



W E L C O M E

TO ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Merry Christmas! St. Thomas is a community seeking God's presence in every part of our lives. We come together to experience God's presence in worship. We share our lives with one another in authentic community. We are sent out to serve our friends, our neighbors, and the world because God has first served us.

We are glad you are here!



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



Please note: This worship service takes place in a space where photography, video, and audio recording occurs. By being present, you consent to the use of your image and voice in livestreams, recordings, and other media that may be shared publicly. If you have concerns, please speak with an usher.

Would you like to be **BAPTIZED OR CONFIRMED AT ST. THOMAS?**

The next dates for baptisms are January 11 (Baptism of our Lord), April 4 (Easter Vigil), and May 24 (Pentecost). Confirmation classes for youth and adults begin in early 2026, culminating in confirmations with Bishop Phil LaBelle on June 7. Speak with Mother Liz to learn more: LizeStThomasMedina.org.

THE ST. THOMAS CHURCH MUSIC GUILD INVITES YOU TO A

December 31 | 7:30pm

New Year's Eve Concert

followed by a champagne reception

Donations received at this free concert will support future St. Thomas Music Guild concerts and events.

ST. THOMAS SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

WWW.STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP

PATRON OF THE GOSPEL

STAINED GLASS BLESSING

Our eight new windows, featuring women of the Bible, will be blessed by Bishop Melissa Skelton on **January 25 at the 10am service.**

LEARN MORE

ST. THOMAS CHURCH MUSIC ACADEMY

welcomes students of all ages, levels, and abilities for private lessons in piano, organ, flute, and voice. Offered Monday through Friday by a small, highly accomplished faculty, lessons take place right on the St. Thomas campus.

LEARN MORE

STAY IN TOUCH

Go to www.StThomasMedina.org to sign-up to receive the weekly Ministry Minute email and to donate to St. Thomas. You can also follow St. Thomas on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS CHURCH!

Whether this is your first time with us or you have been part of our community for years, we are delighted to share this holy season with you. As we celebrate Christ's birth, we are invited to journey to Bethlehem and behold the infant Jesus. At the manger, we receive the gift of Emmanuel—God with us.

Amid the flurry of preparations, gatherings, and holiday cheer, we are invited to pause and welcome this gift. Whether it is your first Christmas or your 90th, what would it look like to open your heart to Emmanuel—God with you—today? What would it look like for you to become aware of God's presence right where you are? Perhaps you can take a quiet moment of stillness—or perhaps, amid the holy chaos of a family dinner, time slows just enough for your awareness to be awakened. Wherever you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you. For that is the heart of the Incarnation: wherever we are, there God is also.

May this Christmas fill you with God's nearness. May you receive Emmanuel fully, rest in God's gentle presence, and allow it to hold you right where you are. For it is through awakening to the gift of Emmanuel that we enter more fully into the gift of being with God and with those we love. Here, we discover that the greatest gift of all is already among us.

**Mother Liz Costello,
Rector of St. Thomas**



Sundays at St. Thomas

WORSHIP

8 & 10am | Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour

Our staffed childcare room is open on Sundays from

9am-1pm for children 4 and under.

FORMATION

9am | Youth Group for Youth in Grades 6-12

Adult Formation (Select Sundays)

Family Breakfast

(Last Sunday of each month)

9:45am | Sunday School for Children ages 4 through 5th Grade

Upcoming at St. Thomas

December 28 | Last Sunday Family

Breakfast & Children's Chapel

December 29-January 2 | Offices closed

December 31 | New Year's Eve Concert

January 3 | Men's Breakfast

January 11 | Baptisms

Town Hall on St. Thomas's Financial Health

January 16 | Game Night

January 18 | Evensong

January 24 | Tiny Home Building

Volunteer Day

January 25 | Blessing of the new

Stained Glass Windows, featuring

Women of the Bible

ST. THOMAS CHURCH STAFF



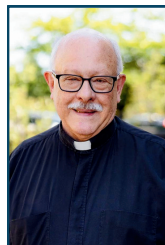
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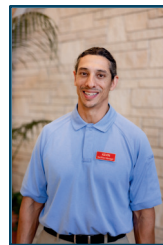
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Call the office to visit with a specific staff member, as individual hours may vary.

St. Thomas's Offices will be closed December 29-January 2.

For Pastoral Emergencies, call the main office line to be connected with the priest on call.