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The Rector's Reflections

There are fewer and fewer things that surprise me anymore. The monthly deadline for “The Rector’s Reflections” is one of the surprises that make the short list. The saying “the days are long, but the years are short,” ring true. The deadline creeps up on me every month. I feel like I just wrote the March article! Job said that his days were “swifter than a weaver’s shuttle.” I hear ya, Job.

Does time seem to fly by for you too? Wasn’t it just New Year’s? And here we are on the cusp of Easter.

One of the recent additions to the church, pictured in this edition of *The Herald*, is St. Michael’s new Liturgical Clock which now hangs in the narthex. Painted by Ronnie Collins with collaboration from Rhett Judice, this calendar is not only a beautiful piece of art but also an educational tool that helps us understand the seasons of the church’s year of grace. The church marks sacred time. As time speeds by in our lives, we anchor ourselves in our worship of God in time.

In his book, *Celebrating Liturgical Time*, Bishop Neil Alexander writes that “time is relentless. Our attempts to tame it by organizing it into days, weeks, seasons, and years, decades, and centuries, still fail to control it. As people of faith, we enter time’s relentlessness by keeping fasts and feasts, by creating holy days to interrupt its predictability, and by marking each day with unceasing prayer and praise.”

As we mark time together, let us be intentional about taking time to give thanks for our many blessings. As we enter Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection at Easter, let us mark those days and the ones that follow with unceasing prayer and praise.

In Christ,

Fr. Seth

The Herald

April 2022

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Adult Formation

9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist

Noon

Chapel of the

Risen Christ

FOR THE KIDS

Sunday Nursery

(newborn to kindergarten)

7:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Godly Play

(K - 8th grade)

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays of the Month

- 1 Beth Campbell
- 3 Powell Smith
- 4 Abigail Williams
- 5 Clara Heard
- David Taylor
- Sara Bass
- 8 Will Groves
- 10 Everett L. Guidry
- Liam Fisher
- Libby Fisher
- 12 Ellis George
- Wes Rasbeary
- 14 Emily Bass
- Christy Scroggins
- 17 Heather Vincent
- 19 Nancy Pullig
- David L. Guidry
- Mary L. Guidry
- 21 Frances Fitzgerald
- 25 Samuel Bass
- Eliza Donald
- 26 Townes Alford
- 27 Mary Jones
- 30 Aidan Ritchie

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

GODLY PLAY TRAINING

Thanks to the parishioners who attended Godly Play training at Christ Episcopal Church in Covington, March 18-20.

Pictured are **Susan Blake, Ashley Lovejoy, Melissa Alford, Amy Donald, and Alicia Parsons.**



WEDNESDAY PRAYER GATHERING

Each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a few of us gather to share and to pray together. We invite you to join us for this informal time as we intercede on behalf of St. Michael's Parish and People, plus other subjects on our hearts. All are Welcome!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW meeting for April has been changed to Tuesday, April 25. Please join us at noon for our first 2022 ECW meeting. Lunch provided.



We need additional lectors, lay Eucharistic ministers, and greeters/ushers at both services. Please let Fr. Seth or Christy know if you are willing to serve in this way.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Bible states to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord". "Come before his presence with singing".

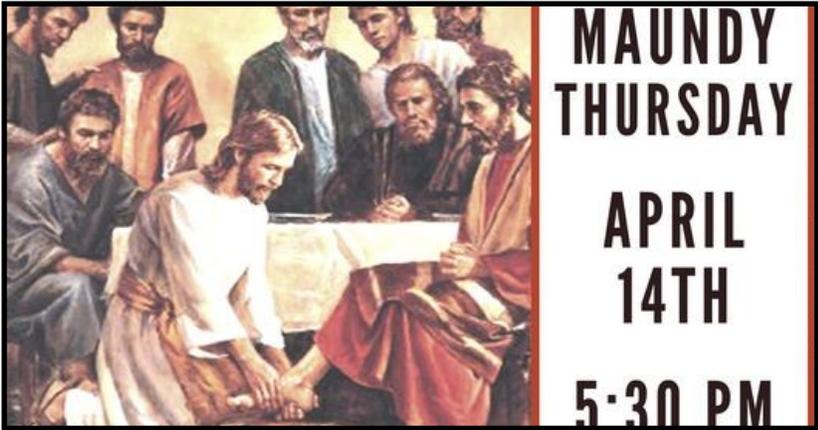
St Michael's music ministry is ready to grow and if you love to sing – now is the time to join the choir.

Call or text **Susan Arrington, Choir Director** at 337-309-2865 or come to the choir room after the Sunday services to get more information.

Our rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We sing every Sunday at the 10:30 service.

We hope to see you soon.

Susan Arrington, Choir Director



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The Rt. Rev. Jacob Owensby
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Cindy Crowe and Patti Smith, Altar Guild

VESTRY

2022

Ken Smith

Dr. Martha Briley

Powell Smith

2023

King Alexander

Alicia Williams

Betsy Stoupy

Matt George

2024

Heather Guidry

Stasha Bell

Charlie Adkins

Randy Venable

Holy Week

The distinct practice of celebrating Holy Week emerged in the 4th century. Holy Week is important liturgically and devotionally, with liturgies starting on page 270 of *The Book of Common Prayer* for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The liturgical color for Holy Week is oxblood red, recalling Christ's sacrifice for us.

Maundy Thursday

- +Recalls the Last Supper, foot washing, and institution of the Eucharist
- +At the conclusion of the service, the altar is stripped bare in preparation for Good Friday
- +Maundy comes from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning commandment. Holy Thursday is called Maundy Thursday because it was on this day that Christ gave us the new commandment—the new mandate—to love one another as he loves us.



Palm Sunday

- +Recalls Christ's entry into Jerusalem
- +Begins with a triumphal procession and ends with a solemn Eucharist
- +The service begins outside, where the people gather and process into the church



Holy Saturday

- +Christ rests in the tomb and creation awaits the resurrection
- +Remembers the 'harrowing of hell' when Christ "descended to the dead" as the Apostles' Creed professes

Good Friday

- +Recalls Christ's crucifixion
- +Consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Solemn Collects, and the Venerations of the Cross
- +The Eucharist is not celebrated on this day
- +On Good Friday, we come to a full, silent stop at the foot of the cross.



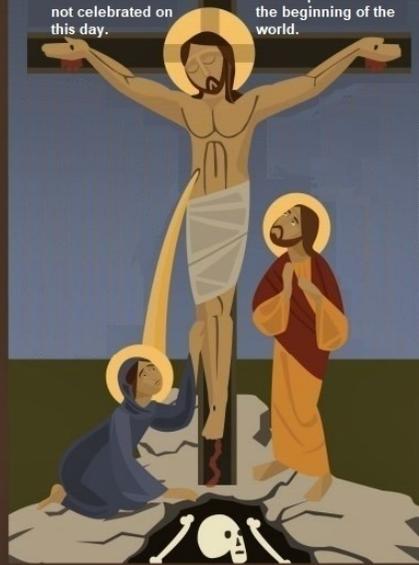
THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum, Latin for three days, is the period from Maundy Thursday to Easter. Though chronologically three days, the Triduum is liturgically one day, unfolding the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The Triduum begins with evening services on Maundy Thursday. The liturgy recalls the institution of the Holy Eucharist and includes Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. We receive a mandate, the "new commandment" to love one another.



Good Friday remembers the crucifixion of our Lord. This ancient liturgy includes readings, solemn collects and the veneration of the cross. Communion is not celebrated on this day.



Holy Saturday is the day when Christ is dead in the tomb. As stated in the Apostles' Creed, Christ descended to the dead. In the 'Harrowing of Hell', Christ brought salvation to the souls held captive there since the beginning of the world.

The Vigil begins in darkness. The new Easter fire is lighted. We read of God's saving acts. Holy Baptism and Eucharist are celebrated.



The Great Vigil of Easter is the high point of the Paschal Triduum. In the vigil, we celebrate being incorporated into Christ's salvation and resurrection.

Easter Sunday is the last day in the Triduum and the first day in the great 50-day season of Easter. During this season, we proclaim our celebratory Alleluias.

CANTERBURY MINISTRY



Photo

Paul Burgess, Canterbury House Chaplain and **Fa. Seth**.

Canterbury College Ministry lunches have returned! All college students are welcome every Friday during the school year.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



Local artist, **Ronnie Collins**, has created a unique and beautiful liturgical calendar for St. Michael and All Angels as we mark the seasons in the year of grace together as a faith community

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Spring had sprung! And how lovely it is! Thanks to All who helped to make our OCC spring plant sale a success! Donations totaled \$815! Thanks to everyone, and thanks to God!!! Let us know as your lovely flowers and delicious veggies and herbs grow and enhance the beauty of your yards and homes, and the flavors of your meals.

Thank you for the March Shoebox donations. We can still use more WOW toys; dolls, stuffed animals, balls, trucks, cars. Donations for April are clothing items. Since our parish goal is 700, we'll be packing 117 Shoeboxes in each of 6 categories: boys and girls: ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 years. We suggest shoes, shirts, dresses, jeans/slacks, hats and as lagniappe, gloves, socks, and underpants.

Thousands of Shoeboxes have already been delivered to many countries, including Ukraine which received 600,000 just before their war began. Where possible, some are still being distributed. Many are also being distributed in Poland in churches which are assisting refugees from Ukraine. Samaritans Purse is very active in Ukraine with a Tier 2 Field Hospital and a Triage. Clinic in 2 locations, with medical assistance along with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Chaplains, giving spiritual and emotional assistance and comfort to endless people.

Please continue to pray for the many aspects of OCC And Samaritans' Purse. For current updates and/or make donations go to: samaritanspurse.org.

Yours in Christ, Clara and George Heard

Thank you **Cornie and Matt Moon** for making crosses for the EDS gyms. They were presented to Mother Boo on March 27.





In Remembrance

David Crowe March 25, 2022

Let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL'S RELIES ON YOUR GENEROSITY.

Please donate for hurricane recovery and for continued operating needs.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Monday, April 25

LECTIONARY READINGS

Find the Liturgical Calendar online at www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday Bulletins can be found on our website at <https://www.stmichaelslc.com/service-times.html>

	April 3 5th Sunday in Lent	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 17 Easter Sunday	April 24 2nd Sunday in Easter
READINGS Year C	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Psalm 126	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 <i>or</i> 23:1-49 Psalm 31:9-16	Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Luke 24:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 Psalm 118:14-29 <i>or</i> Psalm 150

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Check the Sunday Bulletin for any Changes in Schedules

8:00 Lector LEM	Colleen Fontenot Monet Brashear	No 8am Service	Theresa George Paul Burgess	- - - Theresa George
10:30 Lector LEM LEM	Mary S. Jones Colleen Fontenot Mary S. Jones	Colleen Fontenot Martha Briley Kandy Moreno	Bill Shearman Colleen Fontenot Monet Brashear	Clara Heard Colleen Fontenot Laurie Riquelmy
Altar Guild	Tommie Schweitzer Kathy Tell Kim Palermo	Patti Smith Sara Bass KK Bennerscheidt Stephanie Mann	Marian Williams Monet Brashear Kathy Venable	Leda Lofaso Kathy Tell Megan Rowzie

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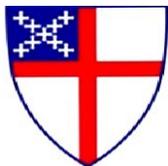
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11 a.m. Graywood Veranda (Holy Euch.) Noon Canterbury Lunch	2
3 Services 8 & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. Godly Play 9:30 a.m. Adult Lenten Study	4	5	6 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering 12 PM HOLY EUCHARIST 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7	8 Noon Canterbury Lunch	9
10 10:30 A.M. Palm Sunday Service 9:15 a.m. Godly Play 9:30 a.m. Adult Lenten Study	11	12 5:30 p.m. Vestry	13 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering 12 PM HOLY EUCHARIST 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	14 5:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service	15 NOON Good Friday Service	16 7 P.M. Easter Vigil Service
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To **worship** God in the Anglican tradition.
To **grow** Christian disciples in community.
To **go** into the world in peace to love and serve.