



W E L C O M E

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!



Sharing the light. Photo Credit: Jen Winter

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Today at St. Thomas

WORSHIP

9am | Holy Eucharist followed by
the Annual Parish Meeting (Great Hall)

FORMATION

9am | Children's Formation (Kid's Club)

Your prayers and presence are
requested at the

ST. THOMAS CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TODAY at 10:30am



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.

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.



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.



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 Presentation: The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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

February 3 | Centering Prayer at 9am

February 6 | Rector's Book Group Part 4 at 7pm (Zoom only)

February 9 | The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Followed by Coffee Hour at 8 & 10
The Quest Youth Confirmation Prep at 9
Clergy Meet & Greet for New Members at 11:30
Youth Group Super Bowl party from 3:30-7pm

February 10 | Centering Prayer at 9am

February 14 | Valentine's Day Concert at 7:30pm

February 13 | Rector's Book Group Part 5 at 7pm (Zoom only)

February 16 | The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 17 | Offices Closed for Presidents' Day

February 19 | Taizé Prayer at 6pm Followed by Fellowship

February 21-23 | Men's Retreat

February 23 | The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

How to Access Pastoral Care at St. Thomas

Pastoral Care is available to all members at St. Thomas Church at all times, and especially during times of transition, struggle, and grief. Here are the ways we are available to support you.



1. **Eucharistic Visits** are available for anyone not able to make it to church on Sundays. Our team is happy to bring communion to someone who cannot celebrate with us.
2. **Our Touch-Point Ministry** exists to provide visits and phone calls for those who would benefit from an additional connection at church.
3. **The Stephen Ministry** provides care to those experiencing life difficulties, offering longer-term, confidential care in addition to contact with a clergy person. People are paired with well-trained volunteers from our parish.
4. Clergy are always on call for emergencies, such as a hospitalization or a death. You can access the priest on call by calling the main parish number.

Please contact Heather Smith at hsmith8488@gmail.com for any Pastoral Care requests, or if you would like to join us as a volunteer!

Candidates for Vestry

The following St. Thomas members who have offered to stand for election for a three-year term on the Vestry.

- Molly McConkey
- Karl Rabel
- Bruce Redman
- Valerie Wang



As individuals, and as a slate of candidates, they would bring a wealth of experience and wisdom to Vestry. We are grateful for their willingness to serve during this critical time at St. Thomas.

New Vestry members will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 2 at 9am. Join us!



February 21-23 Camp Huston

Space is limited.
Be sure save your
spot today!

Join us for our annual St. Thomas Men's Retreat! This year, the 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. Men of all ages welcome and expected!

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



A Valentine's Day Concert

FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:30 P.M.
ST. THOMAS CHURCH
8398 NE 12TH STREET, MEDINA

A romantic medley of classical and other music featuring Charles Robert Stephens, baritone, Susan O'Brien, soprano, Jeffri Lynn Carrington, soprano, Paul Meier, pianist.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door

**FOLLOWED BY A FESTIVE WINE
& CHOCOLATE RECEPTION IN
THE GREAT HALL OF THE
EBSWORTH LIFE CENTER**



UPCOMING ST. THOMAS YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 3:30-7PM
Super Bowl Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 4:30-8PM
Youth Cook & Serve for PorchLight

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 | 5-7PM
Youth Group & Dinner

**You belong.
All are
welcome.**

For more info, visit
stthomasmedina.org/youthgroup

JOIN US FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH'S 2025 SUMMER CAMP!

Caring for God's World

June 23-27, 2024

Ages 4 thru Grade 5
Camp from 9am-Noon
Aftercare from Noon-4

**Creation Care Skills, Music,
Storytime, Art, Outdoor Games,
Snack, and More!**

Registration is OPEN!
stthomasmedina.org/summercamp



FORWARD IN FAITH UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the **Forward in Faith** campaign! As of this printing, the total amount committed to our Rector Housing Fund is \$1.3M! The amount pledged so far for annual stewardship is \$1,062,760, which constitutes a 32% increase from 2024. We also received 18 new pledges for 2025, and the median pledge increased 40%.

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.

FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH AT ST. THOMAS

Childcare Room | Our staffed childcare room is open from 9am-1pm on Sunday mornings throughout the year. *For children aged 4 and younger.*

The Quest (Confirmation Prep) | Takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For teens ages 13-18 who would like to explore being confirmed in the Episcopal Church next spring.

Building Blocks of Faith | Takes place Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am. *For children in grades 3-5.*



Godly Play | Takes on Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am. *For children ages 4 years thru 2nd grade.*



Children's Chapel | Takes place on the last Sunday of the month in lieu of Godly Play and Building Blocks of Faith. Children will begin in church with their parents or guardians, depart for Children's Chapel, then return for the Eucharist. For children ages 4 thru 5th grade.

Youth Group | Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month at 5pm. *For youth in grades 6-12.*



For more info, or to register your child or youth, visit
stthomasmedina.org/grow

Join Us for an Upcoming Kitchen Cooking Party!



HELP IS NEEDED on Wednesday 3/26 and 4/9 to cook for the PorchLight-EMS. We are cooking on 2/26, but I now have a full compliment of volunteers, thank you! 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 Thank you!


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.

Stay in touch with us!

Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, the Ministry Minute:
stthomasmedina.org/maillinglist

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 [stthomas_medina](https://www.instagram.com/stthomas_medina)

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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.