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Interim Rector's Reflections



Dear St. Michael's Parishioners,

In this month's *Herald*, I would like to address the timely topic of stewardship as well as give you an update on your new rector, Fr. Drew Christiansen.

As you may or may not know, St. Michael's has begun its annual fall stewardship campaign – *More Than Enough*. For the last two weeks, I have spoken on the responsibility we all have as followers of Jesus in the Episcopal Way to give of our time, talents, and treasure. In the weeks to follow, different parishioners will share with you why they give of their time, talents, and treasure.

In the Baptismal Covenant, which we renew every Easter, we promise to “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This quote from Acts goes on to explain how the early Christian community lived out their faith in their daily life. “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:44-45). From the perspective of hindsight, this now seems overly idealistic. Who of us would go so far as to hold everything in common or sell our possessions to support the poor in our midst? But isn't it true that one of the essential needs of the human heart is to spread love in the world. How better do that than to become a philanthropist, a person who has discovered that one of life's greatest privileges and most profound joys lies in the simple act of being generous with one's money. Consider this statement by Fr. Timothy Dombek who says in his book, *Making the Annual Pledge Drive Obsolete*: “Nothing you can purchase, buy, own, possess, or collect; nor any trip you can take, to any part of the world; nor any sight you will ever see; is more valuable than the money you give to others in need.”

I simply loved the reaction I got last Sunday to the announcement that you, as a parish, contributed \$6500 to St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church in Sanibel Island, Florida, a church community devastated earlier this year by Hurricane Ian. As we have received, so shall we give. All of us are called to wholehearted stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure. All of us can do our part to support St. Michael's **Financial Statement of Mission**. When you receive your pledge card the week of November 13th, please prayerfully consider how you might continue in the apostles' teachings by getting your money out there to help in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Concerning your new Rector, Drew Christiansen, his starting date at St. Michael's is set. Fr. Drew will begin his ministry on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Quite appropriate, don't you think: a new Rector beginning his ministry among you in a new year. All of you should feel quite hopeful about your future here at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church. You have endured so much these past two years, but you have emerged from the storms of life stronger in faith, resilient in hope, and more lasting in love. These are the enduring gifts that you will present to your new Rector as you journey together on the roads of life, discovering on the way the risen presence of Christ our savior.

Peace in the risen Christ,
Fr. Matt Woollett, Interim Rector

The Herald

November 2022

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am & 10:30 am
Breakfast & Alpha 8:45 am

FOR THE KIDS

Sunday Nursery

(newborn to kindergarten)

7:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Godly Play

K - 8th grade

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

TUESDAY

Holy Eucharist

Noon

Chapel of the
Risen Christ

Birthdays of the Month

- 1 Benjamin George
- 2 Bill Krull
- 5 Charlie Adkins
- 7 Allison Cook
- 10 Paul Burgess
- 11 Chelsea Williams
- 16 Dr. Martha Briley
 - Jackie Adkins
 - Vivian Martin
- 18 John Bass
 - Thomas Chamberlain
- 21 Paula McLean
 - Ree Musso
- 22 George Mowbray
- 26 Harriet Green
 - Matthew Lovejoy
- 27 Harris N. Rowzie
- 30 Victoria McKey

May you know nothing
but happiness from
this day onward.
May God protect
and keep you.
Have a very
happy birthday.



Rector Search Completed

The Vestry of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church is delighted to announce the call of The Reverend Andrew Christiansen as its next Rector.

It is with great pleasure for me to introduce our new rector, The Reverend Andrew Christiansen.

Father Drew is the current Upper School chaplain at Ascension. He was born and raised in Saginaw, MI. After serving in the military, he attended Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary in Columbus, OH and earned his M. Div in 2017 from Bexley-Seabury. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in church history through the Institute of Lutheran Theology.



Fr. Drew comes to Lake Charles after living in Lafayette for a year and a half and Shreveport for four years where he served as the school chaplain at St. Mark's Cathedral and where he met his wife Rachael who now works in the pre-school at Ascension. Drew enjoys reading, traveling, playing bass guitar, going to the gym, and watching classic movies.

He will begin at Saint Michael and All Angels as rector on January 1, 2023 to allow a transition at Ascension.

God's Blessings to All,

David Ritchie, Senior Warden



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LOOKING BACK



Thank You!

Our workday was October 8. A big thank you to everyone who came out and helped!

Your dedication keeps the grounds at St. Michael's looking great!!!!

MICHALMAS was OCTOBER 2, 2022



above: The blessing of St. Michael statue before service began.

Following Michalmas, about 75 members came together to enjoy each other's company and partake of the pulled pork luncheon. We extend a huge *Thank You* to everyone that prepared food and treats and prepped for the event.



BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Jacob Owensby
Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

Interim Rector
Father Matt Woollett

Paul Burgess, Canterbury House
Chaplain

David Ritchie, Sr. Warden

Larry Bell, Jr., Warden

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Lisa Sober, Soloist

David Ritchie, Videographer

Betsy Stoupy, Children's Ministry

Kathy Tell, The Herald & Website

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

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Christmas, and the return of Jesus in the second coming. While we start seeing Christmas decorations and hearing Christmas music earlier every year, as Episcopalians we know that the Church calls us to wait.

Advent

Advent is the first season of the Christian year. Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming." It's a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and the incarnation but also the anticipation of Christ's Second Coming. Advent is a traditional season of fasting but also of hope and expectation.



Week 3
HEAVEN or JOY
Year A Matthew 11:2-11
Year B John 1:6-8, 19-28
Year C Luke 3:7-18

Week 2
JUDGMENT or LOVE
Year A Matthew 3:1-12
Year B Mark 1:1-18
Year C Luke 3:1-6

Week 1
DEATH or PEACE
Year A Matthew 24:36-44
Year B Mark 13:24-37
Year C Luke 21:25-36

Week 4
HELL or HOPE
Year A Matthew 1:18-25
Year B Luke 1:26-38
Year C Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

The Eastern Orthodox equivalent of Advent is the 40-day Nativity Fast.

ADVENT COLORS
The traditional western liturgical color is violet/purple. However, other colors are used. Pope Innocent III declared black proper. Many traditions, including the Episcopal Church, also see blue, representing hope, as an acceptable alternative.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Advent Wreath started as a home devotion among early Lutherans. The modern version comes from the 19th century.

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ALPHA COURSE & BREAKFAST CONTINUES



Come Build and Grow Your Relationship with Christ in a Safe, non-judgmental atmosphere.

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others over a meal, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

Please join us any Sunday that you're able, at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall for Breakfast & Alpha!

St. Michael's calendar is available online at www.stmichaelslc.com/calendar.html

Do you know where our bell came from?



RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY
The ship's bell from the USS John Q. Roberts (a decommissioned high speed transport) has been given to Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal church by the U. S. Navy. Rev. Harold R. Bott, rector, is shown inspecting the bell which arrived Wednesday and is scheduled for installation at ceremonies April 1.

Navy Donates Ship's Bell to Episcopal Church Here

Sunday, March 4, 1962, Lake Charles American Press

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, without a bell since theirs was stolen last year (1961) have been given one by the U.S. Navy. The ship's bell, from the **USS John Q. Roberts**, will be formally dedicated, with the aid of a Navy color guard from the local reserve unit, on April 1 (1962) following the 10 o'clock Eucharist.

Rev. Harold R. Bott, rector, said that the idea of asking for the bell was originated by parishioner Julian C. Covington, who also initiated the correspondence with the Navy. The bell arrived Wednesday, along with documents concerning the ship's history,

an official report on the man for whom the ship was named, a picture of its sister ship, and a history of ships bells.

Father Bott pointed out a description, of an earlier case of a ship's bell being used by a church. It was from the USS Memphis which had been forced aground during a storm off Santo Domingo. The describing report said, in part, "What more fitting requiem for a fine ship and a gallant crew than that tolled by her own bell."

The bell for the church, at 123 West Sale Road, is from a ship which saw duty in the Pacific during World War II. One of its many duties was escorting the Tokyo' Force into Tokyo harbor immediately after the war. The ship is named for Ensign John Quincy Roberts, a 29-year-old naval aviator who was reported missing in action during the Battle of Midway. He was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously. Father Bott said he is trying to contact Mrs. Roberts, his mother, who christened the vessel in 1945.

The bell itself weighs 78 pounds, Father Bott said.

PAY IT FORWARD

So many churches blessed us after Hurricane Laura and Delta and now we would like to pay it forward ...



Saint Michael and All Angels in Sanibel Island, Florida received substantial amount of water damage to their buildings. Sanibel Island was devastated by Hurricane Ian on September 28 and the causeway connecting the island to the mainland collapsed.

If you would like to help contribute please make checks payable to St. Michael's – in the memo line please write Sanibel.

You may visit their website for more pictures and to learn more.

<https://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/>



STEWARDSHIP 2023

Please prayerfully consider pledging this year. The church relies on your generosity. Pledging assists the finance committee to create a budget for the upcoming year.



MORE THAN ENOUGH

About Humility

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” – Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee in today’s Gospel parable stands up in the temple to pray. He reminds God that he is not like other people who fall short of God’s expectations. He recounts to God his best behaviors - fasting and tithing.

When I envision this scene, I can’t help but imagine the Pharisee’s voice sounding like songwriter Mac Davis singing his hit, “Oh Lord it’s hard to be humble, When you’re perfect in every way; I can’t wait to look in the mirror, Cause I get better looking each day...”

Why is Jesus concerned about our level of humility even when our faithful actions are good? Certainly we should strive to be good, to give generously, and to avoid sin. Yet it is the sinful person in this story who Jesus sets as our example.

In the parable, the first person is giving a speech to God. The second person is opening up his heart, admitting his weakness, and asking for God’s merciful acceptance. He is humble enough to acknowledge that God is in control.

Such humility is a path toward a deeper, trusting relationship with God. Trusting God requires admitting that we need God. It means accepting that we are not so self-reliant that we can figure out all the answers, successfully battle every demon, and control our own destiny. Those are false narratives anyway. Humility keeps us honest.

Jesus’ time on earth exemplifies one of the most beautiful realities of our faith: Our Creator craves a close relationship with each of us. We don’t have to be perfect in every way. We just need to love and trust that what God provides will be more than enough

Source: Linda Buskirk is active in stewardship ministry for her faith community in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and works with congregations through Core Capital Campaigns



Questions For Reflection:

Imagine looking in the mirror and seeing a reflection of your relationship with God. How would you describe it?

How might generosity be connected to one’s trusting relationship with God?

In serving others we often find humility. How has service to others helped deepen your relationship with God?



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Ladies of the Church, please join us as we prepare for these upcoming events.

November 12. Bread Baking Instruction "Class". Details to follow in the November Herald and weekly e-newsletter.

November 27 Bishop Jake's visit. Lunch served following 10:30 service. Volunteers for side dishes, set up & clean up are always appreciated.

NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS

ECW will be taking Christmas gift bags to a local nursing home in December. **We are asking the CONGREGATION to help us create 55 bags!** Each bag will contain one pair of gripper socks and one 4 oz. container of Gold Bond healing foot cream as the primary contents. The items can be purchased locally or on the gift registry that has been created on Amazon Smile.



To Order Online: From the amazon.com top menu bar select "Registry" or go here: <https://www.amazon.com/registries> Registrant name will be "Colleen Fontenot". Select "gift list" then "Search". If three or more pairs are purchased, they will be distributed to individual residents.

We encourage you to write a blessing note to be included in the bag. Other items may also be included. We know the residents would appreciate these lovingly created gift bags for Christmas. Many of these residents are indigent and have no family. Let them know they are loved during this special time of year at the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!



We are excited to announce that **Wanda Alexander** and **Faye Cook** will be our new Altar Guild Co-Chairs beginning 2023.

Thank you for accepting this position!

All Altar Guild members please add this to your calendar.

Christmas decorating & supper

December 18 at 5 p.m.

Special guests Father Matt & Harriet Woollett and Dawn Leger

Submitted by Cindy Crowe and Patti Smith, Altar Guild Co-Chairs



VERANDAH

Services at the Verandah are held the first and third Fridays of each month at 11 a.m. Please join us and visit with our fellow congregants living there!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Gratitude and Thanksgiving to our faithful and hardworking group of OCC volunteers at St. Michael & All Angels who have been meeting weekly this fall to prep, count, and store the thousands of items that will fill our Shoeboxes on Saturday Nov. 5, beginning at 11 a.m. Mark that date on your calendar since that is our big PARISH PACKING PARTY when St. Michael's Sheep will assemble more than 600 Shoeboxes!!!!!! "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38. Each box will be a tangible expression of God's love to the precious child who will receive it. Please be praying for our OCC project. Some suggested prayers are in the Narthex on the tract rack with the OCC literature. Prayer is the foundation of all we do in OCC, as well as with every Christian ministry and endeavor. Our Packing Parties are always busy, joyful and rewarding; we get to know one another better, and have FUN while being a part of Jesus' Great Commission to the Body of Christ: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19. Each Shoebox has been found to reach out to 10 people; one has brought at least 50 people to believe in Jesus Christ!!! Count me in!!! How about you?



There are 2 other ways for you to send Shoeboxes this year.

1. Take a Shoebox from the Narthex or Parish Hall, fill it with wonderful items, pray over it, and bring it back to Church by Sunday Nov. 13 when they will be dedicated and prayed over.
2. With just a few clicks, you can pack an OCC Shoebox gift online. Go to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Click the "Search for a Goal Page" at the bottom of the page. Goal Page is St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal, LC, LA. For a suggested donation of \$25, your gift will be packed and sent on its way.

Our St. Michael's Shoebox goal for 2022 is to send Shoeboxes to 900 children, 25 more than 2021. Please prayerfully help us achieve (or exceed) our goal this year! Our children joyfully packed 106 in Vacation Bible School!

Hope you had a fun time at the recent Trunk and Treat and enjoyed the delicious Chili, prepared by two of our men! Thanks to everyone for volunteering, and those who supported this fundraiser. Our final fundraiser this year will be Sunday, Nov. 20, our Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale! Yum! We invite everyone to donate Baked Goods; please bring your goodies to the Narthex when you arrive that morning. Find updates in the weekly email updates and Sunday bulletin announcements.

Thanks, and God Bless! *George and Clara Heard*





CANTERBURY MINISTRY Serving Friday lunch to McNeese students.

We are happy to announce that Canterbury is serving about 20 students now.

No lunch on Friday Nov 25. Look for a substitution date, possibly Tuesday that same week.

Paul Burgess, Canterbury House Chaplain.



FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time Ends
at 2am on *Sunday, November 6.*

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour
on Saturday evening.

**Daylight
Saving Time
Ends**

2022
6th
November



LECTIONARY READINGS

Find the Liturgical Calendar online at www.lectionarypage.net

	November 6 22 Sunday after Pentecost	November 13 23 Sunday after Pentecost	November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 27 1st Sunday of Advent Bishop's Visit
READINGS Year C	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44 Psalm 122

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Check the Sunday Bulletin for any Changes in Schedules

8:00 Lector LEM	Theresa George Paul Burgess	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> Harris Rowzie	Theresa George Paul Burgess	NO 8am SERVICE
10:30 Lector LEM LEM	Missy Shaddock Kandy Moreno <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Missy Shaddock <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Clara Heard <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Jeffery Schweitzer
Altar Guild	Leda Lofaso Sara Bass Patti Smith	Monet Brashear Marian Williams Kathy Venable	Megan Rowzie Kay Vanchiere Stephanie Mann	Wanda Alexander Kathy Tell Kandy Moreno
Altar Flowers	Kelly Chatman	Wilma Moore	Harriet Green	Kim Palermo
Breakfast Teams	Pancakers	Scramblers	Roosters	Lunch provided after 10:30 service

Altar Guild for each weeks Tuesday service are Cindy Crowe, Harriet Green, Colleen Fontenot



**ST. MICHAEL'S RELIES ON YOUR GENEROSITY
FOR CONTINUED OPERATING NEEDS.**

You can make a donation to St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church online at <https://www.stmichaelslc.com/donate.html>

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26).

November 2022

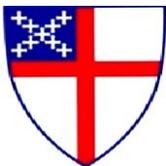
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WORSHIP, GROW, & GO

To **worship** God in the Anglican tradition.
To **grow** Christian disciples in community.
To **go** into the world in peace to love and serve.