



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

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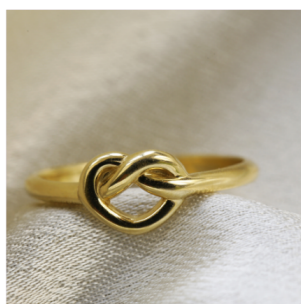
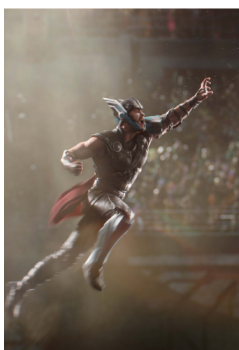
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear St. Michael's family,

Christmas is more than just one day, it is a liturgical season lasting twelve days from December 25 to January 5 (*Twelfth Night*). It's also a fun and challenging carol to sing! The Victorians probably used it as a game of forfeits, in which a token would be taken from the player who couldn't sing the entire song. In that spirit of play, here's a little brain teaser for y'all! Merry Christmas! NO GOOGLING, LOL! I'll give the answer key in the January 10 Trumpet. *With affection, Christine Havens, Assistant for Communications*

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" Challenge

Can you identify each item from the beloved carol and put them in the correct order?
(Hint: the original British lyrics read "colly bird," not calling bird. Think coal-y)
You get bonus points for sending St. Michael's a video of you singing the song in its entirety
(email to chavens@st-michaels.org or tag us on Facebook).



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. Stop by the Welcome 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!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COURTYARD EUCHARIST WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL ON DECEMBER 20 due to the chilly weather. The doors will remain open for ventilation and options will be available for those who prefer to stay outdoors.

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

PICNIC CHURCH On hiatus through February when the weather warms up.

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.

Services on December 27, January 3, and January 10 will be virtual only, available on our website. More details to come.

SIMPLE GIFTS: ADVENT 2020 As many know, Lake Charles, Louisiana, was hit by two major hurricanes this past summer. 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, which 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 20 for those interested in learning more or in honoring a loved one. Please email Karen Haslund with questions: drhaslund@gmail.com

COCOA AND CAROLS [IN CARS] SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 5:45-7:45 PM Marshmallow roasting! Carol singing! Cocoa drinking! Join us on the SMEC campus for a warm-glow evening drive-in style. Please click this link for all the details and to RSVP: <https://www.st-michaels.org/cocoacarols>.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS We will have some poinsettias brightening up the sanctuary this year. Dedicate your poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or in celebration of an event, group, or individual. Please email your dedication(s) to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org, by **Tuesday, December 22**, if you want the recognition to appear in the Christmas Even

TRUMPET DOUBLE ISSUE DEADLINE Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays and vacation time for Christine, the Trumpet will be a double issue covering December 27-January 3. If you have a blurb that you’d like to have in that issue, please email your information to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org by **noon on Monday, December 21**. The first new Trumpet of the new year will be for Sunday, January 10.



ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Adult formation is on hiatus until the new year—beginning on February 2 & 7, we will begin studying the Book of Daniel. If you want to participate in a Bible study before then, we will still meet (Tuesday's only) on Jan 12, 19 and 26 to study the lectionary readings. Zoom info will come in the new year!

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. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! The next meeting will be in the new year, on January 27, 2021, at 2:30 pm. The book is *Britt-Marie was Here*, by Fredrik Backman. 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=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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 new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tib04wUFVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>; 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 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 Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

See above for info about the Carols and Cocoa in Cars event. Stay tuned for updates about spring family formation opportunities.

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 Sally H., cousin of Bunny Cowan, who passed away last week.

For all those affected by the shooting on the steps of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.
Continued prayers for St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles, LA, as they recover from hurricane damage.

For all postal workers, delivery workers, and all retail workers at this busy time of the year that is overshadowed by the pandemic.

ONGOING PRAYERS

COVID-19

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

For Peggy DeBerry Bell, who died of COVID-19; for Donna Hulsey and the rest of the family as they grieve.

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



The chilly, misty weather finally got the better of our outdoor services this past Sunday, so the 8 am folks stayed very spaced out in the parish hall with the doors open.

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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.

DECEMBER 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Canticle 3 or Canticle 15
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

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.*