



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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*Christ
is
coming*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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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Lessons and Carols

Prelude (instrumental)

Fifa, from Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Opening Carol 102

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Verse 1 - sung by a soloist

Verse 2-6 - sung by all

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

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 God until the glorious redemption brought to us by God's holy Child Jesus. 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 Christ 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.**

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.

Lesson 1: The First Sin and Its Punishment

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

A reading from Genesis.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Here ends the reading.

Carol 1: Comfort Ye, from Messiah
(Brynn Farlow, soloist)

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lesson 2: The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

Isaiah 40: 1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 2: Adam Lay Ybounden
(Sung by the St. Thomas' Music Interns)

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Lesson 3: The Prophet Proclaims that God Will Come and Save Us

Isaiah 35: 1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the Reading.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ——— of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The ———
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like
 feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!
 na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;
 lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

Lesson 4: The Spirit of the Lord Will Rest Upon the Holy One Isaiah 11: 1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 4: O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings **G.F. Handel (1685-1759)**
(Sydney Black, soloist + chorus)

Lesson 5: The Angel Foretells the Birth of Christ **Luke 1: 26-35, 38**

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in

your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.


Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 5: #265

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

(sung by all)



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 6: There Were Shepherds, And to the Angel, And Suddenly, and Glory to God
(Grace Null, soloist + Chorus) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lesson 7 – The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1-20

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 7: #101

“Away in a Manger”

(sung by all)



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Lesson 8: The Word Made Flesh

John 1: 1-14

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Here ends the reading.

The Peace

Celebrant: 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

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 Carol: Little Innocent Lamb

Marshall Bartholomew (1885-1978)

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.

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**

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: **Sinfonia, from Messiah** (*instrumental*) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The St. Thomas' Choir

Sopranos:

Katherine Fitzpatrick

Karen Garlick

Heather Hurlburt

Florence Lodico

Grace Null*

Lori Tsang

Altos:

Sydney Black*

Jessie Brewster

Emily Schutz

Susie Faria

Tenors:

Brynn Farlow

Stephen Schembs

Aidan Wilbur*

Basses:

Will Coley

Brian Crane

Jocko Fajardo

Liam Gallihue*

Chris Hartenau

(*) Music Interns

DECEMBER 2022

Join us

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 15th ordination anniversary

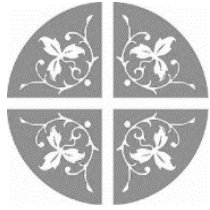
December 14 from 6-8 pm
Tacky Sweater Christmas Party with Caroling

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

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Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our beautiful service of Lessons and Carols! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Today we listen to eight stories from holy scripture that and several pieces from Handel's Messiah. We also lift our voices in prayer and the singing of hymns. This special service of worship retells the story of Christ coming into our world.

Following the service, I hope you will join me in thanking the St. Thomas' Choir and Michael Lodico, our Director of Music. They have rehearsed and prepared for this special day in the midst of very busy schedules. What a gift for our community!

As we near Christmas please consider inviting someone to join you at our Christmas Eve worship! Advent blessings,
The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

End of the Year Financial Plans

A big thank you to our community for faithfully fulfilling pledges, and for communicating when if it has been difficult to fulfill your pledge. This has helped us to be good stewards of the gifts shared with us this year, and to plan well for ministry at St. Thomas' Parish.

End of the year pledges, capital pledges, Christmas offerings, and financial gifts

Our parish office will be closed the week after Christmas (December 26- December 30). Please do know that if you have a pledge or financial gift you would like included in your 2022 taxes, we need to receive it electronically by December 31, or by check no later than January 10. Please ensure your check is dated prior to December 31 if you are sending it in the mail or dropping it off by January 10, 2023. This helps us to follow healthy financial reporting practices.

Pre-paying your 2023 Pledge

If you plan to pre-pay your 2023 pledge before December 31, 2022, please indicate this in the memo of your check or when paying online. This will appear on your end of year giving statement, and on Realm appear as a fulfilled 2023 pledge on your profile.

Workplace Matched Charitable Giving

Does your employer match charitable giving? If so, please know that many employers are happy to match your charitable giving to St. Thomas' Parish. We are registered with Benevity, and happy to assist with paperwork necessary to receive charitable giving from your employer.

Tacky Christmas Sweater Caroling Party 2022

We had a blast at the Tacky Christmas Sweater Party! A big thank you to Michael Lodico and Fernando Hermoza for leading us in caroling!





St. Thomas' Parish

December 18th, 2022 – December 25th, 2022

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 18th

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 – Advent Lessons and Carols (2nd floor Nave)
11:30 pm to 12:30 pm – Coffee Hour (1st floor + Garden)
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)

Monday, December 19th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm – AA Meeting (4th floor)

Tuesday, December 20th – 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)

Wednesday, December 21st – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30 am to 2:00 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

Thursday, December 22nd – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30 am to 2:00 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

Friday, December 23rd – Office Hours: 12am to 3pm

8:30 am to 2:00 pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm – NA Meeting (4th floor)

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal (2nd floor)
4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Costume and part distribution for pageant (1st floor)
5:00 pm to 6:15 pm – Christmas Eve Service (2nd floor)
6:15 pm to 8:15 pm – Christmas Dinner (4nd floor)

Sunday, December 25th

10:30 am to 11:30 am – Christmas Service (2nd floor Nave)
11:30 pm to 12:30 pm – Coffee Hour (1st floor + Garden)



The Parish office will be closed from December 26-29, 2022.

Please call Rev. Lisa Ahuja on her cell (202)361-2018 with any pastoral emergencies.

WORSHIP WITH ST. THOMAS'

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> *before Monday, December 19.*

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. Contact Rev. Lisa at lahuja@stthomsc.org or 202-361-2018.

CELEBRATE WITH ST. THOMAS'

Welcome Iris Emilia Aberg



Iris Emilia Aberg was born on November 19 and was 8lb 12oz. Big brother Adam (2.5) is loving his new role! Eric and Lindsey look forward to introducing Iris to the community at St. Thomas' Parish when she is a little older.



O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

STUDY WITH ST. THOMAS'

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'

Welcoming Refugees at St. Thomas' on Saturdays

Welcome Refugees at St Thomas' on Saturdays

Since May, our parish has served as a welcome site for hundreds of asylum-seekers bused to DC from the southern border. Bus arrivals have been more sporadic in recent weeks, and we now are holding Saturday "mini respites" - shorter timeslots (8 am until about noon) where we welcome newcomers who have arrived in recent days. We have openings scheduled into early January. You can sign up for a volunteer 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.

OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing your announcements in the Sunday bulletin and Phoenix

Please send all announcements to 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.

Celebrating Our December Birthdays

Fiadh Kennedy (December 7)
Ryan Winfield (December 8)
Stephen Schembs (December 13)
Chris Norman (December 14)
Benny Young (December 14)
Al Llanos (December 15)
Noel Miller (December 16)

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

Parish Prayer List

Lynette Alexander
Shaune Bazner
John Bisco
Peggyann Cohen
Liz Dahlen
Craig Evertt
June Gangler
Karin Garcia's fiance
Carol Goldman

Pam Greer
Jan Harrison
Betsy Hollingsworth
James Insinga
Judy Johnson
Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Hugo Llanos

Joe Rivas
Jane Saari
Eric Scharf
The Sommer Family
Chris Spangler
Chester Thompson
A loved one starting recovery

For those who have died: Linda Rosch

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."

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Karen Garlick, Junior Warden
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer
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