# Saint Michael's Feast Day with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

The Holy Eucharist \* September 26, 2021 \* 9:00 a.m.



Saint Michael (detail) from a triptych by Paolo Veneziano

## Zoom Link to Worship

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: 080100

Note to Zoom congregants: You will be muted throughout the service. Continue to say all group responses, but you will only hear yourself and the people in the Sanctuary.

> We are honored to welcome The Right Reverend John Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, who will be celebrating and preaching this morning.

#### Presented for Confirmation

Chapman Warmington Zuri Agren Amari Agren Zachary Christopher

#### Presented for Reception

Skyler Mineshima

#### Presented for Reafirmation of Baptismal Vows

Corinne Stover Louise Stover

#### Prelude

Michael, coeli signifer (Motet for Michaelmas) The St. Michael Section Leaders: Jakob Handl (1556-1591) Rusty Vail, Soprano; Mary Bailey, Alto Vinent Loza, Tenor; Scott Ziemann, Bass

Michael, coeli signifer, Gabriel, mundi lucifer, Raphael, tres archangeli Christi et omnes angeli, amantes casta corpora, nostra per cunetta specula tuentur ab insidiis hostium et perfidies. Hi nos semper custodiant et post mortem suscitant, angelorum altissimo. laudem canamus Domino.

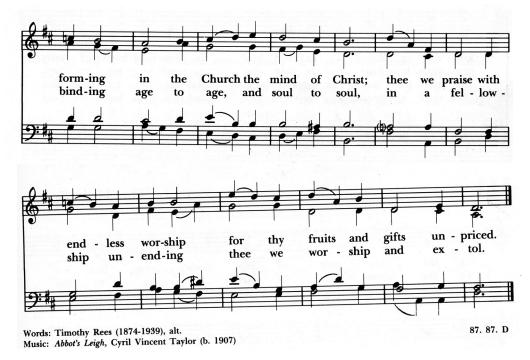
Michael, standard-bearer of heaven; Gabriel, light-bringer to the world, and Raphael — the three archangels of Christ and all the angels, the beloved ones: through all the ages they protect us from the snares and treachery of our enemies. May they always guard us, and after death may they receive us. Let us sing the praise of the angels to the Lord Most High.

All stand as the Ministers enter the Church.

#### Processional Hymn: 511, Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbot's Leigh





#### The Acclamation

Bishop 

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop prays the collect for Saint Michael's Day

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All are seated for the Readings.

The First Reading Genesis 28:10-17

*Lector* A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob Left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 103: 19-22, Domini est terra

Lector The LORD has set his throne in heaven,

and his kingship has dominion over all.

People Bless the LORD, you angels of his,

you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

Lector Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,

you ministers of his who do his will.

People Bless the LORD, all you works of his,

in all places of his dominion; bless the LORD, O my soul.

#### The Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

*Lector* A reading from the book of Revelation.

WAR BROKE OUT IN HEAVEN; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

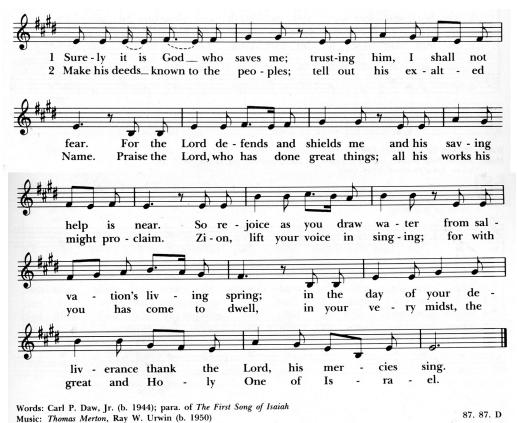
because he knows that his time is short!"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Sequence Hymn: 679, Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton



The Holy Gospel

John 1:47-51

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Right Reverend John Taylor

#### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present Chapman, Zuri, Amari, and Zachary for Confirmation.

I present Skyler to be received into this Communion

I present Corinne and Louise who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks these questions of the Candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Answer I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Answer I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The People stand.

The Bishop asks this question of all who are present

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power

to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ

and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever

you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons

who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

#### Prayers for the Candidates

Lector Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Lector* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Lector* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

#### The Bishop prays

A LMIGHTY GOD, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The People are seated.

The Candidates come forward to stand before the Bishop.

#### For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each person and prays

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. Amen.

#### For Reception

The Bishop takes the hands of the person to be received into his and says

N., WE RECOGNIZE YOU as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen*.

#### For Reaffirmation

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

When all have been confirmed or received, the People stand.

The Bishop prays

A LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord. The Bishop and Clergy greet the People.

#### Offertory

Holy Michael Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Holy Michael, high king of angels,
O thou Michael victorious,
Drive from us every temptation and danger,
Spread thy wing over us, shield us all.
Be thou a bright flame before me,

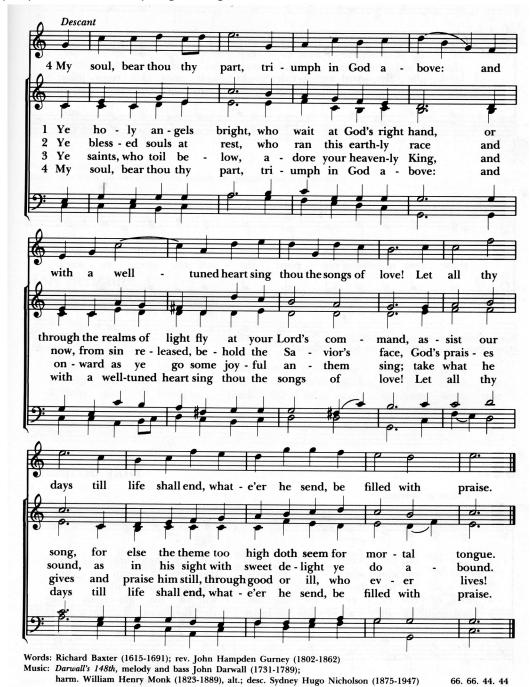
Be thou a guiding star above me, Be thou a smooth path below me, And be a kindly shepherd behind me. Today, tonight, and forever.

from Celtic Invocations, adapted by Ann Conroy

The People stand to sing this hymn.

#### Offertory Hymn: 625, Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th



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#### The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

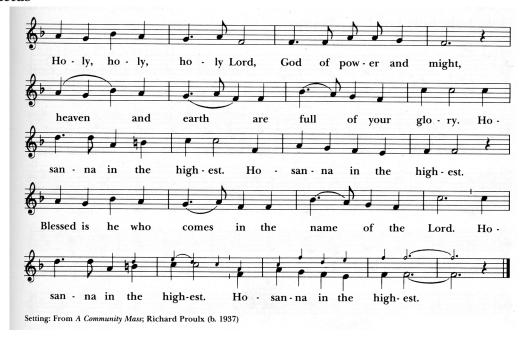
People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus



The Bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer as follows

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Ministers bow to revere the Body and Blood of Christ.

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

All then pray together

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People are seated.

#### Communion

Kyrie eleison J. S. Bac

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time.

Please follow the direction of the ushers and come forward to gather around the circular altar, beginning with the first row while maintaining a social distance.

The Ministers will be happy to bring Communion to those who prefer to remain seated in the pews.

Please speak to one of the ushers and the Ministers will come to you.

Those who prefer not to receive the Eucharist may receive a blessing (please cross your arms across your chest).

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

#### 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.

The People stand at the Celebrant's direction.

#### Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

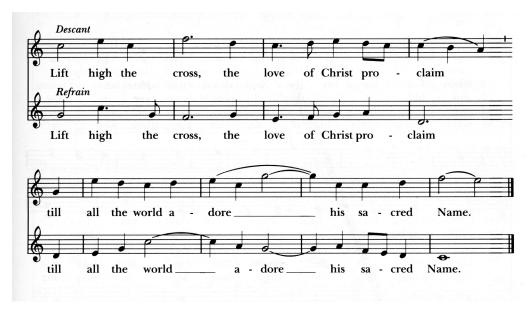
#### All then pray together

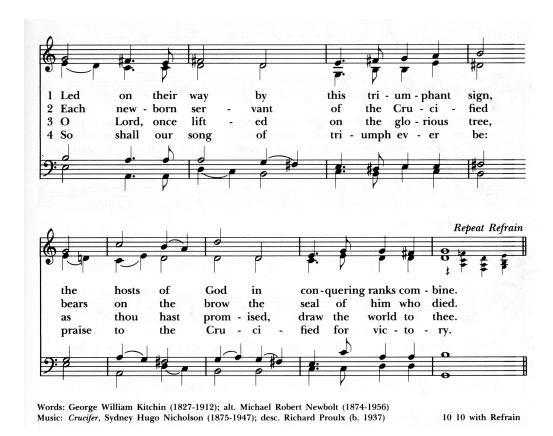
A LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING, MERCY, AND GRACE of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

#### Hymn in Procession: 473, Lift high the cross

Crucifer





#### The Dismissal

Assisting Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Blessing of the Chapel

Immediately after the dismissal all are warmly invited to gather in the chapel in the north wing for Bishop Taylor's blessing of our newly furbished sacred space of worship. All doors to the chapel, including the exterior doors, will be open for easy access.

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Bishop The Right Reverend John Taylor The Rev. Susan Pinkerton **Assisting Priest** Gospeller The Rev. Barbara Stewart The Bishop's Chaplain Stacie Tibbets Layreaders Jim Palda, Ann Morris, Don Sheetz Acolytes Colette Spence, Charles Warmington Organist Dr. Ray Urwin Altar Guild Cathy Dunlap Flowers Barbara Paulson Zoom Host **Brooke Pauley** Zoom Co-Host Kim Montgomery Godly Play and Formation Teachers Anne Conover, Susan Caldwell Ushers Clyde Dodge, Steve Dulson

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#### Parish Prayer List

Daniel Barbara Jean Andy Jamie Ron Nadine Barbara Jean Robert Catherine Mark Viggo Sigrid Julie Deidre and Conner Marilyn Elisabeth Nathan Jaqueline and Elise Yvette Peggy Rebecca Ken The Montgomery family Tom Sy

Pat and Denise Christof and family Annemarie

Gail

Corinne Joni

Baby Cole Jack's children

Abby Wally

#### Welcome to St. Michael's In-Person and Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this morning. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship!

#### Office Hours

This week the church office will be open on Tuesday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

#### Tuesday Morning Eucharist

You are invited to join us in the chapel on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am for the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Please note that COVID precautions are in place.

## COVID Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We are delighted to announce that we are opening up our in-person services in keeping with the current CDC guidelines as instructed by Bishop Taylor. Due to the recent spike in COVID cases in Los Angeles County, he is asking that all worshipers, even those vaccinated, be masked while indoors to protect the unvaccinated. In addition:

- All those who are vaccinated are welcome to shake hands and hug during the Peace.
- Because all children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, please avoid all direct physical contact with them such as handshakes or hugs. Children will meet for Sunday school outside.
- Holy Communion will continue to be bread only until further instruction

#### Opportunity to Help Those in Need in Haiti and Victims of Hurricane Ida

Through the good and faithful work of Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) we can offer a lending hand to those affected by the recent 7.2 earthquake in Haiti and the victims of Hurricane Ida. Your donation to ERD will support the organization's continued emergency response efforts in both Haiti and the United States. For 80 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. Please keep the people of Haiti and the United States in your prayers and all those who are coming to their aid during this most devastating time.

Go to <a href="https://bit.ly/3Dz5km1">https://bit.ly/3Dz5km1</a> or

https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/

#### Tuesday Night @ Mike's

Join us as we share our experiences with One Word. How has it been working out? What insights have you gained into God's Word and your word?

Questions? Contact Beth Bianchi

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### The Blessing of the Animals

Be sure to bring your pet to church next Sunday, as we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis by blessing all our beloved animals. Dogs are the most common animal on this day, but we have blessed cats, rabbits, a chicken, even a horse. If your pet can't handle the stress, bring a photo to be blessed.

This is also a perfect opportunity to celebrate the life of a pet that has recently died, and can be a meaning-ful comfort to children who are still grief stricken over the loss of their companion. Again, in this instance, bring a favorite photo of the beloved pet.

All God's

## Sunday School!

This Sunday, our Bishop, John Taylor, is visiting St. Michael's for Confirmations and our patronal feast day. To allow all the children to enjoy these special events with their friends, Godly Play won't be having a story this week. There will be friend time for the young ones and childcare available in the nursery at 9 am, if they would prefer to spend time there prior to joining the congregation for the Confirmations.

#### Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am. The discussion of our new book, "Angels of the Bible" by Kate Moorehead, has begun. This book has been wonderfully engaging! If you would like to participate, please email Susan Caldwell. scaldwell@stmikescdm.org. The cost of the book is \$19.00.

October 17th, 2021 8:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Kerygma Bible Study

There will be no Kerygma today, due to the Island luau taking place in the patio.

#### The Inklings

Inklings will meet the third Thursday of the month, October 21. 9:30am-11:00am, Davis Library. We will continue our study of "Reflections on the Psalms" by C. S. Lewis. All are welcome to join. This is a hybrid event.

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## Deadline Reminder for Information to be Included in The Messenger or the Bulletin

12:00 noon Tuesday is the deadline for submitting information to be included in either The Messenger (published on Thursday) or the bulletin (also published on Thursday) for Sunday worship. Please submit this information to the Rev. Susan Pinkerton and Wayne Hastings.

## Mark Your Calendars! The Annual St. Mike's Gift Fair is returning this year! Sunday, November 21st - 10am - 1pm

We will be welcoming charitable organizations and artisans to our church again this year! Money raised during this popular event goes directly to the charities represented as well as St. Mike's own commissions. Join us as we get into the The Holiday Spirit of Giving!

## A Call for Charitable Organizations & Artisans

Do you make beautiful handmade items? Are you an artist in the kitchen? Do you have vintage treasures to share? or are you part of a charitable organization that you wish to tell others about? The St. Mike's Annual Gift Fair will be held this year on November 21st 10am-1pm, and we would love to support our member's interests and talents! Please reach out to Kati Nicholson (<a href="mailto:kmowat22@gmail.com">kmowat22@gmail.com</a>) to discuss your participation!

## **COMING EVENTS**

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER



Oct. 3	The Blessing of the Animals We celebrate St. Francis, St. Clare, and all God's creatures.
Oct. 31	UTO Ingathering The Parade of the Saints Our children and youth present saints from history.
Nov. 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Day Celebrated 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm Praying Our Goodbyes
Nov. 13	Diocesan Convention To be held in-person at the Riverside Convention Center and over Zoom.
Nov. 14	Stewardship Sunday Parish meeting after the Service to present the Narrative Budget.
Nov. 21	Alternative Gift Fair To be held following 9:00 am worship in Michael's Room and on the Parish Center Patio.
Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent

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