

Clergy Corner: It's Outreach October!



Fundamental to our Christian lives is God's invitation to be generous with all we have been given—time, talent and treasure. As we focus on all we have been given and pray about how we can each share our perfect gifts, we have gathered some opportunities for your consideration this stewardship season.

Here is our slate of events.



Every Perfect Gift

Important Dates Stewardship Season 2021

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| Sundays in Oct | Undies Sundays |
| Sharing our gifts with St. Luke's for the homeless shower project | |
| Sunday, Oct 3 | St. Michael's Day ~ Congregational Photo! |
| Celebrating the gift of our community ~ Service at 9am with coffee after | |
| Saturday, Oct 9 | Empty Bowls |
| Enjoying our gifts at the Empty Bowls fundraiser for Family Promise | |
| Tuesday, Oct 12 | Veterans Halloween Pumpkins |
| Sending our Veterans a Halloween pumpkin full of treats | |
| Saturday, Oct 23 | Rise Against Hunger Project |
| Putting our gifts to work in the world @ Johnson Hall, ESMC ~10-12noon | |
| Sunday, Oct 24 | Goodbye to the Okon family |
| Sending the gift of our good friends out into the world | |
| Sunday, Nov 7 | All Saints Sunday ~ Ingathering |
| Giving thanks for our gifts and looking toward the future | |

There are more details about these events in this issue of *The Guardian*. I hope you will be able to join with us for many of these events. And I hope you will pray about your financial gifts to St. Michael's in 2022.

Mother Dina+

Talk about a Guardian Angel



While many churches have noble and notable saints as their patrons, we have St. Michael the Archangel! Michael is regarded as the greatest of the angels and the guardian of humanity. We will hear about it in our epistle lesson from *Revelation* when we celebrate St. Michael's Day on October 3rd—the apocalyptic war in heaven between the angels of light and the angels of darkness.

As Lucifer was expelled from heaven and thrown down to earth, so the tradition sets Michael to stand guard protecting humanity from the Devil's snares and the powers of darkness.

This story gives us a way of visualizing the ongoing struggle between darkness and light in us and in our world. We recognize this ongoing struggle in two of our baptismal vows—

“Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?”

“Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?”

The Bible and our *Book of Common Prayer* give us ways of talking about how we continually stray from God and hurt ourselves and others. They also give us the assurance of God's unfailing love and mercy. We invited again and again to repent and return to the Lord and assured of God's acceptance. And so we are grateful for the powers of light shown to us in the Archangel Michael.

*We are celebrating our “patron archangel” with
ONE SERVICE at 9am on Sunday October 3rd*

We have some special things planned—including a solo by our young soloist Zoey, a congregational photo and coffee hour after the service. We hope you will be there to be in the picture!



October Birthday Blessings

- 12 Eamonn Oley, Brady Gillam
- 14 Julie Bergeron, Fr. Bob
- 18 Elizabeth Tobias
- 22 Amy Powell
- 27 Zoey Markarian
- 28 Roger Wilson
- 30 Eric Amarosa



Fill a Jack O'Lantern for a Veteran

It's October. And your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to provide a Veteran with a plastic Halloween pumpkin filled with treats. You get to decide what to put into the pumpkin. Some suggested items are canned goods, candy, toiletries, McDonald's or Burger King gift cards, and a homemade card.

Your pumpkin is due by October 12th. Elizabeth will pick it up from church or pumpkins can be delivered to her house at 612 W. Oak Ave.

Sign up using this [Sign-up Genius](#) link.



THANK A VETERAN.

Undies Sundays—Every Sunday in October



It's **UNDIE SUNDAY** every Sunday in **October**

Please bring in new underwear for men and women and place them in the collection basket.

Thank You!

We will be collecting new underwear for men (sizes M to XXL) and new underwear and sports bras for women (sizes S to XL) every Sunday in October for the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Long Beach Saturday Shower Program. Every Saturday morning this outreach program provides showers, fresh under clothes, a hot meal and a safe space for those who are unhoused. Our gifts will help replenish their underwear closet.

Tuesday Meditation Service ~ October 12th



Our **Candlelight & Meditation** service for October is scheduled for Tuesday the 12th at 7pm. Our theme for the service is

"Grace"

You are invited to end this day with us in prayer. The service will be in-person at St. Michael's and livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Choose your favorite window



Do you have a favorite window at St. Michael's? I do. Ever since I first saw it I have been fascinated with the "Jesus in the Wilderness" window at the southeast corner of our nave. You know, it's the one with the purple devil! So my donation toward protecting our windows is designated for that window. You are invited to make a donation, large or small, toward the protection of our windows and to choose "your" window. We'll keep a tally of the most popular windows. Of course, all of the windows will be protected... this is just a fun way to find out the windows we like best!

And thank you to Terri Conn and Dan & Momi Ince for making the first donations for this important protection of our sacred space.

Family Promise Under the Stars

The fun and fabulous evening to celebrate and support Family Promise of the South Bay returns in-person on October 9th at American Martyrs Church. You can still buy a ticket for the event that will be held on the patio at O'Donnell Hall. Click [here](#) to buy a ticket.





October Happenings

Calendar

Bible study every Tuesday from 2-3:30pm. The choir schedule is still pending.

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| Every Sunday in October | Undies Sundays |
| Sunday, Oct 3 | St. Michael's Day celebration—ONE service at 9am! |
| Saturday, Sept 9 | Empty Bowls fundraiser for Family Promise <i>Outdoors on the patio at O'Donnell Hall</i> <i>at American Martyr Church beginning at 5pm</i> |
| Tuesday, Oct 12 | Candlelight & Meditation Service at 7:30pm <i>You may attend in person or join via livestream on our Facebook page</i> |
| Sunday, Oct 17 | C.A.S.E. Ingathering |
| Saturday, Oct 23 | Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event from 10am-noon <i>Held in Johnson Hall, ES Methodist Church, 540 Main Street</i> |
| Sunday, Oct 24 | Goodbye to the Okon family <i>Dan Ince is our preacher at both services</i> |
| Sunday, Oct 31 | Halloween |
| Sunday, Nov 7 | All Saints Day Ingathering |

Continuing Events

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| Monday-Thursday | Weekday online service of Compline at 7pm <i>Monday & Wednesday</i> with the community of St. Cross in Hermosa Beach https://www.facebook.com/stcrosshermosa <i>Tuesday & Thursday</i> on the St. Michael's Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelselsegundo |
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We're joining with El Segundo Methodist Church and the Rotary Club for a meal packing event on Saturday, October 23rd from 10am to noon. The Rise Against Hunger program helps alleviate hunger and encourages families to allow children to stay in school. So it's addressing both short-term and long-term solutions. A real win-win! Click [here](#) to sign up.

C.A.S.E. Ingathering October 17th

Oil—vegetable, canola, olive

Coffee—regular & decaf

Canned tuna—albacore & chunk light

Canned chili—turkey chili, no beans chili

Bottles of juice—apple, orange, cranberry

Oatmeal—in canisters, not individual packets

Salad dressings—1000 Island, Honey Mustard

Laundry soap / Body wash / Shampoo & conditioner / Toothpaste / Toilet paper

Sugar—granulated, powdered, brown

Dry beans—pinto, black, lentils

Canned pinto beans

Jell-O boxes

Cereal—kid friendly, sugary

Honey

Mayo

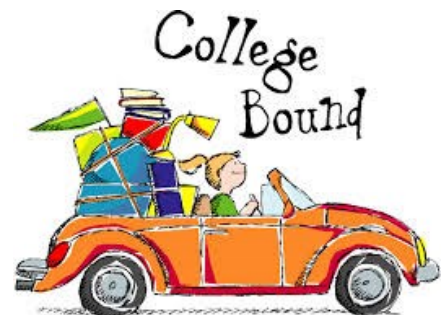


Voices from the Vestry

Chris and I recently helped our daughter, Amy, move into a new apartment at Seattle University. Amy is starting her third year in nursing and has the same great nursing roommates that she had last year. Her new apartment is conveniently located above the book store and right next to her storage unit which made moving in a breeze. The new apartment has an induction cooktop. Who knew you needed to use induction safe pots and pans? It was shocking to see mostly empty shelves at Target and other stores and reminded us of shopping Amy's freshman year pre-covid! It's really great kids are back on campus this year and her shopping list was not very long ☺!

We had a wonderful time with Amy in Seattle right up until it was time to say goodbye. That is always painfully hard. But she made it easy for us. She decided where and when to say goodbye. We each gave her a good, solid "I'll really miss you" and "You can do this" bear hug and we all walked away like we were okay. And we are—mostly. After all, we will see her in a month for her birthday and she'll be home for the holidays. Until then, she will FaceTime often because she wants to see us and her pets! But the special energy she brings to the house is gone. Normal is different again!

Jeanie Powell



FAMILY PROMISE



Family Promise is working on a plan to get our families in transition back to in person housing and rotating among our churches. Due to the changing COVID environment the reopening plan is still being revised as far as requirements for our families in transition and volunteers to keep everyone safe.

We plan to host families in person the week of December 12 at El Segundo United Methodist Church!

A **training session** for new volunteers and those who need an updated training session will be Wednesday, October 20th from 6-7:30pm with both an in person and Zoom option. Click [here](#) to register.

Our Children's Program team is planning a fun event for the children on Saturday, October 23 and **we are looking for volunteers** to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy for the **Trunk or Treat**. If interested, please reach out to liz@familypromiseosb.org to get signed up!

We are currently serving 2 families in transition with children
Family #1

Rayshell (Mom), Jacquelyn (13), Makayla (11), Raven (8), Laila (7), King (4), Angel (3)

Family #2

Ronnell (Dad), Jennifer (Mom), Arayah (5), Alethea (4)

And you can donate to our Wish List

- ♦ Gift cards for gas
- ♦ Laundry detergent
- ♦ Full-size toiletries
- ♦ Cleaning supplies

With love,
 Jeanie Powell
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Children's Center News

The Children's Center is off to a great start for the school year. The children have adjusted well to their new classrooms and made new friends.

This month there will be lots of talk about the fall season and the upcoming Halloween holiday. We will celebrate with costumes and festive games and activities at the end of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Lauren





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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00am Rite I Said Service

Sunday 10:00am Rite II with Music

The Reverend Dina Ferguson, D. Min.

Mission Statement for St. Michael's Church

Growing in God's Love.

Working in God's Spirit.

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