

YOUTH & COLLEGE STUDENTS

TO OFFER SERVICES TO SHUT-INS

During this difficult period the Youth at St. Thomas and some college students who are home are going to offer their services to Shut-Ins who are staying at home to avoid the possibility of illness. They can run errands, pick up groceries, go to the post office, etc. If you are interested in getting some help you can reach out to Mtr. Kelly Demo—913-451-0512, X 224, or email kdemo@stthomasop.org.



New!!

ST. THOMAS FAMILY FORUM ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasOPFamilies>

Stay connected with other St. Thomas families with children & youth via our new page! This page will be where you can find Sunday School each week, along with activities/resources daily to keep the kids entertained during these long days at home. This is a challenging time, and we hope that this can be a source of connection and community until we can be together again. Also, please know that the church is here to support our families! If you have any needs during the extended school break, please reach out to Barbara McCall, Director of Children and Families, at bmc-call@stthomasop.org or via call/text to (913) 909-7318 to let the church know how we can support you.

Lent at St. Thomas

WEDNESDAY LECTURE SERIES: "FINAL WORD"

Wednesdays thru Lent: Noon—1pm in the Parish Hall
Online via Facebook and YouTube

The theme, "Final Word" is modeled after Carnegie Mellon University's *The Last Lecture Series*. Leaders from the community will share thoughts on what really matters to them. What would you say to the world if this was your last chance to talk about your life and lessons?

The last two lectures will be online via Facebook and YouTube. Please note the change of our last speaker.

March 25: Janee' Hanzlick, Jo Co Board of County Commissioners for District 4.

April 1: The Right Reverend Cathleen Chittenden Bascom—Tenth Bishop, the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas



EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC:

Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide altar flowers *and* special music for our Easter services. You may sign up for Easter memorials with the link provided in your Weekly Email Updates, calling the church office 913-451-0512 or email mrisebig@stthomasop.org. You may make your donation later.

PASSION READERS WILL BE NEEDED—SIGN UP NOW!

LET'S FILL IN ALL THE SLOTS EARLY THIS YEAR!

St. Thomas parish follows the custom of reading the Passion Gospel in parts on Palm Sunday weekend (5:30 Sat. & 8:45, 10:45 Sun. services) and Good Friday (7pm). You can sign up online from your *Weekly Update* where a link is available. There you will also find a link to the scripts so you can decide which one to read.

Thank you to those who have already signed up!

TOWER TALK

March 21 & 22, 2020

● WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE ●

*5:30 on Saturdays and
8:45 and 10:45 on Sundays.*

Compline is offered Monday-Friday at 8pm

www.facebook.com/stthomasop

or

www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop

● SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ●

Children & Youth Sunday School

10:00am ONLINE. We will be offering Sunday School for our children in Preschool through 7th grade via video format that should be posted around 10:00am on Sunday, March 22.

Links for access:

St. Thomas OP Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop>

St. Thomas Family Forum FB Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasOPFamilies>

St. Thomas You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop>

Adult Forum will meet on ZOOM beginning at 9:45am.

You will receive an invitation email from Fr. Gar to join the class. You can use ZOOM on a smart phone, tablet, computer, or call in. When you click the link you may be asked to download some software or an app.

We will continue with Lenten themes and the concept of shame and sin utilizing Brene' Brown's work and TED talks, and other conversation.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP
RED CARPET FUNDRAISER DINNER ON MARCH 28
HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
More details will be forthcoming.**

outreach * volunteer * donate

TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE FOOD & SUPPLIES FOR HOST WEEK,
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE COORDINATORS LISTED BELOW.

HOST WEEK is April 5-12

Thank you for your help and support.

St. Thomas coordinators:

Dola McNown 913-526-3573 - dolamcnown49@gmail.com; or

Margaret Walkenshaw 913-302-2018 - mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net; or

Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, 913-709-1431 or

conniesnider@hotmail.com

NOTICE K2K FUNDRAISER EVENT CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 virus and the need to limit gatherings to less than 50 people, we are cancelling the Kansas 2 Kenya (K2K) Dinner and Fundraiser scheduled for **April 18**. The dinner is the only fundraiser that K2K puts on each year, so as you can imagine, this could affect our ability to continue our work in the Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya; but it will not be a problem with your help. Our work will continue, but we ask that you consider donating generously to K2K at this time. The amount of funds raised will determine to what degree we can in our ongoing projects this year. You can donate by clicking on the link, <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1400663>, or by sending a check for K2K to the Diocesan office.

Thank you so much for your understanding and continued interest in supporting Kansas 2 Kenya.

Jim Cummins
Director, Kansas 2 Kenya "K2K"

Joe Bob & Nyakio Lake
Mission Team Leaders, Kansas 2 Kenya "K2K"

PATHWAY TO HOPE SHOE DRIVE

I'm Josh Lyman, a parishioner and Program Director for Reclamation Clubhouse, a program of Pathway To Hope, Inc. We are doing a shoe drive fundraiser. The new or gently used shoes you put in our white box out in the Narthex will allow us to raise funds through Funds2Orgs. As an added bonus, the shoes will then be shipped to 3rd world countries where micro businesses will thrive. Businesses overseas need these shoes to use for repair or to sell. The shoe drive will run through April 1.

Clean out your family's closets and help us surpass our goal of 120 pairs of shoes!

Reclamation Clubhouse is a free service to persons living with mental illness. We are a safe place where staff and members are coequals in a supportive, confidence boosting environment. Members and staff prepare and share a meal and work towards personal goals. Come by and say hello—you don't even need to call ahead. Open 8:30 to 4:30 M-F. Location: Emmanuel Family Outreach Building, 7101 Quivira Rd • Shawnee, 66226.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NEED OWNERS

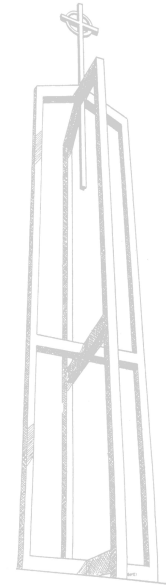
The following items are displayed next to the Lost and Found basket in the coat room. If the glasses remain until the end of the month, we will donate them to the Lions Club.

- 4 pairs plastic rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- 2 pairs wire rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- Set of Keys on key ring with Jewish Community Ctr, Hen House, and CVS cards
- assorted Rings, Earrings, Bracelets
- ReSound Hearing Aid



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Please check with your leaders to see if and how your meeting will take place this week.



Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen; Narthex = Lobby
Educ Wing = Education Wing; PH = Parish Hall; Nave = Sanctuary

**** To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office.**

Articles for Tower Talk and Weekly Email Update are *due by NOON every MONDAY*. Articles will run for **two weeks** unless notified otherwise. Send to Meribeth in the office—mrisebig@stthomasop.org. Thank you!