



The Archangel's Voice

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"Good things are
happening at
St. Michael.

Come and see!"

KEY DATES

April 29
SAINT MARK
THE EVANGELIST

May 1
SAINT PHILLIP AND
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES

May 30
ASCENSION DAY

May 31
THE VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 9
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 16
TRINITY SUNDAY

June 11
SAINT BARNABAS,
THE APOSTLE

June 20
CORPUS CHRISTI

June 24
THE NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 28
THE MOST SACRED HEART
OF JESUS

June 29
SAINT PETER AND
SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

Words of the South

~ April 14th Facebook post by Kate Wasson

At Word of South this weekend, I started thinking about the Words of the South. Southerners love their words. Words are to Southerners what duct tape was to MacGyver: one tool; many uses. And though MacGyver and the other must-watch TV characters of my youth may be long gone (may Light Perpetual shine upon that mullet), our Southern idioms are here to stay.

Take "ladies" for example. I had a Facebook friend question why the term is still used, as it feels antiquated and demeaning (he's a delightful New Yorker, so cut him some slack).

Down here, we use the term "ladies" all the time. It has different connotations given the situation.

When a man in a social setting says, "Evening, Ladies", it's considered a show of respect.

When the members of my church's Altar Guild address each other as "ladies", it's to remind us we have solemn, important work to do.

Junior Leaguers all refer to each other as "ladies", to stress the point that we're a women-only organization.

When sorority girls use the term, it's often to let their sisters know they're behaving as anything but ladies. Bless their hearts.

And when a group of women drunkenly head out to country night at the local bar hollering, "Let's go, ladies!", it's a signal to take cover, because the night's about to go off-the-rails.

One word: so many different meanings. And that's what I love about words in the South: we get our money's worth. If we could cash in coupons for them, we would: "So I've clipped a double here for 'haven't seen you in a month of Sundays' cause the Smiths ain't been in the pew for eight weeks".

But we also have terrible words. Painful words from a time that should be long ago but isn't. Words that bring out the very worst in us. Words that divide. Words that invoke hatred and oppression. Words we're still not willing to give up, because their power is too seductive to those who wish to remain in control.

And we have more than our fair share of sad words. The three hurricanes that struck us in the last three years brought many of those to the forefront of our vernacular: devastated, decimated, broken, demolished, forgotten. These words have sown sorrow in our hearts like no others.

But as Southerners, I know we will find words of hope: rebuild, reconnect, heal, console, discuss, agree, love, redemption, and communion.

We love our words, but their power truly lies with those who speak them. Choose your words wisely, and speak with your heart, lest I bless it.



"Exceptional Kate", as her mother describes her, is a daughter, wife, mother, Church School teacher and very active member of the St. Michael Altar Guild. As you can see, she is also a gifted storyteller.



Around the Parish

Upcoming Events



Sundays, 9 am
Sunday School

Tuesdays, 12:15 pm
Said Mass

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bible Study

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Healing Service

April 23
May 28
June 25

Fourth Tuesday Supper
Service at Grace Mission

May 5
ECW Sunday

May 12
Mother's Day Fellowship
(Sponsored by Men's
Ministry)

May 19
Student Promotion and
Graduation Recognition
(Sponsored by ECW)

June 16
Father's Day Fellowship
(Sponsored by ECW)

June 29
Fifth Saturday Breakfast
Service at Grace Mission

Ongoing
St. Michael Capital
Campaign

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Our Journey: Lent to Easter

Sunday, March 10 — St. Michael said farewell to Akachi Anwuri who wore many hats while a member of our parish. Akachi served faithfully as a vestry person, Sunday School teacher, the treasurer of the Men's Ministry, and remained on call to troubleshoot technical problems at the parish office. He has relocated to Texas to begin a new chapter in life with his soon-to-be bride.

Here is Akachi with his last Sunday School class. ➔



Lenten Gatherings — Each Wednesday during the Lenten season, members gathered together to hear one of our own recount their faith journey, reflecting on these questions: How have you experienced God's love? How does that experience inform how you love others? How have you in your life responded to human need as it confronts you every day? What desire do you feel within yourself to help make the world a better place?

These five members shared their stories. If you missed their presentations, stop and chat with them sometime; their stories are inspiring.



March 12
J. Byron Greene



March 19
Kate Wasson



March 26
Christopher White

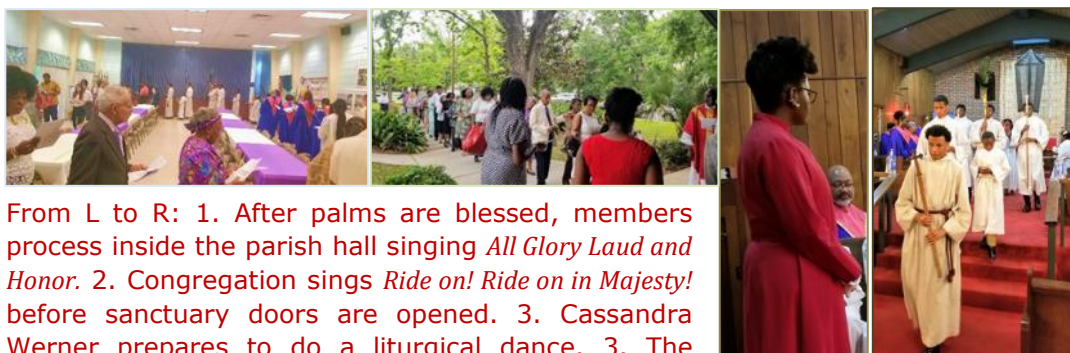


April 3
Nicolette Nottage



April 10
Alexis McMillan

The Sunday of the Passion — PALM SUNDAY



From L to R: 1. After palms are blessed, members process inside the parish hall singing *All Glory Laud and Honor*. 2. Congregation sings *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!* before sanctuary doors are opened. 3. Cassandra Werner prepares to do a liturgical dance. 3. The gradual procession before the Gospel reading.



Reunited...and it feels so good!

Claire and Camille, our newest acolytes, were fast friends five years ago when they attended the ECW Pretty Hat Tea (picture on left). Camille moved to Ohio for a few years but has returned home. Now they are together again, serving as second acolytes. Hallelujah!

The Sunday of the Resurrection — EASTER DAY

Below from L to R: 1. The altar decorated with lilies. 2. Acolytes prepare to lead the processional. 3. The Sunday School presents their Easter program. 4. Pennela Chapman performs a liturgical dance.

