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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
THE NATIVITY WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

**CHURCH | 11 AM**

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, Rector

## Welcome!

Dear Friends,

I hope this season of Advent has been rich for you as we *Prepare the Way* to welcome God once again at Christmas. Today is one of my favorite days of the year: the day when we celebrate the beauty Jesus's birth through the annual Nativity Pageant. The 11 a.m. traditional service will feature our pageant, led by our children, and I hope you enjoy the fun!

Christmas is just around the corner and I hope you've made plans to join us for worship. Our [Christmas schedule](#) is full and there is something for everyone. Christmas Eve worship begins at 11 a.m. and ends with the beautiful, high mass at 10:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, we worship together in the Saint Michael Chapel at 10 a.m. It will be a great celebration!

As we continue through the holy season of Advent, I hope you're taking advantage of our special offerings. Please visit the [Advent Hub page](#) of our website to listen to our [clergy podcasts](#) and to read our [Advent Meditation book](#). Join us live and online for our service of [Christmas Lessons & Carols](#) on Sunday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m.

A special word of thanks to everyone who has participated in our signature Christmas ministries, [I Believe In Angels](#) and [Heart of Giving](#). Last Sunday was the final day to participate in IBIA and every child was sponsored! You can still support *Heart of Giving* for two more weeks, so visit the tables in the hallways or go online. And don't forget our [special Advent Calendars](#) to benefit our neighbors through North Dallas Shared Ministries (bags available at the doors of the church).

In peace, 

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**7:30 AM: HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I**  
TRADITIONAL | SAINT MICHAEL CHAPEL



**9 AM: HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
TRADITIONAL | CHURCH

**9 AM: JOY! A CHILDREN'S SERVICE**  
SAINT MICHAEL CHAPEL

**11 AM: NATIVITY PAGEANT!**  
TRADITIONAL | CHURCH



**11 AM: HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
CONTEMPORARY | PARISH HALL

**5:30 PM: HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
TRADITIONAL | SAINT MICHAEL CHAPEL



**8 PM: CHORAL COMPLINE**  
CHURCH

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To view all things Advent, visit  
[SaintMichael.org/Advent21](https://saintmichael.org/Advent21)

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# 2021 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS ARE OPEN NOW!

MAKE YOUR DONATIONS BY DECEMBER 20.



SCAN TO DONATE FLOWERS!

## CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### HEART OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 19

As Christmas draws near, Heart of Giving offers a thoughtful, alternative way to spread the spirit of the season. Please consider contributing to one of the following outreach programs:

AUSTIN STREET CENTER  
TELA, HONDURAS MISSION  
VNA MEALS ON WHEELS

[SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/HEARTOFGIVING](http://SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/HEARTOFGIVING)

### CHRISTMAS PLATE

DECEMBER 20 – 25

Each Christmas we celebrate Mission and Outreach by giving 100% of our undesignated Christmas offerings to outreach projects. This year, our Christmas plate offering will aid Refugee Migration Assistance. As the star of Bethlehem lead the Magi to the stable to offer gifts to the Christ child, your Christmas offering will be a star offering refugees assistance.

GATEWAY OF GRACE  
RIO GRANDE BORDERLAND MINISTRIES  
EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES

[SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/CHRISTMASPLATE](http://SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/CHRISTMASPLATE)

*Saint Michael and All Angels*

## Nativity Pageant

**DECEMBER 12**

11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE | CHURCH

*Don't miss out as Saint Michael's youngest parishioners reenact the story of the birth of Jesus.*

*The Nativity pageant will be recorded and available at 4 PM on [youtube.com/SMAADallas](https://youtube.com/SMAADallas).*

[SaintMichael.org/Nativity](http://SaintMichael.org/Nativity)

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*The order of service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)  
and hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal.  
The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

### Prelude

Medley of Songs from Advent to Christmas

*Standing*

### Processional Hymn

Hymn 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 - spect - 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.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)  
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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Prayer

*Celebrant* Holy God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE NATIVITY**

Pageant Procession

Jesus, Light of the World  
Principal Cast

Mark Patterson

Scene 1 The Townspeople Pray for a Savior

Hymn 56, v. 1 “O Come O come Emmanuel”  
All Townspeople

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Scene 2 The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

The Angel Gabriel  
Angels, Gabriel, and Mary

Basque carol

Scene 3 Angels Appear to Joseph

Song of the Crib  
Mary and Joseph

Traditional German Carol

Scene 4 Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

Hymn 102, v. 1 & 6 “Once in Royal David’s City”  
All Shepherds

*Irby*

The Friendly Beasts “Old English Carol” arr. Anne-Marie Hildebrandt  
Younger Manger Animals and Principal Cast

*Seated*

*To see a list of our  
Nativity Pageant cast,  
please turn to page 10*

Scene 5 The Shepherds are Visited by Angels

Hymn 111, v. 1 & 2 "Silent night, holy night"

*Stille Nacht*

All Shepherds

Scene 6 The Shepherds at the Manger

O, Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Mary and company

Scene 7 Wiseman Travel to Bethlehem

This Little Light Of Mine

Company

*Standing, sung by All*

Finale

Hymn 100 "Joy to the world! The Lord is come"

*Antioch*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

*Hymn continues on the next page*

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

*Please be seated for the  
Announcements*

## The Birthday Blessing

**All** Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous, 16th c.

Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men.

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;

but in all prayer and supplication

let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God,

which passeth all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

— *Philippians 4:4-7*



*The anonymous sixteenth-century anthem Rejoice in the Lord always (formerly attributed to John Redford) is a setting of the fourth chapter of St Paul's letter to the Philippians. The only known source of this anthem is in the Mulliner Book, which is held in the British Library. The music—a careful setting of the words—varies between imitative passages and homophonic sections as, for example, at the words 'Let your softness be known unto all men.'*

Standing, sung by All

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 60, v. 5 "Come in your holy might"

*Conditor alme siderum*

5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) Copyright ©1984, Bruce Neswick. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

*All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*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 him 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.

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:

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Sung by All

Hymn S 129 Sanctus and Benedictus

Ambrosian Chant

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

*Hymn continues on the next page*





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,

**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 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.

*Standing or kneeling*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

*Celebrant and People*

*The Celebrant continues*

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. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

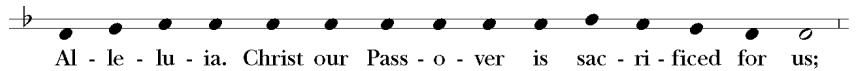
**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

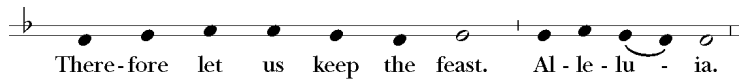
Fraction Anthem: Hymn S 152

David Hurd

*Cantor*



*All*



*Worshippers are invited to come forward to the standing stations to receive Communion*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Sung by All*

Communion Hymn

Hymn 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

*Hymn continues on the next page*

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.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*Standing or kneeling, spoken by All*

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.

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*Standing*

*Minister* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Parents of children who participated in the Pageant can meet their children in the same room where they dropped them off earlier this morning.

## Departing Procession

### Hymn 68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers"

*Llangloffan*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.  
 Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

## Postlude

### "Jig" Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Third Sunday of Advent is sometimes called "Gaudete" – Rejoice! – Sunday, after the first word of its ancient Introit.*

*It is a day to be assured that the Lord is coming soon— and to anticipate the joy of Christmas. This chipper fugue, in the rhythm of a jig, brings us happily on our way to Christmas.*

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The foregoing text of the worship service contained in this order of worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979.

The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.



*Saint Michael and All Angels*

# *Nativity* *Pageant*

*Mary*  
Matilda Houghton

*Joseph*  
Lizzie Trotman

*Gabriel*  
Layna Girata

*Narrator*  
Blythe Lee

*Angel Troupe*  
Annabel Brown  
Jason Westgate  
Katelyn Maxwell  
Susanna Allen  
Juliet Allen

*Shepherds/Townspeople*  
Ximena Rivas  
Annemarie Girata  
Harper Christian  
Elliot Christian  
Ludwig Rivas

*Wise Men/Townspeople*  
Helen Fellows  
Leonard Fellows  
Sophie Yeaman

*Prophets/Innkeepers*  
Maddie McMahan  
Olivia Yeaman



# ADVENT CALENDAR

- 1 CAN OF SOUP
- 2 BAR OF SOAP
- 3 HUNGER FACT
- 4 BAG OF DRY BEANS
- 5 PRAYER
- 6 CAN OF VEGETABLES
- 7 BOX OF MAC & CHEESE
- 8 HUNGER FACT
- 9 TOOTHPASTE
- 10 JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER
- 11 CAN OF SOUP
- 12 TOOTHBRUSH
- 13 PRAYER
- 14 CAN OF FRUIT
- 15 CAN OF VEGETABLES
- 16 CAN OF TUNA
- 17 HUNGER FACT
- 18 PRAYER
- 19 CAN OF TUNA
- 20 HUNGER FACT
- 21 CAN OF VEGETABLES
- 22 HUNGER FACT
- 23 CAN OF TUNA
- 24 BOX OF JELLO

Grocery bags with this Advent Calendar are available for pick up beginning November 28. You will have the opportunity to learn about food insecurity, pray for those impacted by hunger, and serve North Dallas Shared Ministries while counting down the days until Christmas.

Return your bag of food to the South entrance the first week of January.



## Christmas LESSONS and Carols



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19  
5:30 PM | CHURCH**

Join us for this parish favorite event, featuring nine Lessons, read by local dignitaries, alternated with beautiful carols. This year we premier the 75th anniversary commission, *There Is No Rose of Such Virtue* by Samuel Sweet, alongside choral works by Rachmaninoff, Leighton, Stopford, Resephanye Powell, and other classic Christmas carols.

Livestreamed at [SaintMichael.org/LC21](http://SaintMichael.org/LC21)

# 75<sup>th</sup>



## 75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book Pre-Sales are Now Available!

Books are available for purchase at [SaintMichael.org/75bookpresales](http://SaintMichael.org/75bookpresales).

**RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY!** This embossed, hardcover limited edition run will go quickly—with 240+ pages of beautiful photos and stories, *Bridging the Past, Building the Future* makes the perfect gift!

***Bridging the Past, Building the Future*** Coffee Table Book  
\$49.99 + tax

Stay tuned for details on when to pick up your Christmas copies!



## ORDINATION OF CHRISTIAN BASEL

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18  
1 PM | CHURCH**

**YOU'RE INVITED! JOIN US FOR THIS  
MOMENTOUS OCCASION, SUPPORTING  
OUR VERY OWN CHRISTIAN BASEL AS  
HE IS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD!**

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE GARDEN CLOISTER.

DECEMBER 15

## *Praying Our Goodbyes*

Led by The Rev. Dr. Hiltrude Nusser-Telfer  
10 – 11:30 a.m. | Parlor



Praying our Goodbyes is a mourning and grief support ministry that addresses grief of any kind. Utilizing readings from the book, *Praying Our Goodbyes* by Joyce Rupp, Hiltrude will help attendees examine their grief and recognize it. Hiltrude tells us “for humans to shorten or circumvent the grieving process is to invite illness and even severe depression”. Please contact Hiltrude, [hnussertelfer@saintmichael.org](mailto:hnussertelfer@saintmichael.org) to RSVP.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 22, 2022**

To celebrate our 75th anniversary, the four angels that reside in the Carrera marble of the reredos will join us in person and, along with over 45 singers and dancers from our Parish, will tell the story of Saint Michael and All Angels.

The performance of Michael, A Musical is free and will be held in McFarlin Auditorium at SMU.

We are still looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. See website for details.

**[SaintMichael.org/Michael](http://SaintMichael.org/Michael)**

Sponsored by the Women of Saint Michael

Project Moses Presents

## **Fighting For Freedom: Understanding Sex Trafficking**

January 11, 2022  
6 p.m. | Church



**400** teens are trafficked  
on the street each  
night in Dallas

Project Moses has assembled an outstanding group of human trafficking experts to help us understand this issue in our country, state, and community. Attendees will gain an understanding of the causes of trafficking, a view of the trafficker, the impact on victims, and the road to rehabilitation for survivors. Learn what is being done in our state and how you can play a role!

**[SaintMichael.org/FightingForFreedom](http://SaintMichael.org/FightingForFreedom)**



## ALPHA CLASS: REGISTER NOW!

Tuesdays, January 18 – March 8

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Parlor

Register: [SaintMichael.org/Alpha](http://SaintMichael.org/Alpha)

Did you grow up in the Christian faith but still search for the right words to articulate it? Are you exploring the Christian faith? This course will explore the basic tenets of the Christian faith and provide the opportunity for asking the tough questions. Topics include: How do we know Jesus lived and who was He? Why did He die? How can we have faith? How do we pray? How to read the Bible.

Dinner is provided with registration, we suggest a \$10 fee to cover costs. Free childcare is available with pre-registration. We ask that attendees make a commitment to attend the classes and the retreat — attending the whole course offers the richest experience.

## ST. MARY'S GUILD POP UP SWEET SHOP

December 12 & 19

Theater & Parlor

9 – 11 a.m.

Buy for now or for the holidays!

## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Led by Dianne Boyd, RN

Sunday, December 19

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Topic: Mental Health, Stress, & Grief Awareness

The holidays can be a challenge for those who are lonely or dealing with loss. Parish Nurse Dianne Boyd will be available to answer your questions on these issues as part of her monthly Sunday series. She is also able to take your blood pressure and discuss other medical concerns. Dianne is at her station outside the Parlor on the third Sunday of each month.

## THE BOOK SHOP

We still have in stock Honduras Threads angels, the SMAA 2021 Ornament, and fair trade nativities and gifts. The store is doing a pre sale of the SMAA 75<sup>th</sup> coffee table book that will make a great Christmas gift.

## ADVENT STUDY

Led by Dr. Tim Smith

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Room 103

The birth of Christ is a vibrant, dynamic, and history changing story that is replete with very familiar, vivid images. That Christmas story familiarity, however, can often lead us to overlook the true meaning of the signs surrounding Jesus' birth and its context. Join us this Advent as we discover, *Bethlehem and Beyond: The Story Behind Christmas*. For questions and to register, please contact Tim, [tsmith@saintmichael.org](mailto:tsmith@saintmichael.org).

**Tim will be giving the same lessons during 10 a.m. Formation on Dec 12 & 19 in Saint Michael Chapel.**

**THIS SATURDAY!**

# Holiday Market

DECEMBER 18 | 10 AM - 2 PM | KLYDE WARREN PARK

Come support your favorite farmers, ranchers, and food artisans and enjoy this beautiful oasis in the heart of downtown Dallas. Pick up edible delights for your holiday table, friends, and neighbors in a safe, socially distanced, outdoor space.

For more information, visit [saintmichaelsmarket.com](http://saintmichaelsmarket.com)

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