



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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*Christ
Is
coming*

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

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 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. Our worship in the season of Advent engages us in expectation and hope for the coming of Christ.

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Prelude **Joseph Coleman, pianist**

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 forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn #56 in Blue Hymnal

O Come, O Come Emanuel

(verses 1-4)

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

Celebrant: 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

Trisagion S102 from Blue Hymnal

(Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of God.”

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Holy One, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn

Wait for the Lord

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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

(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.

»En cuanto al día y la hora, nadie lo sabe, ni aun los ángeles del cielo, ni el Hijo. Solamente lo sabe el Padre.

»Como sucedió en tiempos de Noé, así sucederá también cuando regrese el Hijo del hombre. En aquellos tiempos antes del diluvio, y hasta el día en que Noé entró en la barca, la gente comía y bebía y se casaba. Pero cuando menos lo esperaban, vino el diluvio y se los llevó a todos. Así sucederá también cuando regrese el Hijo del hombre. En aquel momento, de dos hombres que estén en el campo, uno será llevado y el otro será dejado. De dos mujeres que estén moliendo, una será llevada y la otra será dejada.

»Manténganse ustedes despiertos, porque no saben qué día va a venir su Señor. Pero sepan esto, que si el dueño de una casa supiera a qué hora de la noche va a llegar el ladrón, se mantendría despierto y no dejaría que nadie se metiera en su casa a robar. Por eso, ustedes también estén preparados; porque el Hijo del hombre vendrá cuando menos lo esperen.

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Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in

the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

## The Sermon

Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Seminarian

✠ 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

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

### *Birthdays 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      Keep your lamps trimmed & burning      André Thomas**  
*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.



**The Great Thanksgiving**    Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

**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.**

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:

Sanctus: LEVAS #255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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.

## 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 #60 in Blue Hymnal    Creator of the stars

### 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

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:** Paperless:                      Open my heart                      Composed by Ana Hernandez

### Dismissal

Celebrant: As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Postlude for Flute**



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship on this first Sunday of Advent! We are so glad you've joined us today. "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.

Following our worship today I hope you'll join us on the fourth floor for coffee hour and Advent wreath making.

As you read through these announcements, please consider who you might invite to join us as we prepare Christ room to enter in again this Christmas.

### Save the Advent and Christmas Dates/Times

November 27, after 10:30 am worship  
December 3-4 from 12-5 pm  
December 11 at 10:30 am

December 14 from 6-8 pm  
December 17 from 10 am-5 pm  
December 18 at 10:30 am  
December 24 at 5 pm  
December 25 at 10:30 am

Advent 1 Wreath Making and Soup Lunch  
Global Holiday Market with One Journey  
Advent 3/Rose Sunday with prayers for  
Rev. Lisa Ahuja on her 15<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary  
Tacky Sweater Christmas Party with Caroling  
Christmas Party with Mutual Aid at St. Thomas'  
Advent Lessons and Carols Service  
Christmas Eve service followed by Christmas Dinner  
Christmas Day service with carol singing

Read ahead for more details.

Advent blessings,

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

## A Note on Masking in Worship

Dear Friends,

The vestry, wardens, and I have continued to give careful thought to our parish policy around masking. As you know, we have required masking during public worship in our sanctuary since the church reopened following COVID shutdowns. We have also required masking during the Saturday refugee welcome activities. In other areas of the church, masks have been optional. Following careful discussion, we have decided to continue this policy through the winter.

Our parish is blessed to encompass a wide range of people and to welcome many more as visitors. Throughout the pandemic, we have based our approach to masking during worship on the ideal of loving and caring for all our neighbors, including those who may be vulnerable to diseases or otherwise at a greater risk for COVID and its potential long-term effects. We also recognize that the colder winter months typically bring more risk of infection from flu and other viruses and that our country is seeing a surge of children and older individuals infected with and being hospitalized for RSV, as well as flu and COVID. These factors make it prudent for our masking policy to remain in place.

We are committed to providing a safe environment for everyone to engage in worship. We have known since early in the pandemic that communal singing is one of the highest-risk activities in terms of COVID transmission. This remains true. Our enjoyment of singing together as a community is another reason to wear masks during worship.

In our baptismal covenant, we commit to continuing in worship and the breaking of bread. Since we want to ensure that our worship is accessible to as wide a group as possible, we have elected to maintain our policy of wearing masks during worship. Masks will remain optional for meetings, coffee hour, and most serving opportunities.

The vestry, wardens, and I will continue to have thoughtful conversations about our policy and will revisit the policy at the end of the winter. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your support and willingness to follow the masking guidelines to date. We are proud and honored to be part of such a caring, conscientious parish. Thank you for your continued care for the community and diligence in wearing masks during worship.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the vestry.

God bless you,

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector



# St. Thomas' Parish

November 27th, 2022 – December 4th, 2022

## Weekly Schedule

### **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 11:30 am – Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)  
11:30 am to 12:15 pm Advent Wreath Making and Soup Lunch (4th Floor)  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)

### **Monday, November 28th** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)  
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Potomac Fever (2nd floor Nave)  
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm – AA Meeting (4th floor)

### **Tuesday, November 29th** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)  
11:00 am to 12:00pm – Staff meeting (1st floor)  
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Rock Creek (Nave, 4th Floor)

### **Wednesday, November 30th** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

### **Thursday, December 1st** – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

### **Friday, December 2nd** – Office Hours: 12am to 3pm

8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)  
5:30 pm to 9:30 pm Solas Nua Theatre Reading (2nd Floor, Nave)  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm – Yoga with Asiya (4th floor)  
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm – NA Meeting (2nd floor)

### **Saturday, December 3th**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Refugee Welcome  
9:30 am to 1:15 pm – GMCW GenOUT (Nave)  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Herschel Wade's Deacon Ordination (Baltimore)  
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm One Journey Holiday Market (1st Floor, Garden)  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm DC Strings Concert (2nd Floor, Nave)

### **Sunday, December 4th**

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 11:30 am – Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)



## **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 12/3. 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.

### **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).

**ONE JOURNEY**

GLOBAL  
*Holiday Market*

CELEBRATING REFUGEE CREATIVITY  
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**December 3rd & 4th**  
**12pm - 5pm**

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

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

[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.

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One Journey Festival

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

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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.

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



All proceeds will benefit the Ross PTA.  
Learn more at <https://rosspta.square.site/>

## 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  
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## Parish Prayer List

|                       |                     |                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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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*"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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