



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!

November 24, 2024 | The Feast of Christ the King



St. Thomas Members constructing a Tiny Home at Sound Foundations of Seattle this week.

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.



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



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

Today at St. Thomas

WORSHIP & FORMATION

8 & 10am | Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour

*A festive coffee hour follows the 10am service

9am | The Quest Teen Confirmation Prep (Vesta Loyd Parlor)

10am | Children's Chapel for Children Ages 4 - 5th Grade (Kid's Club Room)



Welcome to Dr. Paul Meier, Our Interim Music Director!

It is a delight for us to welcome Dr. Paul Meier, our Interim Director of Music at St. Thomas. Paul comes to St. Thomas from Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Kansas City, MO) where he was the Director of Music; prior to that, he was the Assistant Director of Music at Grace Cathedral (San Francisco, CA). As a church musician, he aspires to use music to bring people closer to God and to help others develop their musical offerings. Join us for a festive coffee hour after the 10am service as we welcome Dr. Meier!



SUPPORT ST. THOMAS TODAY

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



UPCOMING AT ST. THOMAS

TODAY | The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10am

The Quest Teen Confirmation Prep at 9am

Children's Chapel at 10am

Forward in Faith Advanced Commitments Reception from 5-7pm

November 28 | Thanksgiving Day (Offices closed this day & Friday 11/29)

December 1 | The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10am

Formation for Children at 9:45

Advent Wreath Making After Both Services

Middle & High School Youth Group at 5pm

December 5 | Forward in Faith Celebration from 6:30-9pm

December 8 | The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10am

St. Nicholas Breakfast at 9am

Advent Lessons & Carols at 5pm

Advent Begins December 1



December 1 | Advent Wreath Making for All Ages
After Both Services

December 8 | St. Nicholas Breakfast at 9am &
Advent Lessons & Carols at 5pm

December 11 | Wonderful Wednesday with Taizé,
Supper and Carols & Cookies. Starts at 6pm.

December 18 | Blue Christmas Service at
7pm preceded by dinner at 6pm.

December 24 | Christmas Pageant with Holy
Eucharist at 4pm & Holy Eucharist at 8pm

December 25 | Holy Eucharist at 10am

Make an Advent Wreath!

Sunday, 12/1
After Both Services

Supplies provided.

Please bring fresh greens to share.



WANTED

Children and youth of all ages to take part in the the **Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 4 p.m.** Parts include Mary, Joseph, Herod, shepherds, animals & angels.

Rehearals will take place **December 15** and **22** following the 10am service, and **December 24** at 3pm.

To sign up today, contact Father Edmund at Edmund@stthomasmedina.org

ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST

**Sunday, December 8
9 a.m. in the Great Hall**

Don't miss St. Nicholas of Myra's annual visit to St. Thomas Church!



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 8 at 5 p.m.

**Featuring the Choir &
Choristers of
St. Thomas Church**



2024 Christmas Giving Tree



St. Thomas is partnering with KidVantage and the new Bellevue Safe Parking Program to help spread Christmas cheer to families in our community. Some tags are for children's clothing or toys, and others are for family gift cards.

The Giving Tree will be in the south end of the Great Hall with the tags available before and after each service. Please choose a tag, sign up (people will be there to assist), and return your unwrapped gift or gift card by December 8. During the week you can return your item to a box outside Lisalynn's door during office hours. **Thank you** for making someone's Christmas a little brighter! Please contact Trish Evison if you have any questions, 425-919-3884 or trish.evison@gmail.com

You're Invited: Cook for Our Porchlight Neighbors

Join us as we prepare food for the Porchlight Emergency Shelter. Here are upcoming dates:

Monday 12/9: 1-2 more people are need to cook on

New dates for 2025 on Wednesdays 1/15, 2/26, 3/26, and 4/9.

We start cooking at St. Thomas at 9 and are done at 11, then load up and drive to the shelter to arrive at 11:30 and start serving at noon. We have lunch with the men and are usually back at the 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. Contact Laurie Angelo if you are interested laurie.angelo@outlook.com



Thanks to our cooks on November 13: Jerry and Laurie Angelo, Cecilia Buss, Gwen and Tyler Ellison, and Doug Anderson



Can you Bake Cookies of Love?

Every day, rain or shine, dozens of day laborers wait in the Home Depot parking lots, hoping for a job so they can send money send back to their families in Mexico, Central and South America. Help us give them a wee bit of Christmas cheer by baking a batch of Christmas cookies.

We hope to fill small cellophane bags with an assortment of cookies and distribute them with hot coffee the week before Christmas. If you're willing to bake just one batch of cookies and deliver them to St. Thomas by Monday, December 16th, please contact Mary Waldmann at (425) 217-9393 or rwaldmann@mac.com for details.

Let's Celebrate

Join us as we celebrate moving **Forward in Faith** to replenish our Annual Operating Fund and create our Rector Housing Fund.

Our New Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Phil Labelle, will be our special guest.

**Thursday, Dec 5th
All-Parish Banquet
6:30-9pm in the
Great Hall**



Please RSVP by Sunday, December 1st by sending an email to Office@stthomasmedina.org or by signing up in the Ebsworth Life Center. Please indicate how many adults and children in your party.

This will be fun for kids as well - we will have childcare available and children's activities.

For questions contact Molly McConkey at (425) 301-0040.

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

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