



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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BE CHRIST

Christ the King Sunday November 20, 2022

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our worship season after Pentecost! 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 the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). Nursery Care with a lesson for the day is on the fourth floor. If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas' Parish, the Episcopal Church, or deepening your faith with us please fill out a welcome card and hand it to an usher or clergy person. We will continue to require mask wearing during public worship. Masks will remain optional for meetings, coffee hour and most serving opportunities.

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Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Alfred Hollins

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn # 481 in Blue Hymnal

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria S280 in Blue Hymnal

Glory to God

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*sung before and after the Gospel*)



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

(The Gospel will be proclaimed in both Spanish & English)

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

» Cuando el Hijo del hombre venga, rodeado de esplendor y de todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono glorioso. La gente de todas las naciones se reunirá delante de él, y él separará unos de otros, como el pastor separa las ovejas de las cabras. Pondrá las ovejas a su derecha y las cabras a su izquierda.

Y dirá el Rey a los que estén a su derecha: “Vengan ustedes, los que han sido bendecidos por mi Padre; reciban el reino que está preparado para ustedes desde que Dios hizo el mundo.

Pues tuve hambre, y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; anduve como forastero, y me dieron alojamiento. Estuve sin ropa, y ustedes me la dieron; estuve enfermo, y me visitaron; estuve en la cárcel, y vinieron a verme.” Entonces los justos preguntarán: “Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos con hambre, y te dimos de comer? ¿O cuándo te vimos con sed, y te dimos de beber?

¿O cuándo te vimos como forastero, y te dimos alojamiento, o sin ropa, y te la dimos? ¿O cuándo te vimos enfermo o en la cárcel, y fuimos a verte?”

El Rey les contestará: “Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de estos hermanos míos más humildes, por mí mismo lo hicieron.”

» Luego el Rey dirá a los que estén a su izquierda: “Apártense de mí, los que merecieron la condenación; váyanse al fuego eterno preparado para el diablo y sus ángeles. Pues tuve hambre, y ustedes no me dieron de comer; tuve sed, y no me dieron de beber; anduve como forastero, y no me dieron alojamiento; sin ropa, y no me la dieron; estuve enfermo, y en la cárcel, y no vinieron a visitarme.”

Entonces ellos le preguntarán: “Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos con hambre o con sed, o como forastero, o falto de ropa, o enfermo, o en la cárcel, y no te ayudamos?” El Rey les contestará: “Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por una de estas personas más humildes, tampoco por mí lo hicieron.” Ésos irán al castigo eterno, y los justos a la vida eterna.»

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Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly

I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**W**E 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

## Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Today we remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

### *Birthday Prayer: (said by all)*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them 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.

### *Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)*

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.

## Offertory Music

### Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*Sung by the St. Thomas' Choir*

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' Giving Page.



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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Hymn WLP 785

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

*Sung first in Spanish, and then in English*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with our patron, Saint Thomas, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for 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.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. The bishop has given the diocese permission to share the bread and wine at communion again. She does not permit us to intinct, or dip, our wafers in the wine. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are two stations to receive bread. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.*

Communion Hymn #325 in Blue Hymnal

Let us break bread together

## Post Communion Prayer

✠ All pray 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

May the God who is just, kind and humble empower you to connect people with the fiercely accepting love of Jesus; and may the blessing the One God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever. **Amen.**

He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;

Je - sus Christ, the first and last... no man works like Him. He is

no man works like Him. 1. He built his throne up in the air...  
2. I was but young when I be - gun...

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from...  
2. But now my race is

1. ev - 'er where... no man works like Him. He is...  
2. al - most won...

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude      Now Thank We All Our God      Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



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## Letter from the Rector:

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship! We are so glad you've joined us today. Today is Christ the King Sunday, which is the last Sunday of the liturgical Church year. Next Sunday we begin the new year with the first Sunday of the season of Advent. "Advent" is derived from a Latin word for "coming." Advent is the season of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of Christ's birth, and for the final coming of Christ in power and glory.

This week we've updated our announcements to include our Advent and Christmas offerings, so we may all plan to participate meaningfully in this new season.

### Save the Advent and Christmas Dates/Times

|                                     |                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 27, after 10:30 am worship | Advent 1 Wreath Making and Soup Lunch                                           |
| December 3-4 from 12-5 pm           | Global Holiday Market with One Journey                                          |
| December 11 at 10:30 am             | Advent 3/Rose Sunday                                                            |
|                                     | with prayers for Rev. Lisa Ahuja on her 15 <sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary |
| December 14 from 6-8 pm             | Tacky Sweater Christmas Party with Caroling                                     |
| December 17 from 10 am-5 pm         | Christmas Party with Mutual Aid at St. Thomas'                                  |
| December 18 at 10:30 am             | Advent Lessons and Carols Service                                               |
| December 24 at 5 pm                 | Christmas Eve service followed by Christmas Dinner                              |
| December 25 at 10:30 am             | Christmas Day service with carol singing                                        |

Read ahead for more details.

God bless you,  
The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector



# St. Thomas' Parish

November 13, 2022 – November 20, 2022

## *Weekly Schedule*

### **Sunday, November 20th**

9:30 am to 11:30 am Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)

9:30 am to 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

10:30 am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)

11:30 am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1st floor Commons + Garden)

2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)

3:00pm to 9:00pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)

### **Monday, November 21st** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

6:30pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

7:30pm to 9:00pm – AA Meeting (4th floor)

### **Tuesday, November 22nd** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

6:30pm to 9:00pm – GMCW Rehearsals (Nave, 4th Floor)

### **Wednesday, November 23th** – Office Closed

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

### **Thursday, November 24th** – Thanksgiving, Office Closed

### **Friday, November 25th** – Office Closed

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

8:00pm to 9:00pm – NA Meeting (2nd floor)

### **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Refugee Welcome

9:30 am to 1:15 pm – GMCW GenOUT (Nave)

### **Sunday, November 27th**

9:30 am to 11:30 am Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)

9:30 am to 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

10:30 am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)

11:30 to 12:15 pm Advent Wreath Making and Soup Lunch (4th Floor)

2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)

3:00pm to 9:00pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)



## WORSHIP WITH ST. THOMAS'

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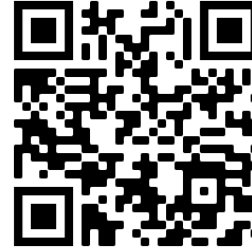
### Let's make Advent wreaths together!

On Sunday, **November 27th**, let's gather to make fresh, custom Advent wreaths at St. Thomas' on the 4th Floor after service during coffee hour.

No need to bring anything but yourself and a festive spirit! \$25 per wreath - pay via check to the church office or on Realm.

Sign up in advance required on the bulletin board at church or through this QR code

**The deadline to sign up for a wreath is Nov 20, 2022.**



### Christmas Eve Worship at 5 pm followed by Dinner

Our Christmas Eve service this year will be on December 24 at 5 pm. We will have a drop-in Christmas Pageant (no rehearsals required) for people of all ages. Following the service, you are invited to a Christmas dinner potluck.

Please follow this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/mkDnFny7a42HZQmz5>

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to join you at St. Thomas' Parish.

### Next Service with Baptism is on January 8 at 10:30 am

If you or someone you love would like to explore baptism at St. Thomas' Parish, please be in touch with the Rev. Lisa Ahuja. Our next service with baptism will be on January 8 at 10:30 am. [lahuja@stthomsc.org](mailto:lahuja@stthomsc.org) or 202-361-2018

## STUDY WITH ST. THOMAS'

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### Children's Bible Story and Activity

Each week we have a story from holy scripture and activity on the fourth floor during our worship. All children are welcome to attend and will be brought back to worship at the time of the peace. Ushers and greeters are happy to show you the way to the fourth floor.

## **TAKE ACTION WITH ST. THOMAS'**

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### **Welcoming Refugees at St. Thomas'**

Since May, our parish has served as a welcome site for hundreds of asylum-seekers and migrants bused to DC from the southern border. Bus arrivals have been more sporadic in recent weeks, and several times we have not ended up hosting on our scheduled days. We still invite people to sign up for slots on our hosting days, but please be aware it is possible we will cancel the day before if no buses are expected. The next scheduled day is 11/26. You can sign up for a time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n77sx2y>, or e-mail Carol Coonrod (csoonrod@gmail.com) and/or Elizabeth Terry (elizterry@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on a standby list to be called in as needed.

### **Thanksgiving Celebration with Refugees**

You are invited to join with us in providing a Thanksgiving dinner to the refugees we will be hosting on Saturday, November 26th. You can either bring a dish and stay to share or drop a dish off. It will be served around 1 pm. Please let Linda Hollingsworth know if you are interested in helping and what dish you would like to bring. We are particularly looking for someone to prepare mashed potatoes on-site. (We can help with peeling the potatoes.) Please email Linda at lhollingsworth.hvh@gmail.com or text (619)797-7674.

### **Christmas Celebration with Refugees**

We are working with Mutual Aid and other respite partners to plan a Christmas celebration with the refugees who have arrived in the last 5 months. The tentative date and time is Saturday, December 17 from 10 am until 5 pm. Please be in touch with Carol Coonrod or Elizabeth Terry if you'd like to help plan this celebration. Carol Coonrod (csoonrod@gmail.com) and/or Elizabeth Terry (elizterry@gmail.com).

## **OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Sharing your announcements in the Sunday bulletin and Phoenix**

Please send all announcements to [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org) on or before the Sunday prior to distribution. We aim to send announcements out three weeks prior to the event or service opportunity in order for sufficient time to plan.

### **Tacky Christmas Sweater Party with Caroling on Wednesday, December 14 from 6-8 pm.**

Join us for a fun night of Christmas caroling, conversation, and food on Wednesday, December 14. You are invited to wear your tackiest Christmas outfit and bring something festive to share for dinner. The party will be in the Commons on the first floor of our church, and caroling will be in the garden.

### **Herschel Wade to be ordained a deacon on Dec 3, 2022**

Save the date! Herschel Wade will be ordained a deacon at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore on Saturday, December 3, at 11 am. Herschel was our seminarian last year, and continues to participate in the life of our parish. Please pray for him as he prepares for ordination.

## Come See the Soweto Gospel Choir!

The world-famous Soweto Gospel Choir is coming to Strathmore on December 6 at 8pm. Multiple people from St. Thomas are interested in attending the performance so we can go together. Tickets run from \$34 to \$68. Buy your tickets online here or contact Benjamin Bynum if you've bought tickets and want to coordinate for meeting up before the show. If you're willing to contribute to buying tickets for others who cannot afford a full ticket, that's great, too! Benjamin's email is [b.bynum@gmail.com](mailto:b.bynum@gmail.com) and phone is (502) 868-0612.

## One Journey Global Holiday Market at St. Thomas' Parish

One of the joyful highlights of last year was welcoming One Journey's Global Holiday Market to St. Thomas' Parish. Many of us did our Christmas shopping that weekend, while delighting in the creativity of the refugees who sold their holiday items. This year St. Thomas' will have a booth with an option to donate to our refugee ministry, and information about our parish. Carol Coonrod is coordinating volunteers to staff this booth and welcome the hundreds who will come through our doors on December 3 and 4. Please be in touch with Carol with questions or to sign up: [csoonrod@gmail.com](mailto:csoonrod@gmail.com).

A promotional poster for the One Journey Global Holiday Market. The background is light blue with white snowflake patterns. At the top left is the One Journey logo, which includes a colorful bird icon and the text "ONE JOURNEY". A string of colorful Christmas lights curves across the top. The main title "GLOBAL Holiday Market" is written in a mix of blue sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below the title, it says "CELEBRATING REFUGEE CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP". The dates and time are listed as "December 3rd & 4th" and "12pm - 5pm". The location is "St. Thomas Church, 1517 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20036". A circular logo for St. Thomas' Parish Episcopal Church is on the right. At the bottom, it lists items for sale: "Jewelry, Handcrafts, Jams & Preserves, Baked Goods, Art, Coffee, Clothing, Accessories, Gifts & more!".

**ONE JOURNEY**

GLOBAL  
*Holiday Market*

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[ONEJOURNEYFESTIVAL.ORG](http://ONEJOURNEYFESTIVAL.ORG)

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.



[@1journeymovement](https://www.instagram.com/1journeymovement)



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[One Journey Festival](https://www.linkedin.com/company/1journeymovement)

Buy your holiday tree or wreath and support a neighborhood school!

The Ross Elementary PTA is holding its [14th Annual Holiday Tree Sale](#).

**When:** Over the weekends of Nov 26-27 and Dec 3-4, 9am-4pm

**Where:** The field at Ross Elementary School, 1730 R St. NW

**Learn more:** <https://rosspta.square.site/>

A variety of Fraser fir trees in all sizes are available, as well as wreaths. Delivery is also available for an additional fee (within a set boundary).

*All proceeds will benefit the Ross Elementary School PTA.*



Ross Elementary School

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**HOLIDAY TREE SALE**  
NOV 26 & 27 | DEC 3 & 4  
9 AM - 4 PM

**HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD  
9 AM - 4 PM

Ross Playground - 1730 R Street NW

The Ross PTA will be selling a variety of **Fraser fir trees** in all sizes (from tabletop to 9') and **festive wreaths**.

On Dec. 3, you can also **enjoy a Bake Sale** full of tasty treats baked by members of our community.

GET A DISCOUNT WHEN YOU PRE-ORDER YOUR TREE ONLINE BY 11/25!



All proceeds will benefit the Ross PTA.  
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## Celebrating Our November Birthdays

Miles Fallon (November 3)  
Will Coley (November 8)  
Jessie Eddy (November 8)  
Richard Sawyer (November 8)  
Lisa Ahuja (November 10)  
John Yahner (November 10)  
Cillian Kennedy (November 18)  
Karen Garlick (November 21)

## November Anniversaries

Bob and Lynn Moluf (November 2)  
Noel Miller and Bryan Kennedy (November 11)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at  
[administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org)

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## Parish Prayer List

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lynette Alexander     | Pam Greer           | Joe Rivas                     |
| Alan Allison          | Jan Harrison        | Bishop Gene Robinson          |
| Shaune Bazner         | Betsy Hollingsworth | Jane Saari                    |
| John Bisco            | Brenda Holman       | Eric Scharf                   |
| Peggyann Cohen        | James Insinga       | The Sommer Family             |
| Liz Dahlen            | Judy Johnson        | Chris Spangler                |
| Craig Evertt          | Mike Knapp          | Chester Thompson              |
| June Gangler          | Dave Kucharski      | A loved one starting recovery |
| Karin Garcia's fiance | Hugo Llanos         |                               |
| Carol Goldman         | Cecilia Manibusan   |                               |

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



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

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*"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."*

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## Vestry

Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden  
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden  
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer  
Jocko Fajardo, Secretary  
Knight Champion, Brian Crane, Reggie Greer, Jennifer Mahle,  
Noel Miller, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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