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*Founded as a Mission 1925
Original Church Built 1926 • Elevated to a Parish 1944
Present Church Built 1954 • Parish Hall Built 1974
Complex Remodeled 1985 • Parish Hall Remodeled 2018
Kitchen Remodeled 2019 • Bathrooms Remodeled 2021*



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My Dear People:

Holy Week began March 29th, so April 1st is Wednesday in Holy Week. By this time, everyone should have received the Holy Week and Easter schedule which went out with the Easter letter on Mothering Sunday, March 15th. The Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, begins on April 2nd. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are the three most important days in the Church year, at Saint Michael and All Angels' Church. During the liturgies of these three days, the Church rehearses the acts by which Our Lord redeemed the world. The Son of God underwent these events, described in detail during the Triduum, so that humanity's wounded and disfigured image might be restored as made in the image of God. By these mighty acts, humanity is restored to fellowship with the Father, in a new and better way. Since Our Lord is perfect in his humanity and divinity, all of humanity is redeemed from the dominion of Satan and Death by the events of Holy Week. By the grace of adoption won for us through Christ's Death and Resurrection, we can rightly call God *Abba*, Father. Now, our home is in the heavenly Jerusalem, where there is no sorrow or crying, only eternal life and joy. No wonder, the Church places such importance upon the events that lead to our redemption!

The Triduum begins with High Mass on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. Unlike the previous days of Holy Week, Mass today begins with flowers on the Altar, white vestments, full organ, and bells ringing during the *Gloria in excelsis*. Almost immediately the shadows return as our attention shifts from the Institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the Priesthood, during the Last Supper in the Upper Room, to Our Lord asking us to watch and pray with him during the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Soldiers arrive, and Judas Iscariot kisses his Master, betraying him for thirty pieces of silver. Following Mass, the Altar of Repose is open for prayer and veneration until 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday. Last year, I was encouraged to see that all the slots for the all-night Watch were filled. Once more, sign-up sheets are

at the back of the church for the Watch. An off-duty police officer is present during the night hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The Good Friday Liturgy, consisting of the singing of the Passion according to Saint John, the Litanical Prayers, and the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, begins at 12 Noon, Friday, April 3rd. This is a day of intense spiritual exercise while we join Our Lord as he is led to the mockery of a staged trial, his scourging, his carrying the Cross to Golgotha, and his Crucifixion. It is the Man of Sorrows who fulfills the sacrifice begun the night before by which the Devil meets his doom. Although it seems like Satan has won the fight for humanity, it is Christ who on the Cross finishes the new Passover rite. What the Adversary thought was ultimate victory, is his crushing defeat. The chains of Hell are loosed, and the dead are led from the place of Departed Spirits to their long-awaited reward. Although the liturgy is a mediation upon the full final sacrifice which for us involves sorrow for the things which led to this day, in receiving the Blessed Sacrament (consecrated the night before – which is why it is received under the form of bread only today) we know that this day is the triumph of God’s redeeming work. This will become evident when the myrrh-bearing women find the stone rolled away from the empty tomb on Easter Day.

The Easter Vigil is on Saturday, April 4th, at 8:00 p.m. Slowly, the atmosphere of sorrow and penitential expectation give way to the light and joy that is the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It is dark at the start of the Vigil, before the light is kindled from the New Fire. The Paschal Candle is lit, and it is processed from the west end of the church to the sanctuary where the *Exsultet* is chanted. The congregation listens once more to the prophecies which hint at the redemption that is just over the horizon for God’s ancient chosen people. The Paschal Candle journeys, like the Lord leading his people out of Egypt, to the font of Baptism where the priest consecrates the water, with which he sprinkles the congregation after the renewal of Baptismal Vows (or adult Baptism if it is to occur). The Litany of the Saints is chanted while the church building sheds the last of its Lenten garments; candles are lighted, and the Sacred Ministers arrive to begin the First Mass of Easter in cloth of gold vestments. The *Gloria in excelsis* returns with full organ and bells. Before the Gospel, the celebrant sings the word of joy (because I’m writing this in Lent, I cannot say or write at present) *A*****a* three times and the congregation repeats it back to him. The Paschal Feast has arrived and Lent’s long shadows depart for another year! A Resurrection party takes place after the Vigil in the Parish Hall.

Sunday morning, April 5th, is Easter Day. The liturgy assumes its customary Easter form with one significant addition. The Easter

Sequence *Victimae Paschali laudes* (*Christians to the Paschal Victim* – The Hymnal 1982, #183) is sung before the Gospel (and it will be said at all Masses throughout the week). High Mass of Easter Day features a procession wherein the box containing the expression of joy I cannot use at present (see the previous paragraph) is opened and that word is free once again. Thus, the forty days of Easter are underway!

The rest of April is in the light of Eastertide, and St. Michael's parishioners should prepare to celebrate it as well as enjoy the new Spring season. There will be much to say about the latter observances of Eastertide in next month's issue. However, I want to give advance notice about an event in May that I hope will be well attended.

The Bishop of Colorado, The Right Reverend Kimberly (Kym) Lucas, will attend First Evensong of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ (in all its 1662 Anglican splendour) on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:00 p.m. She will preach and be our guest at a Parish Dinner, following Evensong. I hope parishioners will pencil in this event. I know she is looking forward to being here for this special service. More details about Evensong and the dinner are forthcoming.

I look forward to greeting my St. Michael's family with the customary Easter greeting which comes down to us from the earliest days of the Church (when it is permissible to do so). For now, I wish all of you a devout Holy Week ending in a glorious and joyful Eastertide!

Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,

Father Trent Fraser

Flowers

GIVEN BY	AVAILABILITY
April 5 Easter	
All Flowers given by the Parish	
April 12 Easter II	
Loiseau Family	
Carpenter	
Walker	
Hubbard	
Ruby	
	Michael
April 19 Easter III	
Hochstetter Walker Briggs Ruby	Michael Easter Garden Paschal Ring
April 26 Easter IV	
Warner	
	Altar
	Sanctuary
	Michael
	Passion
	Mary
	Paschal Ring
	Easter Garden

Kindly take a look at the schedule for flowers.

Adjustments can be made by calling the office.

Contact the office for pricing.

Candles

GIVEN BY	AVAILABILITY
April 5 Easter	
Cope Warner Loiseau & Walker Carpenter	Mary Annunciation
April 12 Easter II	
Seeliger Walker	Annunciation Michael Walsingham
April 19 Easter III	
Busler Howe Loiseau	Annunciation Passion
April 26 Easter IV	
Cope Jones Loiseau St. Martha's Altar Guild	No Availability

Kindly take a look at the schedule for Candles.

Adjustments can be made by calling the office.

All memorial lamps are available for \$5.

*Rose
Sunday*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Lenten Fish Fry



Stations during Lent



Quiet Day



Books 'n' Brunch

Kathleen McGraw

Can it possibly be that Easter is almost upon us? Since Easter falls on April 5th, which would be our usual meeting day, our next meeting will be April 12th instead. At that meeting we will be discussing the last book of the Jaipur Trilogy, **THE PERFUMIST OF PARIS** by Alka Joshi.

Then we go from perfume to fabric with **THE GOLDEN THREAD** by Karisa St. Clair. Taking us from the early use of woven natural fibers like grasses to modern fabrics like Tencel, this non-fiction book tells the story of how fabrics have shaped the world in which we live today.

The book selected for June is **IN THE TIME OF BUTTERFLIES** by Julia Alvarez. This piece of historical fiction deals with the human cost of political oppression during the dictatorial regime of Rafael Lonides Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

Our meetings and discussions are casual, fun and lively. Anyone is welcome to join us for any or all meetings in the Parish Hall or via Zoom at 12:00noon after the 10:00 am Mass. For more information call the church office.



St. Clare's Guild

Claudia Walker

We are organizing our yearly retreat. The scheduled dates are from June 14 to June 16, spanning Sunday afternoon until Tuesday at noon. We welcome others to participate alongside us. You are encouraged to bring any type of handwork you wish to work on while we needlepoint. Kindly inform Nancy King if you are interested in joining us. We also have several projects that require some repair stitching. If you prefer to attend just for the day on Monday, that would be wonderful as well! Our gathering takes place at Dian Searles' cabin located near Empire, Colorado. It is approximately a one-hour drive from Denver.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Easter Sunday at 9:15 AM on the back lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the upstairs area of the Sunday School. All children, from crawlers onward, are invited to participate!



Sunday School Lenten Outreach

Contributions of new stuffed animals and compact travel-sized games will continue to be accepted until Easter Day. We extend our gratitude to those who have already donated! These items will be presented to our local police department on the Second Sunday of Easter.

**ON SITE SHREDDING
WITH PRO SHRED**

**THE ANNUAL
SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS EVENT**
*Saturday, April 18th
10:00 AM to 1:00PM*

LOCATION: Church parking lot

**FUNDRAISER FOR
ST. MICHAEL'S**

No Limit

\$6.00 BANKER BOX SIZE

TRUNKS NEGOTIABLE

**Questions call
Jean @ 303-906-5446**

TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS

Vestry 2026



Save the Date

Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Procession to the Altar of Repose, and the Stripping of the Altar is at 6:00 p.m., April 2nd. Watch at the Altar of Repose begins at 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. the next day.

The Good Friday Liturgy and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified is at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 3rd.

Holy Saturday, April 4th. Matins: 8:30 a.m.; Ante-Communion: 9:00 a.m.

Books 'n' Brunch will meet on Sunday, April 12th. They will meet after the 10:00am Mass, in the Parish Hall and on Zoom.

The Society of Mary will meet on Saturday, April 11th, starting with 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the Rosary at 9:30, and then the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament meets on April 16th, at 6:00 p.m.

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, April 19th at 12:00 noon.

The Annual Shred Your Documents Event will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Evensong of the Ascension of Our Lord Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. The Bishop of Colorado, The Right Reverend Kimberly Lucas will be our guest. Parish dinner after Evensong. Reservations are necessary. Details to come.

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 24TH
PENTECOST
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
&
GIVEAWAY
&
SILENT AUCTION

We are asking for donations for the giveaway

(grand prize to be announced)

SILENT AUCTION!!

Consider donating a special talent of yours or a couple of tickets to an event or a spa day, gardening services, housecleaning services, a garden party, chauffeuring service, professional medical service for people or pets, pet sitting, an evening or lunch with conversation and YOUR favorite menu, etc.

Tickets and sign up sheets will be available mid April. More information to follow!

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