



# THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 19, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ADVENT-URES AT SMEC SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

**9AM**

**ST. MICHAEL'S DAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS RECITAL**

*The day school children invite you to their recital  
during the 9am service.*

**10AM**

**VISIT FROM SANTA  
& GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING**

*Every ONE is welcome in the parish hall for photos with  
Santa and decorating gingerbread houses!*

**8AM-4PM**

**SMOKER OPEN HOUSE**

*Bring something to put on the smoker--brisket, ham, chicken,  
veggies, whatever--and join the Kitchen Crew for fellowship*

**AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE  
GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

*Help hang all the greenery and make the church beautiful  
for Christmas!*

## NOTES



1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway  
[www.st-michaels.org](http://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

**Smoker Open House on Sunday, December 19** The Kitchen Crew is doing a Smoker Open House on Sunday, December 19. They will be there from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Folks are invited to put something on the smoker (ham, chicken, veggies, etc.) and then take it home when it is finished. The Kitchen Crew will watch it if folks need to leave. Additionally, the Kitchen Crew is planning to have the fire pit going, snacks, and appetizers throughout the day—stay and chat! There is no requirement to smoke something if you just want to come enjoy the Open House. No need to RSVP; bring your own chair. Questions? Email James Russell at [james@russellcpa.com](mailto:james@russellcpa.com).

**Greening of the Church** We'll be doing the traditional Greening of the Church right after the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 19. We'll hang all the greenery and the lovely star from the pulley system, decorate the narthex, help Altar Guild with Poinsettias, and make the church beautiful for Christmas. Please stay (or come back) and help. We have a lot of fun working together in one of our oldest traditions. A light lunch will be served, so please email Claire Bray at [claire.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.bray@sbcglobal.net), if possible, so we have a head count for food.

**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 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 19. All ages are welcome!

**Calling All Children for the Christmas Pageant!** All children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, barn animals, or just as they are! Costumes will also be available here. Gather in the worship space entry area at 4:40 pm on December 24.

**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. **Final deadline for submitting your dedications—Monday, December 20:** [https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/christmas\\_flower\\_memorials](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](http://www.st-michaels.org/take-action).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.st-michaels.org/take-action).

**SMEC OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 27-31**

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

## 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](http://WWW.ST-MICHAELS.ORG/WORSHIP-ONLINE)**

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### 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link. February's book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson.

**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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFlVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

**Rector's Bible Study** The final chapter of Romans will be discussed this Sunday at 12:45 pm, then the group will be 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

**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=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](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**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](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

The last day before Christmas break, it PJ Day at the school and the kids had a gingerbread cookie decorating party in the courtyard. What fun! Thank you to Rebecca Beavers for the adorable 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 Ariston Awitan, Phyllis Foote's grandson, who is in the hospital with Lemierre's syndrome.

For Rachel Ham, daughter of Jackie King, who is recovering from ankle surgery.

In thanksgiving for the day school children and their families as they join us on Sunday for the 9am service and then head out for Christmas break.

For all those in Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Missouri, affected by tornadoes and other storm damage.

For all victims of gun violence.

### 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. John the Divine, Houston; St. Martin's, Houston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa



## 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>.

### DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:2-5a  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55  
Canticle 15

### 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.

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