

Outreach Opportunities

■ Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

2nd Saturday—March 9, 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.



■ St. Thomas Hosts Interfaith Events in Spring!

Led by St. Thomas Faith Club

Join us for an Iftar dinner (breaks a Muslim's Ramadan fast), and for a Seder meal (Jewish meal that remembers the exodus from Egypt). Families welcome!

Ramadan Dinner: March 16, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

With Muslim members of the Dialogue Institute, will include teachings, prayer, and a meal provided by St. Thomas members and our Muslim friends.



Click the right QR to bring a salad or vegetarian dish:



Click the left QR to RSVP the dinner

Dinner RSVP

Ramadan Dish

Seder Supper: April 27, 6:30pm, in Parish Hall

Led by Jewish friends from the Faith Club community

An evening to remember the story of hardship and freedom during the exodus. Free will offering and suggested amount is \$18/person (The # 18 in Hebrew signifies life!).



Click the right QR to volunteer to help.



Click the left QR to RSVP the supper.

Supper RSVP

Seder Help

■ 2024 K2K Community Mission Team

Invitation to Join—June 6-19, 2024

Sign up now for an unforgettable experience in Kenya with the 2024 K2K Community Team this summer! Learn more about the trip in your "Connecting with You" email. Great for college students and high school youth when accompanied by one or both parents. Contact Joe Bob Lake jlake10@kc.rr.com

Check Out these Music Events!

- **The Praise Band** will present portions of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" musical with the St. Thomas Kids' Choir during the 8:45am service on **April 21**.



- **Chancel Choir:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for "the Messiah" has changed to Sunday, April 28, 11am service.

- **Youth Musicians Wanted:** Youth singers/instrumentalists for church service Preludes & Postludes. Perform your festival or contest pieces! **

April 21: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".at 8:45am. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:30-7:45. **

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

Children & Youth

- **Thrift Market coming soon!**

April 13 & 14

St. Thomas youth will be hosting a BIG thrift market as a fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Chicago. We will be taking donated items such as furniture, housewares, books, etc. We will not be selling adult clothing but will take kids clothes and all outerwear (coats, hats, etc.). More details to follow but *start thinking now about what you want to purge!*

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



Worship Services March 2 & 3

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am

Newcomer Lunch - Sunday, March 3

12pm, Parish Hall 2 & 3

Please notify the office or Linda Bemis 913-220-8246/lsbemis@comcast.net if you can attend.

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 & www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Weekday Lenten Offerings

- **"Almost Daily Meditations"**

Weekday mornings on St. Thomas Facebook page & YouTube Channel

Fr. Gar will share reflections on the season in his series, "Almost Daily Meditations."

- **Lenten Word Study Series + Lunch**

Wednesdays at Noon on March 6,13, and 20

Signup to bring soups/crackers/help with QR code!

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



Calendar for March 1—9

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

Sat, Mar 2: Sword Guild Event, 7am-10pm, PH 1-3; Women's Grp, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Vestry Retreat, 9:30-3:30, at Parthy Evans'; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

Sun, Mar 3: Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; Children & Youth Sun School, 9:45am, Educ Wing & Youth Rm; Adult Forum, 10am, PH 2; Coffee Hour 10-11am, PH 1, 2; Newcomer Lunch setup, 10:45am, PH 2 & 3; Newcomer Lunch, 12-1pm, PH 2 & 3; Youth Grp, 6-8pm, Nave/PH/Narthex

Mon, Mar 4: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; LGBTQIA+ mtg, 7pm, PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm, PH 1 or Narthex

Tues, Mar 5: Organ practice, 10am-12; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 2

Wed, Mar 6: Staff mtg, 10am, PH 1 or lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Wed Study "History of Islam", 10:30-11:40, Asbly Rm; Lenten Word Study/Lunch, 12pm, PH 2; Chancel Choir, 6:30-8:30pm, Nave

Thurs, Mar 7: Thurs Study "The Friendship of Women", 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; Music lesson, 4:00-4:45pm, PH 1 or Asbly Rm; Children's Choir, 5-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 1

Fri, Mar 8: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Organ Practice, 10:30am-12pm, Nave

Sat, Mar 9: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Mobile Food Pantry @Comanche, 11:30-1:30; PH 2 reserved for Bday party, 1-3pm; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm, PH 1

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

Sunday Christian Education

■ Adult Formation—10:00am

Parish Hall 2

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 Education for Children—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)

■ Youth Christian Formation—9:45am

* 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)

Easter Offerings

Special envelopes for Easter offerings will be placed in the bulletins during Lent. Your gifts will help provide special music and beautiful flowers at the altar during Easter. No need to designate—your donation will be used where needed.



If you wish to have your name included in the Easter bulletins, we ask that you return the envelope in the offering or to the church office by Monday, March 25. On the envelope write the names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name, along with your donation inside (any amount). You may also submit and donate using the QR code.



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.



Small Grps/Study Grps this week

■ Women's Group

Sat, March 2, 9-10am, Asbly Rm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Women interested in developing relationships and connecting with other women in the church and surrounding communities. Contact: Linda Pickett mcpickettks2@gmail.com

■ Prayer Shawl Small Grp

Sat, March 2 & 9, 10am-12, Asbly Rm or Narthex

Mon, March 4, 7:30pm, PH 1 or Narthex

(Meets Sats, 10am-12; 1st Mon, 7:30-9pm)

Come together to knit, crochet, weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free knitting and crochet lessons—contact Susan Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402. She may also be contacted if you know someone who might need a prayer shawl.

■ LGBTQIA+ Group

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies.

Mon, March 4, 7pm, in PH 2

This group invites any members of the parish (all ages) to attend. The goal is for more visibility within the parish and in the LGBTQ+ community. Contact: John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net

■ Wednesday Study—"The History of Islam"

Wed, 10:30-11:40am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Dismisses early during Lent for Lenten Lecture Series and Lunch. Contact: Jan at 913-522-7938 or Suzie at 785-979-0606.

■ Thursday Study Group—"The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible"

Thurs, 10:30am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Explore the often-overlooked voices of women in the Bible. Facilitated by Sheryl Roller, Susan Strom, and others in group. Contacts: Sheryl sljroller@gmail.com or 913-908-4130 or Susan susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402.

■ Explorers Small Group

Thurs, March 7, 7pm, PH 2 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNown johnmcnown44@gmail.com