



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

Welcome

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season of Advent! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Together, we all tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). Our worship in the season of Advent engages us in expectation and hope for the coming of Christ.

Prelude

Now Come, Savior of the Nations

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Opening Hymn 56

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(verses 1-4)



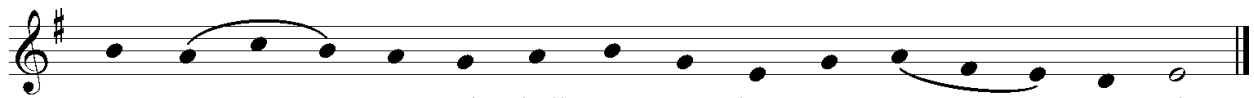
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Advent Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God:

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. We remember in our prayers those who are on our prayer list today.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. All of these prayers we offer to you, our loving God. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Kyrie S88

Cantor or Choir

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor or Choir

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All

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor or Choir *All*

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First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 25: 1-9 (*read by all*)

Saint Helena Psalter

1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.
- 9 All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Sequence H57 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (v. 1-2 before, 3-4 after gospel)



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon

Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: And also with you.
✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Talk

<i>Birthday Prayer: (said by all)</i> Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	<i>Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)</i> Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
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Offertory

“How Lovely are the Messengers”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 10: 15,18

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
The ushers will collect a financial offering during the Offertory. If you'd prefer to give electronically to our operating funds, please text STTHOMASDC (\$) to 73256 or follow the QR Code.*



When you scan this QR Code with your phone's camera, it will take you directly to St. Thomas' website's Giving Page.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(The Celebrant continues:)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. *Amen.*

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. *Amén.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Communion Hymn

“Wait for the Lord”

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Postcommunion Prayer *(all together)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant:

May the God who brings heaven close to earth
give truth to our judgment
and flame to our longing
that our hearts might be ready
to be born again in love;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 72

“Hark the Glad Sound”

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Dismissal

Deacon: As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Adagio Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Announcements for November 28, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, we reflected on the gifts we have to share and the power that comes in community when we all share what we have. We reflected on the book *Stone Soup*, which has the refrain,

Bring what you've got! Put it in the pot! We're making stone soup!

In our reflections, members (including the youngest!) wrote their favorite Stone Soup memory from the last year and considered what they have to put in the pot. I mentioned I would share them:



Favorite Stone Soup & Kingdom of God Memories from the Last Year

- Tax prep for those who do not have skills to do so
- Working together with neighbors to care for our shared long driveway and say goodbye
- Pop-up human rights protest and rallies on Black Lives Matter Plaza
- A backpack experience-everyone making sure we were all carrying a fair and equal weight and walking together to our next location
- Helping an elderly person lost at the supermarket
- In a class, students rallied around a student who lost her grandmother, listening while she grieved
- Communion at Brian and Murray's house while we worshiped only on Zoom
- Friends gathered around me in a time of grief, sharing words of comfort. I knew that I was rich.
- Working together with co-op in absence of staff during COVID
- Knowing I was fully reconciled with my best friend
- Handing out candy on Halloween at St. T's
- Church together in-person
- Gratitude for life
- Hospital Patient Care
- Caring for the Whole Person
- Mt. Zion concert in-person at St. Thomas'
- Halloween Party, everyone sharing
- When I visited my high school
- Opening doors during Pride!
- Making new friends
- Easter X5!
- Worshiping together in-person again
- Neighborhood Block Clean Up
- COVID Vaccine Effort
- Agatha's Baptism
- Planting bulbs along 18th St.
- Potluck with friends
- Friendsgiving
- Christmas Eve Dinner
- Jerry's Memorial Service
- Jennie and Bob's Wedding
- Bettina and Ibrahim's Wedding

**What have you got to put in the pot?
What have you got to share for the building up of community?**

- Helper or find someone who can help
 - I can offer more baked goods for Coffee Hour
 - Offering reconciliation when there is conflict
 - Resources financial and otherwise to help those in need
 - Cooking and Entertaining (20 people wrote this!)
 - Welcoming Newcomers and encouraging them to embrace St. Thomas' Parish
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time • Administration skills • Money • Gardening • Knowledge • Prayers for others • Listening ear • Speaking and creative thinking • Being a witness • Willing to help • Sauvignon Blanc • Offer support to those in need | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude • Making music • Kindness! • Inviting friends to church! • Compassion • JOY! • Leadership • Understanding • My love • Writing • Singing • Organizational Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of experience • 100% effort and lots of LOVE • Enthusiasm • Readings/Meditations online • Teaching children • Willingness • Make Videos • Clothing • Hospitality • LOVE |
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If you were away and would like to share a favorite memory to add to the list, please send them my way. What a blessing to read our reflections, and to imagine how God will work in us and through us in the year to come.

God bless you,
Lisa+

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, November 28: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 9:30 am Nursery, 4th floor
 10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
 11:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:30 am Advent Wreath Making – 4th Floor

Wednesday, December 1:
 6:30 - 7:00 pm Evening Worship in-person stream to Zoom
 (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Saturday, December 4:
 12:00 - 5:00 pm One Journey Market

Sunday, December 5: **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 9:30 am Nursery, 4th floor
 10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
 11:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:30 – 5:00 pm One Journey Market

Zoom Code for parish meetings and Wednesday evening worship:

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)



Scan this QR link to see all of our announcements online.

Worship with St. Thomas'

Sunday 10:30 am Hybrid Worship	
In-Person: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Registration no longer needed. Please sign in when arriving.-Masks required for worship.-Congregational Singing-Holy Communion (bread only) is distributed.-Outdoor Coffee Hour follows.	Online: <p>Worship is streamed from our in-person worship to our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StThomasDC</p> <p><i>An account is not required to access this worship on Facebook.</i></p> <p>And posted to our website stthomasdc.org following the service.</p>



Advent and Christmas Decorations

This Advent and Christmas we will be decorating each floor of our building. At first, we will have simple greens, but as we move through the season we will add lights, flowers, and more decorations. You are invited to make a financial gift to support these efforts which help welcome Christ and our neighbor this season. You can either write a check with "Advent/Christmas Flowers" in the memo or make a dedicated gift on Realm, selecting Advent/Christmas Flowers.

Christmas Worship and Potluck Dinner

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5 pm this year. Following the service, we will have a potluck Christmas Dinner for those who wish to join on the 4th floor. Salil Ahuja is roasting lamb. He and Ka Lam will be coordinating side dishes with those who RSVP. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/E7jTZTwmgbPYTzG17> email administrator@stthomasdc.org with questions or for assistance with the RSVP.



Study with St. Thomas

Baldwin Study Group

The group will continue our study of James Baldwin by reading the second half of “Vintage Baldwin,” a collection of essays and other works. The group will meet on Tuesday, November 30, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group, [please register here](#).

Take Action with St. Thomas’

Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:

You may wish to respond to the grief or joy in our community by sending a greeting card or making a phone call. If you do not have the individual’s contact information, please check Realm or send your greeting card to that person % our church. We will make sure to share with them.

- **You can now donate money to help Afghan refugees using your St. Thomas Realm account.** We will use the funds collected to purchase gift cards that newly-arrived families can use to purchase food and household items they need. **Choose “Refugee Assistance” from the drop-down list as the fund you want your donation to go to.**
- Donations are still needed to help Afghan refugees being temporarily housed at Dulles Expo Center. Afghan Youth Relief Foundation has organized this effort and is accepting donations from 5-8pm every day except in inclement weather.



Here is the listing of needed items: [Items Needed by AYRS](#).

Check daily for an updated list.

Address: Nationwide Commercial Flooring, 4425 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Ste. 600
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

- Donations accepted around the back of the building. –

If you would like to help lift or sort donations, here is a link to a sign-up genius to volunteer:

<http://tinyurl.com/FYRSSignup>



GLOBAL
Holiday Market
CELEBRATING REFUGEE CREATIVITY
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Start your holiday shopping and support refugee entrepreneurs!

**December 4TH and 5TH
12pm - 5pm**

St. Thomas Church
1517 18th St NW
Washington, DC 20036



Jewelry, Handcrafts, Jams & Preserves, Baked Goods,
Art, Coffee, Clothing, Accessories, Gifts and more!

The One Journey movement strives to create a world where refugees and other displaced people are welcomed, valued, and supported so they and their host communities can thrive together.

onejourneyfestival.org

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Diapers Needed – Sizes 4 and 6 and Toiletries

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have listened to the needs of our local community and tried to respond faithfully. We've donated lots of diapers, wipes, formula, and more to young, low-income families from Central America in Columbia Heights. St. Thomas' Member Al, serves as a social worker in the community and share that the most needed donations currently are: **diapers in sizes 4-6 and toiletries: toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine products.**

Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

Participate with St. Thomas'

Tacky Sweater Christmas Party

The 6th Annual St. Thomas' Tacky Sweater Christmas Party will be held on **December 15th** beginning at 5:30 with some outdoor caroling in front of the church. We thought it would be nice to carol with those walking by at a time with high foot traffic! We will move inside around 6:30pm to the fourth floor for more celebrating. Contributions of food, drink, and Christmas decorations will be appreciated!

Alliance for New Music-Theatre and St. Thomas' Parish

Present an Open Rehearsal and Conversation introducing

ON THE ROAD TO ARIVACA

A Chamber Opera

By Rosino Serrano and Susan Galbraith

Featuring Baritone Javier Arrey and Coro de la comunidad*

Thursday, December 9, 2021

7:30 p.m.

at St Thomas' Parish

1517 18th Street, NW

near Dupont Circle

*What does it mean
to be a Samaritan?*

*Who is the Sojourner
in an unintended encounter?*

*What is the Voice
of the Desert telling us?*

*A Latino Youth Chorus in partnership with GALA Theatre

*We are happy to invite you
to a
Service of Renaming
for*

Caitlyn Mason

*to be held on
Saturday, December 18th, 2021
11:00 a. m.*

*at
St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish
Dupont Circle*

*1517 18th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20036*

*Reception to follow
in the St. Thomas Commons*

A New Martial Sport: Korean Swordsmanship - Competitive and Cooperative

Students will practice drills and use foam headgears and foam swords to engage in safe, regulated competition with each other, both as single competitors and on teams. Students can also earn official ranks in our system. Ages 10 and up welcome.



When: Sundays 2 PM to 4 PM

Where: St. Thomas's Parish, 4th Floor

How much: \$150/month, equipment provided

More information:

E-mail: east-sea-sword@hotmail.com

youTube: East Sea Sword US

Celebrating Our November Birthdays

- Vibha Sazawal (November 3)
- Jessie Eddy (November 8)
- Richard Sawyer (November 8)
- Lisa Ahuja (November 10)
- Karen Garlick (November 21)
- Jennifer Jue (November 28)
- Priya Desai Lodico (November 30)

November Anniversaries

- Bob and Lynn Moluf (November 2)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Parish Prayer List

John Bisco
 Peggyann Cohen
 Kevin Costigan
 Craig Evertt
 Carol Goldman
 Pam Greer
 Susan Hannan
 Jan Harrison

Betsy Hollingsworth
 Carol Hurlburt
 James & Esther Insinga
 Kristin Jones
 Mike Knapp
 Dave Kucharski
 Hugo Llanos
 Rich Manhardt

Jane Saari
 Harvey Shapiro
 Joan Shapiro
 Mary Jane Smith
 Harvey Snyder
 Chris Spangler
 Chester Thompson

For the repose of the soul of:

Ron Ballenger

Mark Herzog

Phil Jessett

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."

Vestry

Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer
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Noel Miller, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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