



# 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 fullness 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!



Join us for Shrove Tuesday on February 17, from 5:30-7:30 PM for pancakes, games, crafts, and a joyful second-line procession as we "bury the Alleluias" before Lent. RSVP to [office@stthomasmedina.org](mailto:office@stthomasmedina.org).

### 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.

 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!

Scan the QR code or go to [stthomasmedina.org/giving](http://stthomasmedina.org/giving).



## UPCOMING AT ST. THOMAS

**TODAY** | Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8am and 10am

Youth Group at 9am

Godly Play and Building Blocks of Faith at 9:45am

February 16 | St. Thomas Office is closed

February 17 | Lenten Food & Hygiene Drive Kicks Off

February 17 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm:

RSVP to [office@StThomasMedina.org](mailto:office@StThomasMedina.org).

February 18 | Ash Wednesday Services at St. Thomas:

Drive-Thru Ashes available from 12-1pm

Online Children's Service at 5:30pm

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7pm

February 20-22 | Men's Retreat at Camp Huston

**February 22** | First Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday Family Breakfast at 9am

Lenten Series Begin:

Praying with the Poetry of Ann Weems

@ 9am in the Library

On Christianity on Christianity with Dr. Phil Ballinger

after the 10am service in the Library

**March 1** | Youth Confirmation Classes Begin

**March 15** | Evensong

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**March 1** Who Is God to You?

**March 15** Why Baptism & Confirmation?

**March 29** Prayer, Eucharist & Worship

**April 12** Belief & the Creeds

**April 19** The Episcopal Tradition

**May 3** The Saints

**May 24** As Christians, How Do We Live in the World?

**May 31** Calling, Vocation & Discipleship in the World

**Bishop Phil will visit St. Thomas for Confirmations on June 7.**



**April 26** The Anglican Way

**May 3** Reading the Bible

**May 10** Prayer

**May 17** Living Out of Faith (Practice and Witness)

**ALL CLASSES  
ARE AT 11:30AM**



SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER

**February 17**  
**5:30-7:30pm**

RSVP TO  
**OFFICE@STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG**

**12-1pm** 

ASH  
WEDNESDAY IS  
FEBRUARY 18

**5:30pm**

Online Children's Service

A brief online service designed for families with children. Pick up ashes you can impose at-home in the two weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday.

**7pm**

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes and the Choir of St. Thomas Church



**ST. THOMAS MEN'S RETREAT**  
FEBRUARY, 20-22  
HUSTON CAMP &  
CONFERENCE CENTER

This year's retreat invites the men of our parish to explore the spiritual practice of *being with* — with God, with ourselves, with one another, and with the world. We will be discussing David Brooks book, *How to Know a Person*, which explores how deep attention, empathy, and curiosity can transform our relationships and our communities.

We will start at 3pm on Friday, the 20th and end at 12pm on Sunday, the 22nd at Huston Camp & Conference Center in Gold Bar.

We hope you can join us!





*If you have questions, contact Gregg Soelter at (425) 894-9384 or Claude Rogers at (425) 681-3501.*



Register now!

*Have You Turned in Your Pledge?*

**FORWARD IN FAITH**

If you need help with your pledge, please contact Jean at (425) 454-9541.

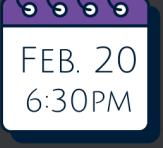
NOW MEETING IN MEMBERS' HOMES

**GAME NIGHT** 

For questions & location, contact:

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Peter or Nancy Pitarys: 425-891-3917  
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**FEB. 20**  
6:30PM 



## LENTEN SERIES: PRAYING WITH THE POETRY OF ANN WEEMS

Sundays at 9am in the library

Join us for a four-week Lenten series centered on the poetry of Ann Weems, drawn from her collection *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. Each week we will read one poem together and reflect on it as a form of prayer.

February 22  
March 1  
March 8  
March 15

A SERIES ON CHRISTIANITY  
WITH DR. PHIL BALLINGER  
after the 10am service in the library

**February 22** The Rise of Christianity

**March 22** The Spoken Word, the Written Word, and the Rise of the New Testament

**April 19** A User's Guide to the 'bible' within the Bible — the Psalms

**May 31** Is Poetic Language the Best God Language?

Philip Ballinger, Ph.D., S.T.D., is an Emeritus Associate Vice Provost at the University of Washington.



RECEPTION DESK  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Our church reception desk is staffed by volunteers & we need your help! Shifts are 9:00-noon & noon-3:00 Monday thru Thursday. It's very easy work & much appreciated by staff. If you can volunteer for a shift now and then, please call Mary Waldmann at (425) 217-9393 or email [rwaldmann1@mac.com](mailto:rwaldmann1@mac.com). Thanks!



RENEWAL  
FOOD BANK  
Your Community Food Bank

LENTE  
FOOD &  
HYGIENE DRIVE  
**GIVE WHAT TRULY HELPS.**

This Lent, St. Thomas is collecting 1,000 pounds of food and hygiene items to support our neighbors. Please buy NEW items only. Items must be within 365 days of the expiration date to be accepted by Feeding America guidelines.

 **BRING DONATIONS TO THE GREAT HALL  
BY MARCH 29**

Got an announcement? Submit it at least one week in advance to [communications@StThomasMedina.org](mailto:communications@StThomasMedina.org).

Be sure to include key details like date, time, and location.

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**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.