

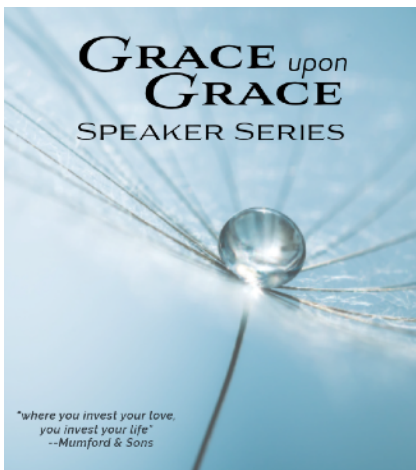


# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



FEBRUARY 25, 2024



## SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Eucharist  
5:30 pm Speaker

Parish Hall  
6:15 pm Dinner

**5:00-6:45 pm**  
Children & Youth  
Activities & Meal

Eucharist & speaker livestreamed at  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

## 2024 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: GRACE UPON GRACE

Join St. Michael's for a deep dive into the transformative power of grace within the local church to foster forgiveness, healing, and spiritual growth. Our hope each Sunday is to know the truth of John 1:16 more deeply as a community: "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." We have 5 remarkable speakers, and we have 5 delicious dinners afterward.

Children's and youth activities will be available, including a kid-friendly dinner. Drop off is at 4:45 pm; we are asking folks to pick up their children by 6:45 pm.

Learn more about our speakers here: [st-michaels.org/2024-lenten-speaker-series](http://st-michaels.org/2024-lenten-speaker-series). Recordings of the talks will be posted on the Monday following.

February 18	<b>Dr. Angela Reed</b> <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Discovering Grace through Spiritual Companionship"</i>
February 25	<b>Dr. Jared E. Alcántara</b> <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Finding God in the Wilderness"</i>
March 3	<b>Dr. Gena St. David</b> <i>Seminary of the Southwest</i>	<i>"The Neuroscience of Trust, Forgiveness, &amp; Spiritual Growth"</i>
March 10	<b>The Rev. Dr. David Wilhite</b> <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Lent as a Journey: Lessons from Ancient Pilgrimage"</i>
March 17	<b>The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander</b> <i>School of Theology, Sewanee</i>	<i>"This Far by Grace: Field Notes from the Journey"</i>

**Jared E. Alcántara** (PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary) is professor of preaching, occupies the Paul W. Powell Endowed Chair in Preaching, and is the Director of the Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, in Waco, Texas. His recent publications include *How to Preach Proverbs* (2022), *Let the Legends Preach* (2021), and *The Practices of Christian Preaching* (Spanish: 2020; English 2019). Dr. Alcántara is a member of the Academy of Homiletics, the Evangelical Homiletics Society, and the Hispanic Theological Initiative. An ordained Baptist minister, he has also served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and teaching pastor in Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and New Jersey.





Camp Allen summer staff will pay a visit to St. Michael's on Sunday, February 25, to talk all things camp with interested families, potential campers, and counselors. Session directors Kellye Heinze, Amy and Stuart Wiggin, and Bonnie & Trent Walton, as well as the SMEYC team, will also be available for q&a. Come discover what makes Camp Allen the place to be this summer and always!

### SMEC at Austin FC

Join St. Michael's for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday, April 27, at 12:30 pm, as we watch Austin FC take on the LA Galaxy at Q2 Stadium. Tickets cost \$70 per person and scholarships are available. [Please register for the event here.](#) We are also asking that attending families consider purchasing a soccer ball to donate to our friends at Casa Marianella.

For more information or to sign up, please email Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).



## NOTES

### PALM SUNDAY

March 24

7:45 am  
9:00 am\*  
11:00 am\*

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### EASTER SUNDAY

March 31

<b>Worship</b>	7:45 am	9:00 am*	11:00 am*
<b>Egg Hunts</b>	10:00 am	Noon	

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
1500 N. Capital of Texas Hwy  
Austin, Texas 78746

### HOLY WEEK

<p>March 29 Good Friday 7:00 am Noon*</p> <p>March 30 Holy Saturday 9:00 am</p>	<p>March 28 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm*</p> <p>March 29 Stations of the Cross 7:30 am 1:15 pm</p> <p>March 30 Easter Vigil 7:45 pm</p>
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\*in-person & livestreamed services  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](https://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

Get **READY** for

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

**JUNE 3-6 2024**

**9AM - NOON**

4 year olds - rising 4th graders

Online registration **OPENS**

**Sunday, February 25**

**\$25 per child**

includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**

**Registration Opens Sunday Morning for Camp Firelight!**

We're so excited to tell you that registration for Camp Firelight opens at 12:00 am on Sunday, February 25. Click here to sign up your children and/or grandchildren: <https://bit.ly/2024VBCRegistration> or click on the graphic.

Questions? Contact Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org). Interested in volunteering? Fr. Josh would love to hear from you.

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the sacrament of the Eucharist

connecting  
to  
Communion



a milestone in a child's life

**FEBRUARY 4 - 25**  
Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room  
for children entering 1st grade & up  
RSVP: Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org)

**Confirmation, Membership, and Joining the Episcopal Church** We are looking forward to having Bishop Kai Ryan join us at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7, at which time she will confirm and receive youth and adults at our 11:00 am service as part of her visit.

Confirmation classes for youth 7th grade and up will start this Sunday between services at 10:00 am, led by Hope Benko. We already have a great group signed up, but it is never too late to join. Just send Hope an email at [hope@st-michaels.org](mailto:hope@st-michaels.org).

If you're an adult and have been attending St. Michael's for a while but were either never confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, well, let's make it official! Email Fr. John at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org), and he will let you know any prep required and add you to his list.

## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Room 8** The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to Room 8 in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. We also have the Gathering Room and wiggle bags in the narthex for extra wiggly children. Contact the Rev. Hope Benko at [hope@st-michaels.org](mailto:hope@st-michaels.org) for more info.

### SMEYC Schedule

#### This Sunday

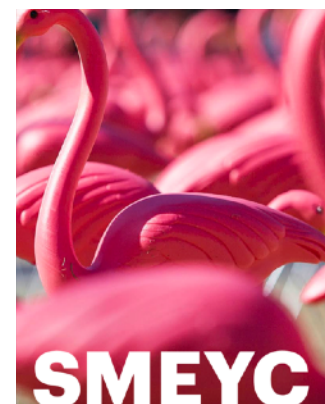
*February 25*

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall

10:00 am Camp Allen presentation — Parish Hall/ Confirmation Class — Rm 8

5:00-7:00 pm EYC (Trinity Center Bags) + Lenten Series Dinner

*St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community* welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake. Questions? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org).



**Register for Happening #180** Happening is a weekend of affirmation and renewal for high school youth in the Diocese of Texas. How is faith relevant to your life today? What does it mean to be loved unconditionally? Come find out the SURPRISING ways that God's love continues to change everything. Ready to get this weekend-long surprise party started? [Register for Happening #180](#), April 12-14. Registration fee is \$75. Scholarships available.

**iACT coming to SMEC** On Sunday, March 3, friends from iACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas) will join us at the 11:00 am service as part of iACT's Passport Program. This program gives participants the opportunity to travel to various houses of worship of many different faith traditions throughout the year with the aim of increasing understanding and friendship across difference. Questions? Contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

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## OUTREACH IN ACTION

**St. Michael's is actively engaged in community outreach efforts**, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations through hands-on service and financial assistance. Volunteer opportunities with several local organizations are offered throughout the year. If you have a passion for spreading love and grace throughout the community, please connect with Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

**Del Valle Book Drive** St. Michael's will host the annual book drive for Del Valle elementary students' summer reading enrichment. It's time for you to begin collecting new or gently-used books (English or Spanish) for distribution in May. Our goal is to collect 1000 books. For details, contact Tammy Gross at [tammygross@me.com](mailto:tammygross@me.com) or Harriett Choffel ([harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com)) or Fr. Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)).

**Garden Volunteers Needed** The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or Beth Michaels at [ebethmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:ebethmichaels@gmail.com).

**Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed** Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with Drive A Senior ATX ([www.drivesenioratx.org](http://www.drivesenioratx.org)) and Chariot ([chariot.org](http://chariot.org)), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area. Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or John Boehm at [jboehmjr@utexas.edu](mailto:jboehmjr@utexas.edu).

### 2024 Community Investment Partners

**Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)

**The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)

**Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)

**Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT)** (*interfaith outreach*)

**Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)

**Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)

**Saint Francis Ministries** (*foster care*)

**El Buen Samaritano** (*family services*)

**One Good Turn** (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them. Click on the links to learn more about each organization or check out the new Outreach webpage at [st-michaels.org/outreach](http://st-michaels.org/outreach).

## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**Rector's Bible Study Spring 2024 | Sundays @12:45 pm and Tuesdays @noon** All are welcome to join Fr. John for an in-depth study of sections of First and Second Corinthians.

Zoom Info: [bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink) Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible. Dial by location: +13462487799, ID 83260492080#; passcode 543331# US (Houston)

**The Seekers Adult Formation Group | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings. The group is currently discussing *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr. Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup](https://bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup), Passcode: 541706.

**Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells January - April** Join Fr. Josh for a book study of theologian Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There are two weekly meeting options: Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the parish hall (Zoom available) or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom only. We will not meet the week of spring break (March 10 & 13). **Please sign up here** and email Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) with any questions. Zoom links:

Monday Noon: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyMonday>

Wednesday Night: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyWednesday>

**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: [bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer](https://bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer). **Passcode:** prayer.

**Tuesday Women's 12-part Bible Study: First Corinthians | 6:00 pm | Church Office** The Women's Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm in the church office; they're studying First Corinthians now to the beginning of April. Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. In this 12-part series, author Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Contact Trish Thompson at [home.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP.

**Centering Prayer—Now In-person and via Zoom | Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Join the group in-person on the SMEC campus (Gathering Room) or join via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnlMlUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study | January 10 - April 3** Michael and Trish Thompson are leading a twelve-week, co-ed evening Bible study on Wednesday evenings through April 3, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group meets in the Capital View Center conference room at 1301 S Capital of Texas Highway (office building next to Westlake fire house). The Gospel of Matthew is the topic, and the group will be using the John McArthur study guide. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at [home.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com).

**St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. The next gathering is February 28; the book to be discussed is *Lessons in Chemistry*, a novel by Bonnie Garmus. March's selection is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin W. Kimmerer; April's is *Mr. Texas*, by Lawrence Wright. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto:tom@northcoastbrewing.com) for more information.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:00 pm** The group meets by Zoom (using the same link) for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This is a perfect time to invite others to join our group. 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: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

**Evening Prayer | Wednesdays @4:30 pm** All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196769453> and passcode 945676.

**Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00 pm | County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road** Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is March 13*; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) for more information.

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## MINISTRIES

**Daughters of the King** The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at [jcsrcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrcc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**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).

**Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care** Sometimes, I tremble under the weight of life. I'm being stretched too thinly by a shredding relationship, others' ceaseless needs, or my exhaustion. Imagine what it might be like to have someone hold, with you, the sources of that heavy pressure that tightens and presses on you. To know and understand. A Stephen Minister will listen for an hour, week after week, and not grow weary or frustrated or try to fix you. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)) or Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)).

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

The Owls girls took over the block area one day this week and made their own house in Canada. They showed how to do yoga in bed, and invited Ms. Debbi to visit their home. Apparently eating Canadian chickpeas and wearing headphones is a must when traveling to Canada. *Many thanks to Miss Debbi for the story and the photos.*



*SMEDS Chapel takes place with Fr. Josh and Miss Karen every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary.*

### 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.*

Peter Green, who has advanced Parkinson's; for his brother, Patrick, and for all his family and friends.

Gail Reid and Hondo, her dog.

Becky Brindley, who is having outpatient surgery on February 29.

Alice Barton, who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

The children and families at Saint Francis Ministries.

The search committee for the ninth dean and president of the Seminary of the Southwest.

For Palestinians, Israelis, and all victims of violence in the Middle East.

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Michael's, Austin; St. Richard's, Round Rock; Trinity, Marble Falls

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*There are no flowers on the altar during Lent.*

*Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory. They are printed here and in the 11:00 am service bulletin.*

*You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: [st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations](https://st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations). You may also donate using the QR code below or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.*

#### GIVE TO SMEC



#### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?  
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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