



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SIMPLE GIFTS: ADVENT 2020

As many know, Lake Charles, Louisiana, was hit by two major hurricanes this past summer. With all that is going on in our nation, the pandemic, the election, and the social unrest, hurricane victims are fearful of being forgotten. In particular, the pandemic has slowed recovery efforts, making things difficult for our neighbors in Lake Charles.

With that in mind, the Outreach Commission has designated St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles as the beneficiary of the parish's Advent Simple Gifts program. Simple Gifts offers an opportunity to honor a loved one by making a gift in their name.

A Simple Gifts table will be in the courtyard each Sunday between December 6 and December 21 for those interested in learning more or in honoring a loved one. Here are other ways to participate:

- ◆ **Check by mail:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, TX 78746. *On the memo line, please indicate Simple Gifts and/or Lake Charles.*
- ◆ **Online:** Here's the link to our giving page: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>; scroll down and click on "Easy Ways to Give." You choose the way you would like to give. *For online giving, please use the "Optional Memo" box to indicate that your donation is designated for Simple Gifts/Lake Charles.*
- ◆ **Pray for our neighbors,** the parishioners at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and the surrounding Lake Charles community. It is a slow and difficult recovery for them.

—by Karen Moody, St. Michael's parishioner and member of the Outreach Commission

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:36-39



NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES *All our in-person services follow COVID-19 precautions as outlined by the Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin.*

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES Heading to campus for in-person worship? Please text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 *each week and follow the text prompt; include your full name and the service you plan to attend. Check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This allows us to contact folks easily and rapidly if we have a COVID-19 exposure and in case of weather issues. We certainly won’t turn anyone away. Here is a link to the website, which has a more detailed how-to: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We’ll have a table on Sunday mornings if you need assistance. If you’ve checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you’re all set!

COURTYARD EUCHARIST A spoken Rite I Eucharist that begins at **8:00 am**. Seating is provided.

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, happens every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the courtyard. Bring your own chairs.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us in the sanctuary at **10:30 am** for this service, which is in-person and livestreamed on our website.

TAKE HOME KITS FOR ADVENT We are celebrating Advent at home this year with a take-home kit curated by our own very creative Family Minister Amanda—it’s perfect for all generations! Parents, grandparents, singles who need some crafty-ness, it’s not too late to reserve a kit. Please email Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org. Each kit is filled with devotionals, hands-on activities, conversation starters, and more great ideas to make this Advent a celebration of hope right in your own living space.

FR. JOHN’S ADVENT MEDITATIONS Our other Advent offering is a series of four video Advent meditations from Fr. John. Each week, a new one will be included in the Friday Trumpet email, beginning on Friday, November 27. These thoughtful yet provocative meditations provide a space in which to abide with scripture in stillness and peace.

STEPHEN MINISTRY HERE FOR YOU Lonely? Sad? Discouraged? Pandemic fatigue? Going through a rough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a life crisis? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a parish member who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It’s confidential, free, very helpful, and the ministers follow CDC guidelines for safe visits. To learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader: *Jeff Robinson* (jarobinson100@gmail.com or 512-963-6687) or *Julie de Wette* (julie@losmadrones.com or 512-925-7029). Or you may contact our rector: *the Rev. John Newton* (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church’s mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus’s first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks, **September 8-December 13**. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full [syllabus](#). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! The next title is *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo, which will be discussed on **Wednesday, December 2, at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIJSUZZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVhUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1I1WYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles 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 Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mthr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

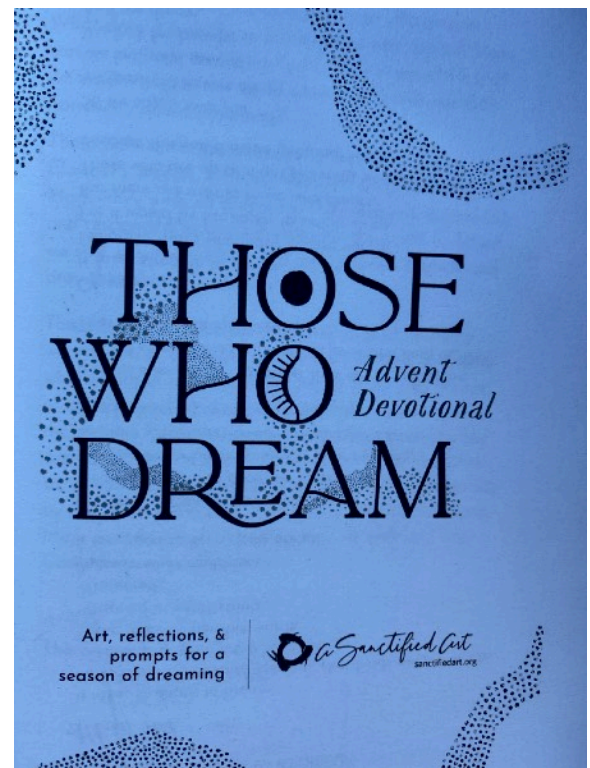
FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Minister Amanda has put together a video that complements the Advent take-home kits (*see article on page 2*). All are invited to join in this study at any time. Please email Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org if you'd like to participate.

STUDENT MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

We will be taking a break from EYC for the holidays. Our outdoor hikes will return in 2021, but stay tuned for some exciting events coming up in December, including an EYC bonfire evening and another special event involving carols, cocoa, and cars! You'll find out soon :) Check out <https://www.st-michaels.org/students> to stay up-to-date with all the happenings with SMEC Student Ministry.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Virginia, who died; for Larry & Camille Gaines, her son and daughter-in-law, and for her family.

For Donald Emery, who died; for his wife, Peggy; his son and daughter-in-law, Mark & Donna Emery, and for the Emery family.

For Lily Odle, great-niece of Britt Behrens, who has COVID-19.

For Melissa and Mike Stokes, daughter and son-in-law of Christine, who have COVID-19.

ONGOING PRAYERS

COVID-19

For Jim McConaughy, brother-in-law of Karen Haslund, who is gravely ill with COVID-19, and for his family.

For Rick & Dianna Lang, in-laws of Amanda Evans Lang, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

For Gary & Daisy, friends of Mary Hermes; they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 as has Fr. Robert, their parish priest.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

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

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

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 Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

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

For Hannah M.

For Ed Erdman.



Worship *al fresco* in the St. Michael's courtyard—sunshine and Sonshine.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers this week are given
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 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>.

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.

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Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

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.*