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From Repentance to Triumph: St Michael's Lenten Journey to the Resurrection

At the start of the Lenten season, Father Hugh encouraged us to "strive to get closer to the Lord and to feed on His word." As a parish, and at Father Hugh's behest, we



Attendees at the gathering on Wednesday, March 7 shared a meal before hearing from our speaker.

gathered in fellowship and reflection on Wednesday evenings during Lent to share a meal and to hear from five of our members. Each Wednesday, one speaker shared his or her story following the theme: My Life, My Jesus and Me. What a deeply moving and powerful experience it was for the roughly 20 parishioners who attended each Wednesday to hear

from a fellow congregant! Each speaker shared stories of their struggles, their trials, their faith-tests, and how they grew spiritually through their relationship with God. After the presentation, it was time to break into small groups for discussion, reflecting on the speaker's journey and how God has prepared each of us for our faith journey. The gatherings ended with a service of Compline in the Sanctuary.

Holy Week began on Palm Sunday with The Liturgy of the Palms. Following the blessing and distribution of palms, the congregation processed outside, waving their palms and singing the hymn, *All glory, laud, and honor*. Upon reentering the sanctuary, the procession continued inside while singing, *Ride on! ride on in majesty!* The Liturgy of the Palms service was the start of a truly memorable week of preparation at St. Michael.



On **Wednesday in Holy Week**, parishioners gathered to reflect on the **Stations of the Cross**, reciting prayers and devotions to commemorate specific events on His last day.

On **Maundy Thursday**, we celebrated the **Mass of the Last Supper**, including the ceremony of the washing of feet. At the offertory, the choir rendered the anthem, *Go to dark Gethsemane*. Holy Communion was administered with everyone joining the priest, standing around the altar, and the ciborium and chalice were passed from person to person. A period of solemn watch followed the stripping of the altar.



Good Friday — It Is Finished!

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.*



The choir performing *Were you there?*

Easter comes...He Is Risen!



The altar prepared for Easter Sunday by our hard-working, dedicated Altar Guild.

Father Hugh's message on Easter Day reminded us to "...look at our own lives and see how far we have travelled in our own faith journey, all because the Risen Christ continues to live in us — we are truly a resurrection people who seek each day to live lives of joy and peace and love. ...whatever we do, it is all because of the Christ who lives in us."

"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"

KEY DATES

May 1
SAINT PHILLIP AND
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES

May 10
ASCENSION DAY

May 13
Mother's Day

May 20
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 27
TRINITY SUNDAY

May 28
Memorial Day

June 11
SAINT BARNABAS,
THE APOSTLE

June 17
Father's Day

June 25
THE NATIVITY OF SAINT
JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 29
SAINT PETER AND
SAINT PAUL

Upcoming Events



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Said Mass

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bible Study

Saturdays, 10:00 am
Confirmation Class

May 6
Graduation Recognition Program



May 2, June 6
First Wednesday Supper Service at The Kearney Center

May 22, June 26
Fourth Tuesday Supper Service at Grace Mission

June 2
ECW International Pretty Hat Tea



June 21
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER



June 30
Breakfast Service at Grace Mission

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Around the Parish

ST. MICHAEL SERVING OTHERS —Jointly with St. John's, St. Michael continues to serve supper at The Kearney Center on the first Wednesday of each month. St. Michael also keeps its commitment to Grace Mission to serve breakfast on fifth Saturdays and has added to its commitment by serving dinner on the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning in March.



Our outreach to Good News Outreach Ministry continues, providing non-perishable food items. Ms. Deborah Lloyd of Good News Outreach joined us in worship on February 25. At the end of our service, she thanked St. Michael for our ongoing support of the ministry; our contributions help the organization to feed many in Leon County, especially seniors residing in rural areas.

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The John Gilmore Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture, Inc. is a Tallahassee historical and cultural gem. The Riley Center's founding Director Althemese Barnes, a member of St. Michael, received three sculptures for the Museum donated by a fellow St. Michaelite, Mrs. Williamae Jackson. The statues of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Barack Obama, and President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama were blessed by Father Hugh at each presentation.



Mrs. Jackson presents sculptures to Mrs. Barnes.
L to R: Dr. King, President Obama, President and Mrs. Obama

HEARTY THANK YOUS!



Due to the extended search for our new rector, several members of the vestry served well beyond the term of their election. On Sunday March 11, St. Michael hosted a special fellowship after our worship service to recognize the dedicated service of the nine retired members: Candace Billups, J.D. Brown, John Grayson, Byron Greene, Delores Lawson, Melanie Martin, Alexis McMillan, Kathleen Rodgers, and Eugene Wesley. Parishioners had the opportunity to offer remarks of thanksgiving and gratitude to individual members, and a token of appreciation was presented to each retired vestry person.

IT'S UTO TIME — St. Michael will give thanks for our many blessings by sharing them with others when we hold our Spring ingathering. The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering will take place in May. Additional information will be provided soon in our weekly bulletins and Roundup newsletter.



ECW NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT — The Episcopal Church Women will sponsor three events soon and look forward to the support of all St. Michael family and friends. We look forward to your presence on May 6 for the Graduation Recognition Program; on June 2 for the International Pretty Hat Tea; and on June 17 for Father's Day.