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SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE & THE TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY
DECEMBER 14, 2024

A SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES — 4:00 p.m.

*Sung by The Noble Singers with Choir School Probationer Choristers and Choir School Siblings
Directed by Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell*

PRELUDE	Air on 'Bristol'	Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
	The Holy Boy	John Ireland (1879-1962)
	Joseph est bien Marie	Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733)
	<i>Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist Jonathan Bolena, Organ Scholar</i>	

The People stand at the entry of the Ministers.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Father Preston

The People sit.

READING The Story Begins Luke 1:1-4

As many have tried to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just like those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

The People stand.

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| <p><i>Solo:</i></p> <p>1. Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.</p> <p><i>Choir:</i></p> <p>2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> | <p><i>All:</i></p> <p>3. For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.</p> <p><i>All:</i></p> <p>4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around.</p> |
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Cecil Frances Alexander

The People sit.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel came to her and said, "Greetings, Favored One! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will visit you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

At that time Mary went to visit her relative Elizabeth who was also with child. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting her child leaped for joy in her stomach, and Mary began to sing with celebration...

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

...and Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned to her home.

READING

No Room at the Inn

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
And everyone went to their own town to register.

So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was engaged to be married to him and was expecting the child. Looking for a place to stay, there was no room for them anywhere.

While they were still in Bethlehem, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in bands of cloth and had to place him in a manger—a large box that normally housed the animal's food—because there was no guest room for them.

The People stand.

All:

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

All:

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

*The People sit.**Choir Only:*

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

All:

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

READING

The Shepherds are Visited

Luke 2:8-13

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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| <p>1. Angels we have heard on high
singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> <p>2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> | <p>3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the new born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> <p>4. See Him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> |
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Traditional French Carol

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen Jesus, they spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

ANTHEM

Show me the way

Maks Adach
(b. 1993)

I am looking for Jesus, I want to find him,
But I don't know the way.
I heard angels announcing wondrous
tidings, I'll travel night and day.

Follow that star to Bethlehem -
It leads you from Jerusalem!
Follow that star to Bethlehem -
And see the babe in the hay!

Show me the way to Bethlehem -
I'm coming from Jerusalem!
Show me the way to Bethlehem -
'Cause I can't go astray!

I followed that star as it shone through the
night, And all was calm and bright.
Now I see the shepherds and Mary, Joseph,
And Kings with gifts just right.

You can follow the brightest
illumination, You can see the star;
You might find it surprising he's in a
stable with wise men from afar.

I have arrived in Bethlehem -
I've come from Jerusalem!
I have arrived in Bethlehem -
And I've seen Jesus today!

READING

King Herod and the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi (Sages) from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When the Magi saw the star, they were overjoyed!

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the Eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays,
An inward light the Lord conveys,
And urges them, with force benign,
to seek the Giver of the sign.

O, while the star of heavenly grace
Invites us, Lord, to seek Thy face,
May we no more that grace repel,
Or quench that light which shines so well!

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise!

John Chandler (1807-1876)

...On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod,
the Magi returned to their country by another route.

The People stand.

1. O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye
 to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him
 Born the King of angels;
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
2. God from God,
 Light from Light eternal,
 Lo! he abhors not
 the Virgin's womb;
 Only Begotten,
 Son of the Father:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
3. Sing choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing all ye citizens
 Of Heaven above;
 Glory to God,
 Glory in the highest.
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!

THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

Father Turner

The People remain standing.

Blessed are you, God of all glory,
 through your Son Jesus Christ.
 He is the heavenly King, born of Mary;
 Jesus is the Son of God.

People **We worship and adore you.**

He is the Word of the Father, crying as a baby,
 Jesus is the Son of God:

People **We worship and adore you.**

He is robed in glory, wrapped in infant clothes;
 Jesus is the Son of God:

People **We worship and adore you.**

Lord of heaven and earth, laid in a manger;
 Jesus is the Son of God:

People **We worship and adore you.**

God our Father, bless this crib that we have made and bless all your children this Christmas. May your peace and joy be in our hearts and especially in the land of Jesus' birth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The People sit or kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, the world waits in a long, cold night. Kindle in us the fire of hope and keep it burning brightly. Who else would we hope in?

People: **Jesus, You are the Light of the World.**

Choir reflection:

*Cold are the people, winter of life, We tremble in shadows this cold, endless night.
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping. Flowers that will echo the sunrise.
Fire of hope is our only warmth. Weary, its flame will be dying soon.*

In the stillness of this holy night, we rest in Your peace, trusting in the light that will never fail us. Who else would we look for?

People: **Jesus, You are the Light of the World.**

Choir reflection:

*Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child, Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

Lord, Your voice calls to us in the darkness, inviting us closer to the brightness of Your beauty. Who else would we listen for?

People: **Jesus, You are the Light of the World.**

Choir reflection:

*Voice in the distance, call in the night. On wind you enfold us you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly. Rumours of a dawn so embracing.
Breathless love awaits darkened souls. Soon will we know of the morning.*

Spirit of God, shine like the star that led the wise. Guide our steps to the manger, where heaven touches earth. Who else would we follow?

People: **Jesus, You are the light of the world.**

Choir reflection:

*Spirit among us, shine like the star. Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely. Rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day. Spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

Jesus, you are the light of the World, Shine in our hearts today, in the glory of God the Father, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, **Amen.**

The People sit.

FINAL GREETING

Mother Turner

The People stand.

HYMN

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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| 1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry Heart prepare him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing. | 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found. |
| 2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns,
Let us our Songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains, Repeat the sounding joy. | 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love. |

BLESSING

Mother Turner

May the humility of the shepherds, the joy of the angels,
the holiness of Mary and the peace of the Christ Child,
be God's gift to us and to all people, this Christmas and always.
And the Blessing of God almighty, †the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Go, in the peace and joy of Christ:

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Puer nobis nascitur

Pierre Dandrieu

*All children are welcome to join us for a final photograph on the steps by the Creche
at the end of the Organ Voluntary.*

*Children are then welcome to bring their families to a party in Andrew Hall immediately afterwards
hosted by Saint Thomas Church Children and Family Ministries.*

*A Collection Plate will be available for your offering in the back of the church as you leave the service.
You may also scan this QR code if you wish to give online from your mobile device or text **Give** to 855-938-2085.*



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14 is directed by Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell. Rehearsals take place Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. We ask that choristers commit to one rehearsal each week and to the weekly Sunday morning rehearsal. It's not too late to join us. Registration is currently available online. This FREE music program features the acclaimed RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Voice for Life curriculum in which choristers gain different colored ribbons by working towards different assessed levels of music and vocal instruction. The choir sings and leads worship weekly at the 9am Mass. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more info, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.



COME SING WITH US!

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SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Treble Voice Singers Ages 8-14
Training Choir for Ages 5-8
Free RSCM Choral Program
No Audition Necessary

Further Information:
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Now Accepting New Choristers!



We look forward to welcoming back a familiar visitor, Ms. Pamela Lewis, who will lead our Annual Advent Art Activity tomorrow, December 15 at 10am in the Parish House. Parents are welcome to join their children for this annual event in celebration of Gaudete Sunday.

Sunday School and Faith Alive will be on Christmas Break DECEMBER 29 and will resume with an EPIPHANY FAMILY FEAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 at 10am in the Parish House.

The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor.

To receive our Children and Families weekly newsletter, or to register your interest in any of events for the coming term please contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School in the heart of New York City



Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Give him the opportunity of a lifetime.



The only boarding school of its kind in the U.S., Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City offers a distinctive educational opportunity to boys in grades 3-8 who love to sing. Nurturing and educating a select group of approximately 30 boys, the school's residential faculty guides and supports students in their academic and musical endeavors. Students not only live, study and work together in the heart of Manhattan, they also sing together as the treble choristers of

the world-renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The school's small size and low faculty-to-student ratio allow teachers to address the strengths and needs of each child, while the schoolwide focus on music ensures that boys with a passion for singing can grow in extraordinary ways. The Choir School invites you to visit to learn more; applications are accepted on a rolling basis and generous financial aid is available.



Learn more about the choir school experience in this brief video: *The Making of Handel's Messiah*.



Find out more about this opportunity of a lifetime by visiting the school's website.

Email admissions@choirschool.org or call 646-569-6464 to inquire.



Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials: The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day leaflets. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. You can make your donation to the parish house receptionist. Note: The deadline is MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.



Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the **name(s)** you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list for that day.



ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: *Weaving a Rich Tapestry* on October the 6th, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: ***It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember - give thanks - look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.***

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2025



*It's not the destination,
but the journey that matters*

The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community.

The first class will commence on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line. To register please scan this code:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Tomorrow

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Right Reverend Sean Semple,
Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Christmas on Fifth Avenue Concert*

sung by Boys of the Choir

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

In the Chantry Chapel

12 p.m. Christmas on Fifth Avenue Concert*

sung by Boys of the Choir

Next Sunday: December 22,

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Moretz

4 p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet together tomorrow at 10am in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org. Note: We will not meet on December 20 or 27.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org. Note: We are on hiatus until January 10.

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE



Tuesday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Dirksen, Farrington, Hampton, Leighton, Lloyd, Pott, Rutter, and Sweelinck*

5:30 p.m.

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS (Said at the High Altar)

10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN

10:30 p.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT MASS)

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Baroque Orchestra

Music of *Charpentier, Filsell, Hampton, Sweelinck, and Pott*

Sermon by The Rector



Wednesday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9 a.m.

SAID EUCHARIST at the High Altar

11 a.m.

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Music of *Farrington, Filsell, Pott, and Leighton*

Sermon by Fr. Gioia

UPCOMING SERVICES

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits to the Christmas Crèche

Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

Thursday – Saturday at 12 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Please send your requests for prayers via the website or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Daily Eucharist

Thursday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Thursday: Saint Stephen

Friday: Saint John

Saturday: Holy Innocents

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and Healing Ministry

Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Confessor: The Rector

Sunday, December 29, 2024

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Mo. Turner

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz

Vicar and Chief Operating Officer

The Reverend Alison J. Turner

Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain

The Reverend Mark Schultz

Associate for Pastoral Care

The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae

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The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia

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The Reverend Preston Gonzalez-Grissom

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