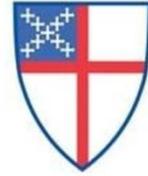


# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25th  
10:00 am

# God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

## Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

## Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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# Prelude

## Procession

standing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - mon'd to his cra - dle,  
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him O come, let us a - dore him,

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly - Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

William Mathias

## The Collect of Christmas

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*sitting*

### First Lesson

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96*****Cantate Domino***

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## Epistle Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

○ Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - er'd all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad - tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Deacon        The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the churches and all people of faith, that they may manifest the good news of Jesus in their every word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the governments and leaders of the world, that prophets may be heard and that prisoners of conscience may be freed, and that the resources of the world may be turned to serve the poor and lowly.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who live in the land of Jesus' birth, for the peace of Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Nablus and Tel Aviv, Khan Yunis and Safed, that all may hear the angels' song and be reconciled.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in jails, in hospitals, in refugee camps, in places ravaged by war, in places forgotten and forsaken, that the new creation we celebrate today may heal and free them and all of humanity.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are alone or sick or far from us, and all those who go in harm's way to protect others, that the light coming into the world may shine on them and give them hope.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, those who have worshiped before us in this place and all those whose memories we carry in our hearts, that they may have rest and joy forever in the presence of God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*      Lord of all, hear the prayers of your people and pour out your blessings upon all who call to you. We bow before you in the manger and rejoice to know that you are always among us.

**People**      **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

*Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or--if you give through the "Giving to St. Thomas's" link on the parish website--you may place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.*

# Offertory Hymn

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal 87

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing — glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; — hail the/in - car - nate De - i - ty. —  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the/an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glor - ry — to the new - born King!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*standing or kneeling*

*The Celebrant continues* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

### Acclamation B

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We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

McNeil Robinson

*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

# Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on - us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your

peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All** O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from the cup or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.*

### Postcommunion Prayer

*standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.  
**Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.  
**Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Processing into the community

standing

Joy to the World

Hymnal #100

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows and grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart - pre pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## Dismissal

Deacon      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
People      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

*A special thank you to everyone who has worked hard for  
the success of the events of this season.*

*Merry Christmas and blessings for 2023  
from Father Howie, Deacon Shelia, Father Juan,  
the staff, Wardens, Vestry, and people of St Thomas's.*



# CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2022

In memory of  
Carol Boyd Millinix  
From the Doggett Family

In memory of  
Sandy Graham  
and with thanksgiving for  
Sandy, Heather & Katie  
*From Barbara Graham*

In memory of  
TroyLee Quinn, Sr.  
Ethel Mae Finley Quinn  
Ethel Marie Quinn Veal  
Doris Jean Quinn  
Tommy Lee Quinn  
& Clyde London  
and with thanksgiving for  
Velma & Herman Hodges  
Alberteen Sheriff London  
Zhalen Bernard Quinn Gray  
& Tital Lewis Autry Gray  
*From Teri & Bernard Gray*

In memory of  
The Grier & Hammond Family loved ones  
*From Jo-Ann & George Grier*

In memory of  
Margaret & Winthrop Reed  
Tippy & Caleb Holyoke  
*From Caleb and Martha Holyoke*

In memory of  
James W Howse III  
*From Barbara Howse*

With thanksgiving for  
Family & friends  
*From Madeline & Greg Johnson*

In memory of  
Ann & Robert Kearns  
*From the Kearns family*

With thanksgiving for  
Family & friends  
Living and dead  
whose lives are special to me  
*From Beryl W King*

With Thanksgiving for  
Michael, David & Michelle  
*From Carol Palermo*

In memory of  
Our parents & grandparents  
And with Thanksgiving for  
Our children & grandchildren  
*From Tom and Sally Price*

In memory of  
Raymond Wallace Gast  
& Helen Boddington Gast  
Wilmer E & M. Pauline Sharpe  
And Garcin S Smith, Jr  
*from Richard & Sheila Sharpe*

In thanksgiving for  
46 years of marriage to Stan, 12/28  
And for Stan's 67<sup>th</sup> birthday, 12/31  
*From Helen Spence*

### **Worship Opportunities:**

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

### **Christmas Eve:**

- 4pm- This will be a fun, shorter, and family friendly service. This is a perfect last-minute wrap up to this Advent season, and a final surge of excitement with joyous caroling for the birth of our Savior!
- 8pm- A traditional, more peaceful and reflective service, with twinkling candlelight and tranquil music.

### **Christmas Day:**

- 10am- This will be a Rite II service with music, however, expect a more quiet, special and serene service as we praise God for the arrival of sweet little baby Jesus.

### **Growth and Fellowship:**

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
- Sundays at 10:15 am - Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Gospel in Spanish
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Tuesdays at 10:00 am - 2 Saints Readers
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

### **Other Parish Events:**

- Saturday, 1/7 at 6pm – Epiphany Potluck Gathering
- Tuesday, 1/10 at 4pm- 2 Saints Readers resumes via Zoom
- Sunday, 1/29 between services – presentation from The Friendship House/Empowerment Centers

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter's Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at [StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com](mailto:StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com).

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## **December Birthdays**

James Law	December 2
Christine Wilbur	December 2
Hanna Grabowski	December 3
Christopher Donnelly	December 11
Edwin Smith	December 14
Keith Flemming	December 15
Robert Tartala	December 16
Eleanor Williams	December 16
Natalie Flemming	December 17
Lucas Quinones	December 17
Tracy Branigan	December 18
Eloise Barrow	December 20
Jennifer Rockhold	December 21
Scott Ennis	December 22
Lucas McGough	December 24
James Wilkins	December 24
Steve McGough	December 27
Amy Wilbur	December 29
Stan Spence	December 31

## **December Anniversaries**

Rob and Cami Seward	December 3
Bob and Vicki Gilley	December 28
Stan and Helen Spence	December 28

## Parish Prayer List

Aldeth H	Christine D	Larry
Archer family	Connie L	Liz R
Barry G	D Green	Lynn D
Ben A and family	Daphne D	Marge C
Bernice R	Denise B	Maria P
Blackman family	Dennis R	Marian S & Family
Bob M	Devon MD	Marianne A
Bob P	Diane B	Morgen and family
Bob S	Dona E & family	Nelson M
Bob T	Elmer T	Noah P
Brendan S	Flora R	Pam D
Brighton P	Fred & Lori	Pat & Emmett J
Bryan A	Geoff C	Rick R
Carew family	Giorgio & Family	Ricky G
Carol G	Gwen K	South Family
Carol M	Hank H	Stover B
Carolyn V	Harrison family	Sue N
Cecily SH	Jean & Richard P	Susan & family
Charles B	Jeanne M	Tom P
Charlie & Austin M	Jim T	Vicki G
Chaun	Joan B	Winthrop
Chris E	John D	Witman Family
Christine & Erich	June G	
Christine A & Francis M	Lane Family	

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military,  
in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	Charlie K	Kate	Nicholas
Annie R	Christie J	Kathy	Stuart
Ben	James	Kevin	Tina
Bob	Jeremy	Luke	Tyler
Bradley	Joe	Marvin	Victoria
Brett	Josh	Matthew	
Brian	Kagen	Nate	

*To update or add to our parish prayer list,  
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.  
Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like  
to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*

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Treasurer: Amy Keach

People's Warden: Philippa Sunnergren  
Clerk of the Vestry: Mike Grabowski

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Barbara Graham  
Jill Englund Jensen  
Madeline Johnson  
Kristin Sausville

#### Class of 2024

Larry Duggan  
Cami Seward  
Philippa Sunnergren

#### Class of 2025

Joan Bennett  
Marilyn Prime  
Mike Grabowski

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