



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS AND HOPE AT ST. MICHAEL'S!

Advent(ure) continues at St. Michael's with a celebration of St. Nicholas Day in Sunday School this weekend. All children are invited to join our family ministry team in Room 8 during the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. They will rejoin parents at the announcements.

AND we have our Christmas Eve service times below! At 9:30 pm, all are invited to a Christmas prelude—the St. Michael's choir, accompanied by our organist, Gena Tabery, and directed by Jim Morrow, offer haunting renditions of traditional music in our sanctuary.

St. Michael's is looking forward to being with you in these seasons, whether in-person or remotely and into the new year!

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

DEC
5
2021

During the
9:00 am &
11:00 am
services



CELEBRATING
ST. NICHOLAS DAY



CHRISTMAS 2021

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway
www.st-michaels.org

5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
+
FAMILY-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST

7:00 PM
FESTIVE EUCHARIST
favorite hymns + piano + guitar
livestreamed

10:00 PM
CHORAL EUCHARIST
angelic voices + organ music
livestreamed

NOTES

Join us this Sunday, December 5, for Taco Sunday! All are welcome during the 10:00 am hour between the services for fellowship and breakfast in the courtyard. Invite your friends!

Taco Sunday

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



Christmas Flower Memorials Sponsoring the poinsettias in the sanctuary at Christmastide is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones. Your commemoration will be included in the 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve bulletins. **Please complete this form by Wednesday, December 15**, in order to have your memorial included in the bulletins: https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/christmas_flower_memorials. We will also have a sheet in the narthex. Donations toward the cost of the flowers are appreciated—you may mail a check to the church office, use Venmo (saint-michaels-austin), or go to our website, www.st-michaels.org/take-action.

Important Update for St. Michael's Women's Potluck December Gathering Apologies for the confusion about the next Women's Potluck meeting. The gathering will be Zoom only on Monday, December 6, at 6:00pm—invite a friend! Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; the passcode is 242636. Contact Becky Brindley at rbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com if you need assistance getting onto Zoom.

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2

SPECIAL TIMES: 7:45 AM + 10:00 AM- LIVESTREAMED

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

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers Are Meeting In Person and via Zoom The Seekers are now meeting on campus with an option to connect via Zoom. They're gathering now at 10am in the Christian Ed/Brides Room to the right of the sanctuary. 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 Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>, 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. If you want to get a head start on the January 26 book, it's *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.

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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2t0b04wUFVHUT09>. **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=WG1iK0t6WVFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09>
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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; 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 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.

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.

Fourth Sunday 4 families on December 19—Gingerbread Houses 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 actually on the third Sunday this month due to Christmas. On Sunday, December 19, all ages are invited to the parish hall in the 10:00 am hour to make gingerbread houses!*





Student Ministry Project | Sunday, December 19 | 2:00 pm All students are welcome to help with meal prep and delivery to The Gathering, a worship service at Community First! Village. Meet in the parish hall at 2 pm on Sunday, December 19. All ages are welcome! Postponed from Sunday, November 28

Sunday School | Sundays @9am & 11am All children ages 3 through 10 (fifth grade) are welcome to join the family ministry team for Sunday school. See you in the Family Life Center (Rm 8 in the Education wing) at 9am or 11am!

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.

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Couldn't choose between all these glittery Christmas trees some of the kids made this week—they're just so cheerful and bright! Thanks to Teacher Anna for sharing the photos.



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 Milton, friend of Erin La Rue, that he might be granted strength to endure cancer pain, that his caregivers see and understand his needs, and that the grace of healing may come to him in God's good time.

For Sterling Williams, Westlake student who died suddenly, for her family, and for the Westlake HS community.

For all victims of gun violence, especially those affected by the high school shooting in Oxford, Michigan.

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: San Mateo, Bellaire; San Romero, Houston; Santa Maria Virgen, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

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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>.

DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6
Canticle 16

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Instagram: stmichaels_atx
Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

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.*