

Weekday Lenten Programs Coming Soon

- **Braiding Sweetgrass:** Call to Ecological Attention Tuesdays, 7pm on Feb 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26 on Google Meet. Facilitator Riley Demo

Register now with the QR code. Upon confirmation you will receive info about purchasing the accompanying book and receive the link. If questions, contact kdemo@stthomasop.org



- **Lenten Word Study Series + Lunch**

Wednesdays, Noon on Feb. 21 and 28; March 6, 13, and 20
Sign up to bring soups/crackers/help with QR code!

Forgiveness, Mercy, Discipline, Lament, and Charity. Speakers will be Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, Rev. Robert Phillips, Rev. Don Compier, Dr. Richard Liantonio, Pastor Alice Piggee-Wallack.



Children & Youth

- **Sunday Youth Grp—12:30pm on February 11**
No evening Youth Group—Super Bowl Sunday!

Mthr. Kelly will be at Planet Sub, 12571 Antioch Rd, at 12:30 on Sunday. Lunch is on the youth, dessert is on Mthr. Kelly! Parents, we will be there from 12:30-1:45 just having some fun together before the big game!

- **Ash Wednesday “Worship and Wonder” Service**
Wednesday, February 14, at 6pm—Parish Hall

Our "family" service open to anyone of any age looking to learn more through gentle language, and in a sensory sensitive way about the meaning and traditions of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season. Imposition of the ashes will be offered. Children/Youth can sign up to lead our worship (click on QR!)



- **SUMMER@St. Thomas Camp Enrollment is NOW!** Click on the QR code for more information and links to forms!



Outreach Opportunities

- **Backpacks for Refugees**

We are collecting new or gently used backpacks to donate to Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program for families arriving this spring. Backpacks are needed for all ages (K - 12). Please leave backpacks in the box in the Narthex. They can be dropped off anytime through 2/18.

- **Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

2nd Saturday—Feb 10, 11:30am
Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

Scan the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.



Celebration!

As Lent approaches, many will begin thinking about beginning a new spiritual practice or giving something up. It is hard to form a new habit, to make time to add something new. In January 2023, 48 people accepted the challenge to read the Bible in a year. Of those, 13 (27%) did read all or most of the Bible! This weekend we celebrate their massive achievement in each service!

Check Out these Music Events!

- **Children’s Choir** will sing on **Feb 11** at the 8:45am service and on **April 21** will sing “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” musical with the Praise Band.
- **Chancel Choir** will sing “The Messiah” on Palm Sunday, **Mar 24, 11am** service. Rehearsals are 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Youth Musicians Wanted:** Youth singers/instrumentalists for church service Preludes **starting Feb 11**. Perform your festival or contest pieces! **

April 21: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”.at 8:45am. Rehearsals start Thurs, Feb 22 at 6:30-7:45. **

** Sign up Now by contacting Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—jstapleton@stthomasop.org **



Worship Services Feb 10 & 11

Saturday, 5:30pm

2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30, Parish Hall 1

Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am

Join us for Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1 after both services.

Children’s Chapel: (geared toward ages 3-10) is available during both Sunday services.

Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am -12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Shrove Tuesday—Ash Wednesday

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13, 5-7pm

A FUN parish wide event hosted by the Youth Community.
\$6 a person or \$25 for a family of 5 or more!

Ash Wednesday services

7:00 am, Noon, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm

All services will include the imposition of ashes on the forehead, the “Litany of Penitence” (or list of things to repent of), and the liturgical invitation in the themes of a holy Lent. The 7pm service will include Holy Eucharist.

The 6pm service is for all ages looking to learn more through gentle language and in a sensory sensitive way about the meaning and traditions of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.



Calendar for February 9-17

Fri, Feb 9: Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Organ Practice, 10:30-12, Nave; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, Feb 10: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Asbly or Narthex; Mobile Food Pantry, 11:30am-1:30, Comanche School; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm, PH 1

Sun, Feb 11: Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; 9:45am: Sun School, Educ Wing; Coffee Hour; 10:00am: Adult Forum, PH 2; Youth Grp gathering at Planet Sub, 12:30pm, 12571 Antioch Rd; No evening Youth Grp

Mon, Feb 12: Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy;

Tues, Feb 13: PEO mtg, 9-11:30am, Asbly Rm; Organ practice, 10am-12; Shrove Tues Pancake Supper, 5-7pm, PH 1, 2

Wednesday, Feb 14: *Ash Wednesday*
7am, Noon, 6pm (family service in PH), 7pm
(The Church Office will be closed.)

Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy;
Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am-12, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir, 6pm

Thurs, Feb 15: Bible Study: “Grace in Rearview Mirror”, 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; Music lesson, 4:00-4:45pm, Asbly Rm; Children’s Choir, 5-6pm, Nave; PEO mtg, 6:30pm, Asbly Rm; Praise Band, 6:30-7:30pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, Praise Band, 6:30pm, Nave; PH 2; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 1

Fri, Feb 16: Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Organ Practice, 10:3am-12pm, Nave; SCA mtg, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, Feb 17: Women’s Grp, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

Please contact Justin Smith to schedule your meeting or event — jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Donating to St. Thomas

Give online securely via the QR code or visit the St. Thomas website—<https://stthomasop.org> and click on the “Donate” tab.



Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum**
Parish Hall 2, 10:00am

Join us in the journey of the book, “The Creative Act: A Way of Being” by Rick Rubin. We will connect it with scripture and the unique calls in our lives.
- **Christian Ed for Children & Youth—9:45am**
 - * Preschool-Kindergarten: Rm 143/144 (across from Nursery)
 - * 1st/2nd/3rd Grades: Rm 133/134 (where ofc & educ halls meet)
 - * 4th/5th Grades: Rm 137 (on left from the "T" intersection)

Lent Beginnings 2024: Sunday, Feb 18,
during the Education Hour in the Parish Hall

Our annual time of prayer and creation as we enter the holy season of Lent. Prayer crafts & activities will center around the theme, “Beautiful Things out of the Dust.”

- **Youth Christian Formation Groups**
 - * Middle School - "Path to Confirmation" in Assembly Room (East end of the Educ. Hall).
 - * High School - "The Giving Project" in the "Mark Ash" Youth room (Basement - east end of Ed. Hall)

Altar Flowers

*Flowers on the altar are
given to the Glory of God and...*

*In loving memory of Wayne
Phillips, a loving father and grandfa-
ther—from George, Robin, Carter,
Kelsey, and Alli*




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Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial. You may sign up via the QR code or by entering your name on the flower chart outside the office.



Newcomers Lunch March 3

- Invite Welcome Connect—welcomes you to St. Thomas
Newcomer Lunch is Sunday, March 3, at 12pm, Parish Hall 2
Please notify the office or Linda Bemis 913-220-8246 if you can attend.
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WELCOME—Everyone likes to feel welcome in a new place. Please take the time to make visitors and new members feel like they belong at St. Thomas.
IWC Team

Small Groups Feb 9-18

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**
Sat, Feb 10, 10am-12, Asbly/Narthex
(Meets Sats, 10am-12; 1st Mon, 7:30-9pm)

Knit, crochet, or weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free knitting & crochet lessons. Contact Sue Strom, and on giving a prayer shawl. (913) 244-6402 or susanstrom15@gmail.com
- **Explorers Small Group**
Thurs, Feb 15, 7pm, PH 2 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNown johnmcnown44@gmail.com
- **Women’s Group**
Sat, Feb 17, 9am, Asbly Rm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Women interested in developing relationships and connecting with other women in the church and communities. Contact: Emily Wilson ewilso28@gmail.com

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Looking Ahead: New Wednesday Study—“The History of Islam”. Begins Feb 21 or 28 (TBA), 10:30am, Asbly Rm. Dismisses early during Lent for Lenten Lecture Series and Lunch.