



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear St. Michael's Family—

Happy New Year!

December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent, which kicks off the Church's calendar year. Many people make New Year resolutions on the 1st of January. We invite you to consider a Church's New Year Resolution today—invite people to St. Michael's. If your life has been positively impacted by being a member of St. Michael's, we believe that others will also benefit.

People who do not have a church home often consider exploring churches during this time of year. You could be the person that delivers the invitation that can encourage them to take the actual step to come back into relationship with a Christian community. Your invitation could profoundly transform the life of someone by welcoming them into the life of St. Michael's. Your invitation could profoundly transform the life of St. Michael's as new members bring new gifts and talents to our church.

Andy Hines's clever idea of printing business cards with St. Michael's information with service hours can make it easier to invite acquaintances and friends to explore St. Michael's. We also printed bumper stickers (they also look great on a laptop cover) to increase St. Michael's visibility in our community. Pick a few cards keep them in your wallet or purse and give them out with a warm invitation to visit St. Michael's. You never know you might have invited a future Stephen Ministry member, a Stewardship Commission member, a Senior Warden, or a faithful disciple of Jesus.

Blessings,

The Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith
Curate & Deacon



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NEWS THIS WEEK

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING HANDS FOR HOPE! Gobble, gobble—thanks to all who helped feather our turkeys! Your donations—over \$2600—to El Buen Samaritano's Hands for Hope campaign made hunger take a holiday for 1,000 families for Thanksgiving and will help keep El Buen's food pantry stocked throughout the rest of the year. We received a telephone of thanks from El Buen for our extravagant generosity. Great job, Bunny Cowan, for organizing this for St. Michael's.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS Help make St. Michael's beautiful for our Christmas services by donating a poinsettia. Dedicate your flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or in celebration of an event, group, or individual. *The deadline to donate is **Tuesday, December 17**, if you want the recognition to appear in the Christmas Eve publications.* Envelopes are in the narthex, or you may email Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org or call the church office.

ADVENT WREATH PARTY & TACO SUNDAY | DECEMBER 1 | 10:00-10:50 AM We are having an Advent Wreath Party on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, between the 9 and 11am services in the parish hall. St. Michael's will provide the materials to make the wreaths (wreath form, live greens, candles, ribbon, wire, etc). What a great family activity—making a wreath together! It's also Taco Sunday, so there will be homemade taco fixings. No Sunday school that day, either.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT (ERD) GIFTS FOR LIFE ADVENT DISPLAY Look for an ERD Gifts for Life display in the narthex beginning December 8. Members of our Outreach team will be on hand to provide more information about this program. If you can't wait until then, here's a link to the webpage: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts>. Stay tuned for more details next week!

171ST DIOCESAN COUNCIL—BE A ST. MICHAEL'S DELEGATE Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the Diocese held every February. It is a gathering of elected delegates from all congregations, college ministries, lay heads of congregations, and canonically resident clergy. The **2020 Council is February 7-8 in Waco**. If you are interested in serving as one of St. Michael's delegates, please contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org.

MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, December 4, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *A Long and Happy Life*, by Reynolds Price. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jsking2010@yahoo.com.

THE COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE OF LIGHTS | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 5:00-9:00 PM St. Michael's is committed to building a tiny home at the Community First Village. Join fellow St. Michaelians out at the Village of Lights celebration and to see what it means to change homelessness into homeyness. An Advent Market, a choreographed light display, and a showing of *Polar Express* are a part of the fun; go to <https://give.mlf.org/event/village-of-lights-2019/e255043> for the schedule as well as for parking info and directions. Please **RSVP by Thursday, December 5**, to the office at chavens@st-michaels.org. The group will meet at 5:00 pm on the 7th at the Community Cinema area inside the Village.

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE TRUMPET? If you would like to receive the weekly Trumpet email from St. Michael's, but aren't, please contact Christine Havens in the church office (chavens@st-michaels.org) and she will add you to the distribution list.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: Do you intend to make a financial pledge to St. Michael's in 2020 but have not yet done so? Bring your pledge card and place in the offertory plates during the service or go to www.st-michaels.org and click the GIVE button.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton, with some guests; see the poster in the narthex for schedule of Sunday classes and facilitators.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. The next book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans; discussion begins Sunday, December 8. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Bleebs (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: No Sunday school December 1 All are invited to the Advent Wreath party/Taco Sunday in the parish hall.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 No Sunday school December 1—we have Taco Sunday and an Advent Wreath Party!

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE? Email Luis at lrvivas@st-michaels.org for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate! **Training for all acolytes, current and new, will be on Sunday, December 1, at 12:30 pm.**

COZY PLAY AND THOUGHTFULNESS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2:00 PM, GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH (3201 WINDSOR ROAD, 78703) This will be a joint event with the youth groups from other Episcopal churches in Austin to host a day retreat for fun, prayer, coziness, and hot chocolate for our students. We will hold a series of prayer workshops to teach you how you can enrich your prayer life and learn to connect with God in a way that feels personal and meaningful to you. Please contact lrvivas@st-michaels.org for information!

TRINITY CENTER SERVICE DAY, DECEMBER 22, 2:00 - 4:30 PM Youth group will be doing one service project every month. For December, we will be partnering with a team of volunteers from St. Michael's to help serve lunch and play tabletop games with the people we are serving. For more information about the Trinity Center, visit <http://trinitycenteraustin.org/>. RSVP to Luis at lrvivas@st-michaels.org.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin when it is passed, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box. There is a place to write an optional memo or dedication.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for Bunny Cowan's neighbor, Billy, Bill, Freia, MK, John, all those traveling for the holiday, all those who are alone.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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.

READINGS, DECEMBER 1 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

*Didn't bring cash?
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*