate the new year with great fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

Rector's Bible Study Bible study is on Christmas break. Tuesday sessions with Fr. John will resume on January 18; Sunday classes will pick up again on January 30. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WfVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09>
Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers: Sundays @10:00am The Seekers meet on campus at 10:00 am on Sundays in the room to the right of the sanctuary, with an option to connect via Zoom. The group has just started reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. The book is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. Interested in joining the group? 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 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. The next meeting is on January 26 and the group is reading *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles (*A Gentleman of Moscow*). Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. February's book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson.

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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tib04wUFVHUT09>. **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.

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. 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.

FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites 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.

Family Ministry Volunteers Needed! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers. 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.

Fourth Sunday 4 families Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. There's usually a youth-oriented activity after the 11:00 am is over. The *next Fourth Sunday is January 23*—we hope to see you there!

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 Brandy Brown, recovering from surgery.

For David Gross, recovering from sinuplasty.

For Saul, brother of Erin La Rue, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia; may he be comforted with a sense of God's goodness.

For Suzanne Boyd, mother of Jenny Pencis, for recovery from surgery and for peace and healing.

For Carson Diefenderfer, father of Elaine Diefenderfer, who is 98 years old.

For Rusty and Debbie, cousins of Barbara Rusling, at the sudden death of their granddaughter, Bailey. For all the family as they mourn another death in the family within the past 3 years.

For all victims of gun violence.

COVID-19

For the Rev. Terry Pierce, who has COVID

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. Paul's, Katy; St. Philip the Evangelist, Houston; St. Stephen's, Houston; St. Thomas', Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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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. 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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Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

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CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT):
www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church (TEC):
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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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