



WELCOME

TO ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At St. Thomas Church, we strive to be a community where the dignity of every human being is seen and honored. As Christians we seek to welcome all of God's people, celebrating the fulness of their being that is inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, education, faith history, age, economic status, sex, gender identity and expression, language, physical and cognitive ability. We seek to be the Body of Christ where all members feel safe, loved and that they belong. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Thomas!

January 12, 2024: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Image credit: Jesus' Baptism by Laura James

Today at St. Thomas

WORSHIP

8 & 10am | Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour (Church)

FORMATION

9am | The Quest Youth Confirmation Class (Chapel)

9:45am | Children's Formation for Kids Ages 4 thru 5th Grade (Godly Play 1 & 2)

3-5pm | Youth Ice Skating Outing (Bellevue Ice Park)

5pm | Choral Evensong (Church)



For those with hearing impairment, hearing assistive devices are available. Please ask an usher.



Childcare is available from 9am-1pm in the Childcare Room, located on the first floor of the Ebsworth Life Center.

New to St. Thomas?

New to St. Thomas? Your presence and prayers are a gift to our community. You are fully welcome in this place! If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, or for us to be in touch with you, please fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate before Communion. A member of the clergy will reach out to you.

Choral Evensong

Today at 5 p.m.

Sung by the Choir of St. Thomas Church.

All are welcome.





SUPPORT ST. THOMAS TODAY

It's simple: scan the QR code or go to stthomasmedina.org/giving.



UPCOMING AT ST. THOMAS

TODAY | The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10am

The Quest Youth Confirmation at 9

Formation for Children at 9:45

Youth Ice Skating Outing from 3-5pm

Evensong at 5pm

January 15 | Wonderful Wednesday Series on AI Part 2

January 19 | The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 22 | Wonderful Wednesday Series on AI Part 3

January 23 } Rector's Book Group Part 2 at 7pm (Zoom only)

January 26 The Third Sunday After Epiphany

Family Breakfast at 9am

New Member Clergy Coffee Hour Meet & Greet at 11:30am

January 30 | Rector's Book Group Part 3 at 7pm (Zoom only)

February 2 | The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

One Combined Service at at 9am - followed by the Annual Parish Meeting

New Families with Children Breakfast

January 26 at 9am

Great Hall in the Ebsworth Life Center

All families with children new to St. Thomas in the past couple years are welcome! Join us as we get to know one another better, and learn more about opportunities for children's formation at St. Thomas.

RSVP by January 19 at Edmund@stthomasmedina.org.



Epiphany Series: AI and Faith

7:00-8:00 pm, January 8, 15 & 22 (ZOOM option available)

On Epiphany, humanity received the revelation of Jesus Christ through creation as the wise men followed a star. Could AI be a source that reveals to us something about what it means to be human, even God? What are the blessings and limits to creation's creation?

Join us for a three-week series on AI and Faith as we consider these questions and the ones you bring with you.

To explore AI and Faith, our first session will consider a few theological frameworks when considering topics in Science, and Technology. Our second session will take a closer look at Artificial Intelligence and how the industry is ethically thinking about AI. Our last session will focus on how the academy (ethics/theology) is thinking through AI, and its ability to support or hinder creation's flourishing.

The program is preceded by Taize Prayer at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Join us!

Your prayers and presence are requested at the

ST. THOMAS CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 2



One Service at 9am
10:30 Annual Meeting

Join us as we give thanks for the blessings of the past year, celebrate the present, and look ahead to what is in store for 2025.

Can you use your phone to capture life at St. Thomas?

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to capture video and photos of events at church for regular posting on social media. No professional experience is necessary, only a desire to share our life with those beyond our walls.



If you'd like to help out, please email Father Edmund at Edmund@stthomasmedina.org.

Can You Help Cook for PorchLight Emergency Men's Shelter?

KITCHEN PARTIES: HELP IS NEEDED on the following **Wednesdays 1/15** (need 2-3 more people), **2/26**, **3/26**, and **4/9** to cook for the PorchLight-EMS. We start cooking at St. Thomas at 9 and are done at 11, then we load up and drive to the shelter to arrive at 11:30 and start serving 75 men at noon. We have lunch with them and are usually back at the church parking lot by 1:15-1:30. You can come just for the cooking or serving, but it is fun and rewarding to do both. Please contact Laurie Angelo if you are interested laurie.angelo@outlook.com

UPCOMING ST. THOMAS YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Sunday, January 12 | Ice skating at Bellevue
Downtown Ice Rink, 3-5 p.m.

Sunday, January 26 | Youth Group, 5 p.m. (Church)

For more info, visit
stthomasmedina.org/youthgroup

You belong. All are welcome.



FORWARD IN FAITH UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the **Forward in Faith** campaign! As of January 1, we have received pledges from **130 households**, and have reached almost **\$988,000**, or approximately 89% of our goal for the 2025 operating fund. We have also received commitments of approximately **\$1.22M** toward our target of \$2M for the Rector Housing Fund.

If you have questions about making a pledge, or how to fulfill your pledge, please see information here: stthomasmedina.org/pledge. We are also pleased to accept stock gifts or wire transfers as fulfillment of your pledges, or donations from a Donor Advised Fund. Contact Jean Waite or Anne Bentley for more information for these transactions.

Save the Date: February 21-23 St. Thomas Men's Retreat at Camp Huston

Men of all ages welcome and expected! The retreat program will focus on the personal journeys that brought us to the Episcopal church and where we go from here. Our time will include structured discussions, free time for relaxing or exploring, and happy hours for fellowship

Cost is \$250 for a shared room, and \$350 for a single room. If you have questions or need more information, contact Ray Waldmann at (425) 217-9393 or rwaldmann@mac.com



Christmas & Epiphany at St. Thomas



Have an Announcement? Here's How to Submit it:

If you would like to include an announcement in the Wrapper (Sunday leaflet) or Ministry Minute, please submit them a minimum of one week before publication. For the Wrapper, please submit them the Sunday prior to publication, and for the Ministry Minute, the Wednesday prior to publication. Please keep submissions brief, and ensure that they have relevant information (date, time, place etc.). Sunday announcements will be made by a member of St. Thomas staff or clergy. To have an announcement included on Sunday, please submit it by the Monday before. All submissions should be made to Edmund@stthomasmedina.org.



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**Office Hours: Mon-
Thurs, 9AM-3PM**

*Call the office to visit
with a specific staff
member as individual
hours may vary.*

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

This worship service takes place in an area where photography, audio, and video recording will occur. Attending and participating in the service confirms consent to such recording and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of all related forms of media.