

Outreach Opportunities

■ Immigration Ministry Expanding

Training Sunday, May 5, 2-4:30—Assembly Rm

We mentor and offer support in many ways to families from various countries. Training is required, as well as completion of six on-line modules in the Episcopal "Safe Church" Program. If you'd like to attend the May 5th training or have questions about the ministry, contact Tracie Glasscock, 913.275.9291 or tglasscock26@gmail.com

■ Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

2nd Saturday—May 11, 11:30am



Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

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

■ Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Thomas

Monday, May 13, 10am-3pm

A sign up link can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" email.

● How do I use a QR code?

Courtesy of Life Skills from Teens at St. Thomas

1. Open your phone's camera.
2. Point the camera at the QR code like you are going to take a picture (but don't take a picture). Either a yellow link or just a web

address block will pop up.

3. Touch that link and it should magically take you to the page you are looking for!

Try it out with this QR to see a short video! A link is also included in your weekly "Connecting with You."



This Sunday during Formation Hour

■ Children's Christian Formation—9:45am

Education Wing—Someone will greet you and show you the way!
Godly Play Circles—May 5, 12, 19

- * **May 12:** "Family Day" in Godly Play. Join your children to see what Godly Play at St. Thomas is all about! Feast afterward in the Parish Hall.
- * **May 19:** Final day of Godly Play for Spring 2023.
- * **May 26:** Summer Program Kickoff. 10am Worship, then Food & Fun following!

■ Youth Christian Formation

* High School - "Giving Project" in the "Mark Ash" Youth room (Basement - east end of Ed. Hall)

■ Adult Formation—We will be on break for a while.

Please take advantage of the time in between services to connect with your fellow church members!

Try Out Choir or Band this Summer!

■ Beginning May 26: 9am rehearsal/10am service

All are invited to try out Choir or Band for the summer. Come join us! Just email Julieanne and get signed up. jstapleton@stthomasop.org

Children & Youth

■ SUMMER@St. Thomas Camp

Enrollment is NOW! Click on the QR code for more information including camp dates and links to forms!



■ St. Thomas Children's Choir—Join Us!

Rehearsals Thursdays, May 2 & 9—5:15-6pm
May 12—sing in church! 8:45 Communion, 11:00 Prelude
May 16—cancelled
May 23—"Tacos & Popsicles" Movie Party, 5:30pm



Worship Services - May 4 & 5

Saturday – 5:30pm

Sunday — 8:45 and 11:00am

Graduate Sunday—let's celebrate our graduates during each service!



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

Children's Chapel (geared toward ages 3-10) during 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 afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop & www.facebook.com/stthomasop

2nd Saturday Taco Bar!

On Saturday, May 11 after the 5:30 service, enjoy a Cinco de Mayo taco bar after the service—\$3/person suggested. From the St. Thomas Vestry!

Service Time Change Starts May 26

Beginning May 26 and throughout the summer, only one Sunday service will be held at 10:00am. The 5:30 service will continue to meet as usual. Children's Church will continue during the 10am service.

Fr. Gar on medical leave for next 2 weeks

Fr. Gar will have a procedure on his sinuses on May 1st and will need to be at home resting. He will be available by email, and Mtr Kelly and Deacon Fran will offer pastoral coverage while he is away. He appreciates your prayers for healing.

Calendar for April 26—May 4

Fri, May 3: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, May 4: Women's Group, 9am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; K2K Auction & Dinner Setup, 12-6pm, Narthex, PH 1-3; PEO mtg, (McCall), 11am-2pm, Asbly Rm; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; K2K Auction/Dinner, 6:30-9:30pm, Narthex, PH 1-3

Sun, May 5—Graduate Celebration during each service
Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; Children & Youth Formation, 9:45am, Educ Wing; Coffee Hours 10am and 12, PH 1; Graduation party (McCall), 12-4pm, PH 2, 3; Immigration Ministry Training, 2-4:30pm, Asbly Rm; Youth Group, 6-8pm, Nave/PH/Narthex

Mon, May 6: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; LGBTQIA+ mtg, 7pm, PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm, Narthex or PH 1

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

Wed, May 8: Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Power of Myth Study, 10:30-11:40, Asbly Rm; Voice Lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir, 6:30-9pm, Nave

Thurs, May 9: Friendship of Women Study, 10:30am, Asbly Rm; PEO mtg, 12:30-3pm, PH 2; Music Lesson, 4pm, Asbly Rm; Children's Choir, 5-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7m, PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 2

Fri, May 10: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy

Sat, May 11: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; Mobile Food Pantry, Comanche School, 11:30am-1:30pm Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; Vestry Dinner/2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30-7:30pm, PH 1

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.



Vestry starts Discernment

The Vestry of St Thomas is starting the process of discerning some longer-term capital campaign needp-[0-s and addressing the congregation's debt. Over the next few weeks we will engage with Church Development and conduct a feasibility study wherein all church members can offer feedback on proposed projects and make suggestions. We are exploring paying off the church's mortgage, office renovations, and much more. Please see your weekly "Connecting" email for more info.

Look for emails, links to surveys, and invitations this coming week—your participation is critical in this process.

Apostle's Garden Brick Memorials

- Personalize a 5" X 8" brick paver in honor of a special person(s) or event in your life. Bricks are \$40, payable to St. Thomas Church. You may pay by using the form via the QR code or by check with a memo of "Apostle's Garden Brick". More info is included on the form.



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

In remembrance of Natalie Taylor Fleischaker. Forever in our hearts. Ashley, Steve, Jack & Emily Fleischaker

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Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial. You may sign up via the link in your weekly "Connecting with You" email, or write your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



Next Week: Small Grps & Study Grps

Small Groups and Study Groups are a great way to connect with people at St. Thomas and to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Several groups focus on particular interests and hobbies. Contact Mthr Kelly Demo (kdemo@stthomasop.org) or group leaders below.

■ Women's Group

Sat, May 4, 9am, Rm 137 (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Join in reading Chapter 3, authored by Samantha Vincent-Alexander. Fellowship & connection with women from St. Thomas & community. Contact: Linda Pickett mcpickettks2@gmail.com

■ Prayer Shawl Small Grp

Every Saturday, 10am-12, Narthex

Monday, May 6, 7:30pm, PH 1 or Narthex (1st Monday)

Knit, crochet, weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free lessons—contact Susan Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402

■ LGBTQIA+ Meeting

Monday, May 6, 7pm, PH 1

Any member of the parish (all ages) can attend. Comprised of members of the LGBTQ+ community as well as friends, relatives, supporters). Contact: John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net

■ Wednesday Study—"The Power of Myth"

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

Contact: Jan at 913-522-7938 janws1244@gmail.com or Suzie at 785-979-0606 suzietm@yahoo.com.

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

Every Thursday, 10:30am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Contacts: Sheryl sljroller@gmail.com or 913-908-4130 or Susan susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402.

● Young Adult Small Group

Thurs, May 9, 7pm, PH 1 (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Young adults meet for support and friendship to see where God is leading them in life. Contact: Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com

■ Classics Men's Small Group

Thurs, May 9, 7pm, PH 3 (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

For retired and semi-retired men. Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com