

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 4, 2022 ❖ 9:00 am

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Once he came in blessing

Michael Burkhardt

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting our Advent Wreath today are members of our Men's Fellowship, Norm Bianchi and Kim Montgomery.

Reader Almighty God, foretold by the voice crying out in the wilderness, we give you thanks for the coming of your Son among us. As we await his arrival, grant that we may share in the hope he promises and find kindled in our hearts the fire of his love.

People **May these candles be to us a sign of the light that shines in the darkness. Give us open hearts and minds, filled with your light, as we prepare to welcome you.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
²**That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be his glorious Name forever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";
¹⁰and again he says,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
¹¹and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
¹²and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Hymnal 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying (vs. 1-2)

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
 feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

SERMON

Betsy Densmore

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.” (*Isaiah 9:2*)

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, guide and strengthen your church, remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, John, our Bishop, and all who serve you. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision. We pray for _____.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be reconciled and shaped into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of your compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially _____. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife, and those whom we remember now _____. Shine the light of hope.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our parish as we seek a new rector.

All **Almighty God, giver of every good gift, grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new rector for Saint Michael and All Angels. Bless us with patience, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish family on this journey. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts, and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us. Raise up for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins ✚ through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Motet, Ecce concipies

Jakob Handl (1550-1591)

*Ecce, concipies et paries filium, et vocabis nomen eius Jesum.
Hic erit magnus, et Filius Altissimi vocabitur.
Super solium David, et super regnum eius sedebit,
et regnabit in domo Jacob in aeternum,
et regni eius non erit finis.*

*Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus.
He will be great, and will be called the son of the Most High.
He will sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
and he will reign in the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom
there will be no end. Luke 1: 31-33*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near; call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry
ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant’s tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Preludes on “Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Michael Burkhardt, Paul Manz

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,
1 Hark! a thrill- ing voice is sound- ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par- don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.
1 "Cast a- way the works of dark- ness, O ye child- ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, wake, a Voice is calling

Michael Burkhardt

We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart
Preacher: Betsy Densmore
Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin
Choir: Cecilia Rogers, (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary Bailey (Section Leader), Pat Albers, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

Sunday School

Godly Play (ages 3-10)

9:00 am in the Yellow Room

This week:

The Story of Advent.

Storyteller: Anne Conover.

(Children's Christmas Program rehearsal and prep follows the story.)

Contact: Anne Conover (annabanacaddie@aol.com)

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

Afternoon

First Sunday of the month, Dec. 4, will focus on Mission and Outreach, beginning the Holiday Lemon Project.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar and sanctuary light are given by Catherine and Louise Stover to the glory of God and in celebration of Corinne's birthday.

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/>

Today at St. Mike's:

Giving Sunday Celebration!

There is a special place at the corner of Marguerite and Pacific View Drive in Corona del Mar where people gather, lives are enriched, and hearts and souls are touched. Saint Michael & All Angels is a place of community and faith for people of all ages where we are inspired to live generously by loving God through giving. This Giving Sunday, December 4, we celebrate Saint Michael's and all the good ways we Worship, Serve, Grow, and Connect together. Please join your parish family on the patio after the 9:00 am Worship Service to celebrate our many blessings and all the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that make life of this community possible.

Betsy Densmore guest preaches at St. Mike's

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 9:00 am

Betsy Densmore is guest homilist at Saint Michael's on Giving Sunday, December 4, as we conclude the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. Betsy is co-founder of Episcopal Enterprises which helps churches like Saint Michael's find ways to fund powerful visions for ministry beyond what churches can collect in pledges and tithes. She is a current board member of Innovative Housing Opportunities and The Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Betsy founded the Academies for Social Entrepreneurship, an educational organization dedicated to linking the passion of social purpose with sustainable business practices. As ASE's Director, she has worked with over three hundred not-for-profit organizations, catalyzing tens of millions of dollars in new revenue for innovative charitable ventures. Densmore is an entrepreneur herself, having founded three hospitality businesses, an insurance agency, and two nonprofit organizations. In her spare time, she co-owns and manages two Great Mex Grill restaurants in Costa Mesa.

Corona del Mar Annual Christmas Walk

Sunday, Dec. 4 from noon to 2 pm

You'll find us in front of Sherman Gardens. We'll sing Christmas carols and pass out flyers advertising our Christmas worship schedule. Join us for as long as you wish, then tour the rest of the displays on PCH. This annual event sponsored by the CdM Chamber of Commerce is one of the most popular Christmas events in all of Southern California.

Contact: Clyde Dodge (clydedodge@cox.net)

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



You are invited to sponsor this year's Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary. Please make your donation by the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, to make sure your name is included in the worship bulletin. Sign-up to sponsor poinsettias via the worship link on our website <https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/> or by using one of the envelopes in the back of the church. Questions? Contact, Melinda Rader, 949-230-3644.

Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday. On Dec. 6: Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342



Prayer Vigil for Peace

Fridays at 6:00 pm

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

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Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



A Time of Prayer

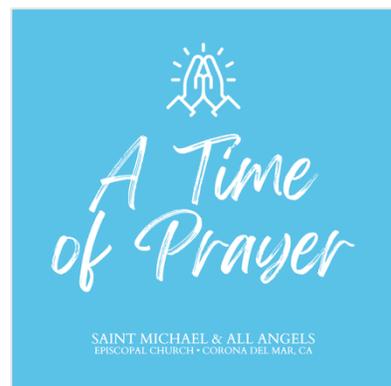
First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm

Join us for A Time of Prayer on Wednesday, December 7 at 2:00 pm, our monthly prayer service of worship and prayer to give thanks for our joys and express our concerns for ourselves and for those of our parish in need of prayer.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

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Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



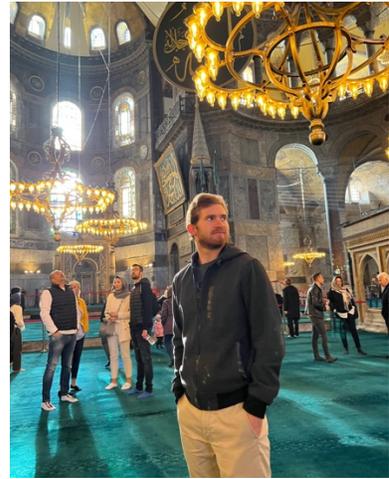
An Afternoon with Bono in Conversation with Jon Meacham

Monday, Dec. 5 at 4:00pm in the Davis Library

Join Washington National Cathedral for a live streamed conversation with legendary singer-songwriter, activist, and global humanitarian Bono to discuss his new memoir, Surrender, with Cathedral Canon Historian Jon Meacham. Surrender is the story of the remarkable life he's lived, the challenges he's faced, and the friends and family who have shaped and sustained him. In his unique voice, Bono takes us from his early days growing up in Dublin, including the sudden loss of his mother when he was fourteen, to U2's unlikely journey to become one of the world's most influential rock bands, to his more than twenty years of activism dedicated to the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty.

Photos from William Akerblom

William Akerblom, Saint Mike's college student studying abroad in Brussels, shares with us his recent travel photos of Dubai, Istanbul and Athens. He will be back home for Christmas!



Alternative Gift Fair

Some photos from our Alternative Gift Fair on Sunday, Nov. 20. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a great success!



At a Glance:

Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent

+ Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 am

Giving Sunday

Betsy Densmore, guest homilist

Giving Sunday Stewardship Celebration

Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am

Corona del Mar Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 4 at 12:00 noon

Gingerbread Lane

Sunday, December 11

(after 9:00 am worship)

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Saturday, December 24

Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 24

Gift of Music at 7:30 pm

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Prayer Vigil for Peace

+ Epiphany Celebration

Friday, January 6 at 6:00 pm

This Week at St. Mike's

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Giving Sunday

Betsy Densmore, guest homilist

Giving Sunday Stewardship Celebration

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Noon Corona del Mar

Christmas Walk

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Wednesday, December 7

2:00 pm A Time of Prayer

4:00 pm Embracing Evangelism

Thursday, December 8

8:30 am Men's Fellowship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Gingerbread Lane

(after 9:00 am worship)

Details on this week's events can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

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Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website:
<https://www.stmikescdm.org>

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

No meeting on Dec. 4 or Dec. 11.

Sunday, Dec. 18: we will show the Menotti opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/>

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Currently studying *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers.

On Dec. 6, Chapter 8: *Walk in Love, Discipleship, Conclusion*

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: **Beth Bianchi**

Bible Challenge

December 4, 11 and 18 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room

All are welcome for this Advent devotional study,

O Wisdom: Advent Devotional for the Names of Jesus,

a Forward Movement Publication.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge>

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Inklings Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom

Monday, December 19

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup>

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: **Barbara Stewart+** at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Visit our church calendar for more:

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