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Let's Make This a Holy Lent

Dear People of Saint Thomas,

What a great Annual Meeting we just had! A huge amount of appreciation is to be showered upon all that had a hand in making this a successful gathering of family to celebrate our mutual accomplishments, to review our history with ministries, and to elect those people willing to volunteer their time and talents to lead us into the future.

Review of the Annual Report that was provided during the meeting gives us all the opportunity to reflect on who we are as a congregation. What ministries are you involved in here at St Thomas? Is there something that we are doing that has awakened a bright spot in your heart, and that may be calling you to help increase the impact of that specific ministry? What interest do you hear calling that you have seen elsewhere that might have a home here among our ministries? Is there something pulling at your heart strings that would benefit others? In this time of transition, try and discern what your heart and spirit are calling you to take action on, and make a leap of faith to turn that calling into a reality. The time is now at hand to stand together and explore who we are as members of the body of Christ. This time, as we enter the season of Lent, feel empowered to cast aside the restraints that have held you back and take that action to move your commitment into the forefront of awareness and responsibility. Make your mark on what it is that God is calling for your help in doing. Look inward to move outward and find your place here at St Thomas.

Our progress in finding our Interim Priest continues as additional candidates are identified through the Office of the Bishop. With new members joining your Bishop's Committee, and others rotating off, the character of the committee has changed, but the ultimate goal remains the same. We will look to try and complete this process as soon as possible. Until that goal is accomplished and an interim priest hired, we will continue to be supported by Mother Kate in our weekly services.

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Caring for All Seasons

(Year 'Round Stewardship)

Stewardship of our Health

(December, January & February)

As this process continues, we need your assistance in making sure that our church directory is up to date. Take a few moments to review and correct your information to allow us the assurance that our current contact information is complete and accurate. Within the next few weeks we will commence the application period with the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). As previously shared, this survey tool will identify our congregational traits that will assist in the development of our congregational profile. Review of other churches in our diocese that have gone through this same process shows that it is important for us as a congregation to determine who we are today and what type of congregation we want to become as we evolve moving forward. The congregational profile developed through CAT and the diocese will in part be valuable to help attract and recruit clergy that might be ‘just what we need’ here at St. Thomas. Our plan remains to have an interim priest in place by April 2016. We will organize a Call Committee by the end of this month and, upon completion of the congregational profile assessment, the Office of the Bishop will advertise our position opening to interest the candidates that will be presented to our Call Committee for consideration.

Hopefully, this update information will instill and light a fire within you to continue to support our efforts on your behalf. We are all in together in this process. With a deep felt love for God’s people and the family of St Thomas, your understanding of these processes and the sequence are necessary in appreciation and reflection of your role in this journey. Only with your full support and assistance, will we find the strength and commitment to accomplish the things that have been placed before us.

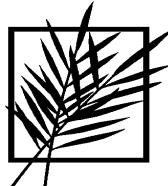
In Your Service,

—Peter—

*****REMINDER*****

Please bring in your old palm crosses and fronds
and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

After the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday
they will be burned in the Saint Francis Courtyard



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 9TH AT 7 PM

Come savor the delicious pancakes and enjoy some hearty fellowship. After the supper, we will gather in Saint Francis Courtyard where the collected palms will be burned for Ash Wednesday's imposition of ashes.

If you are able to contribute to the pancake supper, please check the signup sheet in the narthex.

A CORPORATE BURNING OF THE PALMS

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:00 PM

BURNING PREVIOUS YEARS' PALMS

Once again this year we have our corporate service of the burning of the palms. As in previous years, in preparation for Ash Wednesday, it will be necessary for all of us to bring the palms and palm crosses that we have received on previous years' Palm Sundays. These previously distributed palms will be burned as part of a special gathering of the faithful.

We will gather in the Saint Francis of Assisi Courtyard at 6:30 pm where each of us will participate in this special service of the burning of the palms. This is a helpful symbol for the cycle of life and death and new life. On Ash Wednesday, the following day, these ashes are used for the Imposition of Ashes. So, please bring those palm fronds and palm crosses that you have received in previous years to the church no later than Shrove Tuesday. A basket in which to place your palms is in the narthex.



The MUSIC BOX

NEWS about MUSIC at Saint Thomas of Canterbury



Our music ministry is **OPEN TO ALL**, and we invite you to sing with us. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Music Director Stephen Sturk by phone or email: 760-443-9667, sturkdma@gmail.com. Or, better yet, speak with Stephen, or with our pianist Wendi Turk, after a service.

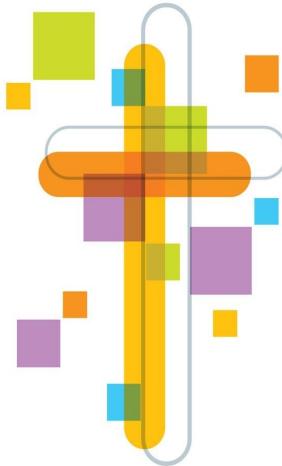
Our choir sings at the 10:15 a.m. service every Sunday throughout the year.

We generally meet for practice on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Just come join us in the Sanctuary at 9:15 on Sundays!

(Occasional Thursday evening rehearsals may be scheduled to help prepare music for major holidays.)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT



February 12

February 19

February 26

March 4

March 11

March 18

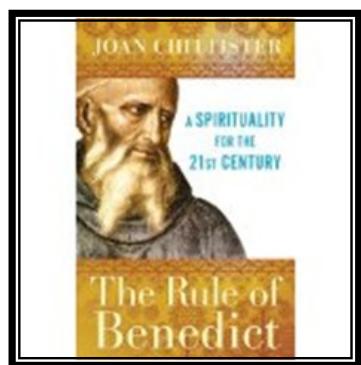
6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm: Soup & Bread Supper

7:30 pm: Program

Benedictine Way

Benedictine Way will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:45 – 9:00 pm. Starting in January, the group will be using the book, *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. This book takes the reader through the Rule of St. Benedict in the manner of a daily devotion. In small, but meaningful pieces, we will learn the Rule and ways to adapt and apply it to our lives today. Topics such as prayer, balance, stability, community, hospitality, humility, work - and more - will be addressed. If your New Year's resolution includes strengthening your spiritual life, come and join Benedictine Way on Wednesday evenings, following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00. All are welcome to attend as your schedule allows.



For more information, contact Barbara Bundy (bjbundy@verizon.net or 571-332-8713).



HEALTH



In the last few weeks I have been terribly saddened by the loss of two of our church family members. I think that it is time for us to talk about what this does to us individually and also as a group. One of us was in her mid eighties and the other just past fifty. Both of our dear friends had made a huge presence in our Episcopal community, being involved in many church activities as well as keeping up with their family obligations. So, Joyce and Carlos, we miss you in our day-to-day lives.

In saying this, I think you need to know a little more about me. When I would return home after a mentally and physically exhausting 36-hour shift as an intern, I would share my experiences from that shift with Kay, my favorite Nurse and confidante. I talked with her about needing to find a happy area of medicine to specialize in as I found myself crying with families of patients that had been lost due to accident or to illness. I was interested in Anesthesiology (but too little patient contact), Orthopedic Surgery (but too many serious injuries and patients being lost post operatively to complications), and then Dermatology, which had a good general practice, all ages and both sexes with skin cancer surgery, microscopic study, and mostly good results and only a small percentage of loss of patients. This was where I decided I needed to be.

So, where does this take us in the practice of medicine? It is so frustrating to lose a patient, let alone a friend, when you think you have done everything right. You perform a flawless procedure, you give the right medications, and you still wonder if you missed an obscure diagnosis or could have just run one other test that would have given you the answer. Granted, mistakes do take place and that should be dealt with, but most of the time things just follow a different drummer. We see the family and their grief and often do not know what to do. People are known to laugh hysterically when they are sad. Grief and anger go along hand in hand. All of this, I think, is important in the healing process after losing a loved one. The act of grieving can present itself in many ways; one way is not better than another.

At nearly age 75, next summer, I cannot say whether it is ok that a great 85-year-old woman has passed on and has lived a full life as opposed to a really neat 50-year-old "young" man who in my mind is in the prime of life and should not be taken right now. I actually feel personally robbed of both of these two people whom I cared for and about. Maybe someday we will be able to change the outcomes of these sad events. As we try to make some sense of our lives, what I do know for certain, though, is when the Soul of life leaves our body, there is an intense feeling of the Holy Spirit being with you, just as there is the joy when one feels and hears the cry of a newborn baby. We know that the love of God and Jesus is with us. When we have lost a dear one, that love will give us strength.

So, as I think of our dear ones who have gone on, I think of my function as a physician. It has not only been one to heal but, just as important, it has been one to love, and console, and to give strength when needed. Probably this is truly the heart of medicine, and we actually can all do this together.

Your friendly, but retired, Dermatologist.

Ed

Rancho Damacitas News

Young people at Rancho Damacitas are celebrating birthdays this month and every month throughout the year. St Thomas of Canterbury sends a birthday card and a \$10 Target gift card to each child. This gift is a special surprise and can lift two spirits – the recipient AND the giver. Are YOU celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion this month? Consider donating a \$10 Target gift card to a child at Rancho Damacitas; think of it as a present you give yourself! It's as easy as picking up a gift card at Target and putting it in the collection plate. Your support is needed and appreciated.

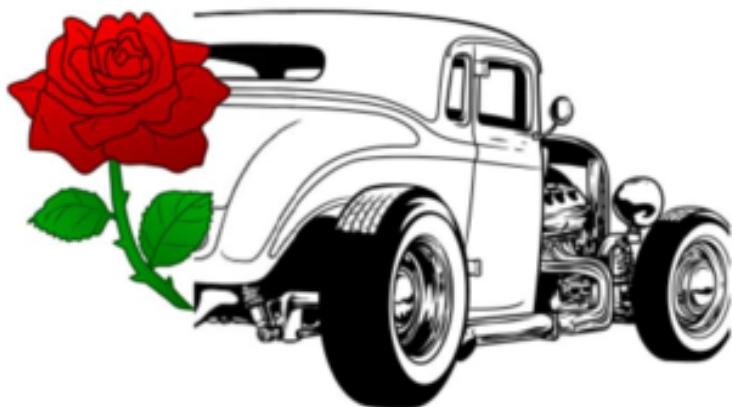


*Saturday
February 13 2016
10am - 2pm*



sweetheart car show

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*Saint Thomas of Canterbury
Episcopal Church*

MUSIC AND AWARDS PROVIDED BY

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Register online at:

FOOD PRIZES

episcopalchurchtemecula.org

PHONE: 951-302-4566 FOR MORE INFO

Pre-registration: \$20 (by Feb 10th)

This is a Pet Friendly event

Day of Show registration: \$25 (no shirt)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING [YEAR 'ROUND]

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: The Christian Education offerings on Sunday morning provide something for everyone from birth through high school. And, while there are different activities for children/youth at various stages of their spiritual development, there are no set ages for each activity. That is, parents are encouraged to help determine which Sunday morning activity would be best for their children. Also, adults who are interested in helping with this important ministry are encouraged to contact the vicar.

Nursery Care (10:00am – 11:30 am): Staffed nursery care is available for our youngest children in the Saint Matthew Classroom. Children are cared for within a nurturing environment that helps even our youngest members to feel God's love.

Children's Chapel (10:00 am): This worshipful experience is offered to children and youth who enjoy learning about worship through prayer, singing, and listening to bible stories. It takes place in the Saint Scholastica "Chapel".

Sunday School (10:00 am): This session includes age-appropriate discussion with adult facilitators using a helpful curriculum to guide the conversation.

SAINT THOMAS BIBLE CHALLENGE (One Sunday each month, 9:30 am): This new small group study is facilitated using an easy-to-follow way to read the Bible in one year. It's a great habit to develop for life, and all ages are welcome. See John Crawford for more information.

ANGLICAN STUDIES (2nd Sunday of the month, October – June, 9:15 am in the Saint Benedict Conference Room): This program consists of discussions with Father Robert about Anglicanism. Topics include the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, worship style, and what it means to be an Anglican. This is preparation for adult baptism/confirmation. Also, it makes a great refresher program. Anglican Studies is a great opportunity for some great discussions. Please come by as your schedule permits. The next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 10.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH [YEAR 'ROUND] -

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: This group meets at noon on the first Monday of the month to discuss books the group chooses. More information is available by contacting Bill Liesman 951-333-3544 or email: asiabill@aol.com. Attend as you are interested in the book being read by the group.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON [YEAR 'ROUND] (IN TRANSITION)

BIBLE STUDY : This is a lectionary-based bible study that uses the Synthesis CE material. This session is held at Atria Vintage Hills, 41780 Butterfield Stage Road, Temecula, (951) 506-5555. All are welcome.

FRIDAY MORNING [YEAR 'ROUND] (IN TRANSITION)

BIBLE STUDY : This is a lectionary-based bible study that uses the Synthesis CE material. This session is held at the Chateau at Harveston, 40024 Harveston Drive—3rd Floor Chapel, Temecula, (951) 296-5250. All are welcome.

SATURDAY MORNING [SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY]

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM—10:00 AM – 12:30 PM): "Every baptized person is called to ministry. The EfM program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; ..." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service." For more information about EfM, contact Linda Nelson lnelsonfawn@yahoo.com.

SOME OTHER DAY & TIME -- ?

A TOPIC/SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOOSING: This is an opportunity for you to suggest a Christian Education offering at a time and day of your choosing. Maybe it's another Bible Study...maybe it's another book discussion group...or maybe it's something entirely different. Just call or email your idea to Peter Mandery.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY EVENING [SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE]

BENEDICTINE WAY (7:45 PM): Benedictine Way will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:45 – 9:00 pm. Starting in January, the group will be using the book, *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. This book takes the reader through the Rule of St. Benedict in the manner of a daily devotion. In small, but meaningful pieces, we will learn the Rule and ways to adapt and apply it to our lives today. Topics such as prayer, balance, stability, community, hospitality, humility, work - and more - will be addressed. If your New Year's resolution includes strengthening your spiritual life, come and join Benedictine Way on Wednesday evenings, following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00. The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, January 6th. All are welcome to attend as your schedule allows.

For more information, contact Barbara Bundy (bjbundy@verizon.net or 571-332-8713).

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH [YEAR 'ROUND]

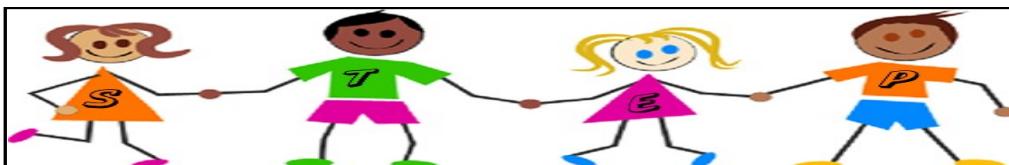
CENTERING PRAYER (3:45 PM): This group gathers at the home of Deedee Warden. Centering Prayer is a method of preparing for the gift of contemplation. It gives us a way to begin to respond to God's initiative. For more information, contact Deedee at dwarden55@verizon.net. All are welcome!

CANTERBURY TRAILS HIKERS MADE THEIR TRADITIONAL TREK



**The
Saint Thomas
Five
Brave Lasses
All!
Looks like
they found a
little snow!**





Darlene Versteegh
Director
951.302.8498

St. Thomas Episcopal Preschool February 2016 News and Notes

The Lord is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid. Psalm 27:1

Dear Parents,

Happy February!

The teachers have planned wonderful and exciting activities for your children. The Bible stories this month are the presentation of the Lord, The transfiguration, Jesus loves children and the conversion of Paul.

2/10—Miss Elizabee's Birthday! Come in the Busy Bee Class and wish her a Happy Birthday.

2/10--We will be talking with the children about Ash Wednesday and why we have this special day.

2/8-2/12—Our annual Valentine's Day party will be held in each classroom. Each child will enjoy treats, valentines and learn how we can share with our friends, God's love for us. There will be more information from your child's teacher about the exact day of you child's party. Your child may wear red, pink, or purple. Let's, celebrate the day!

2/13—St Thomas Sweetheart Car Show and OPEN HOUSE. Come visit the preschool and see the amazing things your child is learning. Teachers will be here to chat and answer any questions you may have about your child's current classroom or future classroom. Pre-k parents this is a great opportunity to visit our kindergarten and chat with Mrs. Hogan. The open house is from 10 am-12 noon. The children will gather in the hall for a presentation to parents and visitors at 10:30 am. See everyone on the 13th at 10:30. Please wear red, pink, or purple. We will be taking some photos for our classrooms and face book page.

2/15—Presidents Day- Preschool and Kindergarten will be closed

I will be out of the office on Friday February 26th attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

I have an open-door policy. If you have a question, comment or concern please come chat with me. I am getting to know your children and I would love to get to know you as well. I am usually here between 9am and 6:30 pm. I find that parents have a little more time to chat at the end of the day. If you would like to talk in the morning before 9am, just let me know and I can come to school and meet with you.

Thank you for helping us to teach our children to wash their hands before choosing an activity at school. Keep up the good work. And, if you are in a hurry in the morning we will be happy to help your child wash their hands, just let us know. Thanks again.

All classes are in need of paper that can be used for art and drawing. If you have paper from work that is blank on one side, please bring it to your child's classroom. We would love to help recycle the paper. If you know of another resource for paper, please let me know. We also need paper towel rolls, (the cardboard that is left when you finish the using all the paper towels). We will be doing a group art activity.

We will need them by the 10th. Thanks!

Have a wonderful and Blessed month,

Darlene

Saint Thomas of Canterbury

Thrift Shop Closes

The Saint Thomas Thrift Shop was located in a 7,000 square foot retail space on the north end of the Murrieta Town Center on Alta Murrieta Road near the intersection of Murrieta Hot Springs Road and the I-215. Its primary purpose was to project the presence of Saint Thomas of Canterbury and the Word of the Lord to the Temecula-Murrieta Community. This was done through the name of the shop; the fact that the shop was open at least 360 days each year, and through Christian fellowship with customers, donors, volunteers, employees, vendors, neighbors, and all others who had contact with the shop, whether they were congregation members or not.

Over the many years of its existence, the shop contributed materially and spiritually to the Saint Thomas community. For many years, particularly from the mid-1990's to the mid 2000's, the shop was a major financial contributor to the church, tithing its annual revenue, which exceeded \$500,000 in some years. In the last few years it has done far less well and has run deficit budgets despite careful management, aggressive retailing, and literally thousands of unpaid volunteer hours. Some significant church and diocesan support was required to keep the shop afloat. In the end an onerous lease, severe retail competition, the general economic downturn after the 2007-8 financial crisis, and declining quality of donations all contributed to the decision to cease operations effective today.

The shop held to most aspects of its 2015 business plan very well, and all praise goes to retiring shop manager Marna Ybarra and a small staff of experienced and very dedicated staff paid the minimum wage. There were many congregation members involved as volunteers, and significant donations were made by many at Saint Thomas. Some of the key contributions of time and talent

came from congregation members **Kay Bemis, Elena Gimpel, Joyce Carney, Kathy Widelski, Roland Steele, Pete and Jean Hicks, and Jack Bundy**. Many others helped too, and everyone involved throughout the years helped to make the shop a truly great ministry.

The community both contributed to and benefited from the shop's existence. Regular customers and visitors alike benefited from a wide range of merchandise at very low prices. Many donated bibles were given away, Morning Devotion was held weekly, and Saint Thomas publications like Canterbury Tails were distributed to customers. We had the benefit of some very good workers assigned to us by the county workforce development group—these were the temporarily disabled who remained very productive with the shop. We were particularly proud of hosting several groups of permanently disabled adult volunteers, and will miss the joy and sense of accomplishment easily seen in their useful participation in the business of the shop.

As those involved look for new avenues to contribute to St. Thomas ministries, all involved in the Thrift Shop want to sincerely thank and praise the many hands that contributed to the shop's accomplishments over the years, and especially in 2015.

Bill Liesman



Marna, Pam, and Cora (an 8-year employee) get in a final hug before doors finally close.



Jon and Pete represent our wonderful MoST organization supporting the final cleanup.

THANK YOU WOUNDED WARRIOR! THANK YOU "HANK"/ "BIG JIM" ...!



SPECIAL VISIT FOR OUR WOUNDED WARRIOR AT CAMP PENDLETON

A special visitor joined us on our January 29, Wounded Warrior Outreach Ministry visit to Camp Pendleton. And that would be our very own Dean Norris. Word traveled fast at Wounded Warrior Bn. (West) and before you knew it, we had plenty of Marine fans filing through to meet and greet Dean and snap off a few selfies.

Dean is a great guy and a true gentleman. He went to a bedridden Marine's room to visit and when we were pulling out of the parking lot to return to St. Thomas of Canterbury, we turned around and returned to Alpha Company so he could greet a Marine who had been in a meeting and wanted to see him. The positive impact he had on morale by just being there, was palpable.

Many thanks to you, Dean, for your willingness to join us and thank you to all of our WW volunteers. What I've said before bears repeating, your dedication and commitment are a constant reminder to me of how blessed I am to be surrounded by such a wonderful group of volunteers.

Cary "Klip" Klippert



DEDICATING ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLES

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles may be given by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of special people or events in our lives, such as: family members and friends who have died (this is often done on or about the date of the loved one's death as a commemoration of her or his entrance into the gates of heaven; of course, the anniversary of the person's birth date is another possible commemoration date) and in honor of anniversaries of weddings and birthdays, the birth of a child, a graduation, etc., The sign-up sheets are displayed in Julian Hall to request a dedication; one for Altar Flowers and one for Sanctuary Candles. If you would like to make a dedication, simply write your name and telephone number on the line next to the date that you wish to choose. We will call you to acquire the necessary information that will appear in the Sunday Bulletin for that date.

Suggested donations:

Altar Flowers—\$25.00; Sanctuary Candles—\$5.00.

If you have any questions about this new arrangement, please call the Church Office.



Flower and Sanctuary Candle Dedications



	Flowers	Sanctuary Candle
February 6 & 7	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 13 & 14	<i>NO FLOWERS DURING LENT</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 20 & 21	<i>NO FLOWERS DURING LENT</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 27 & 28	<i>NO FLOWERS DURING LENT</i>	<i>Available</i>

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing is generally available at each service.

The special commemorations for the Wednesday services for this month are identified below.

First Wednesday, February 3	<i>The Presentation (transferred)</i>
Second Wednesday, February 10	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Third Wednesday, February 17	<i>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda</i>
Fourth Wednesday, February 23	<i>Saint Matthias (transferred)</i>

WE ARE A PET-FRIENDLY CHURCH

Saint Thomas of Canterbury is a 'Pet-Friendly' church. That means we care deeply for our beloved pets. Not only do we love them, care for them, and pray for them, but we also help senior citizens to feed their pets, we support the Animal Friends of the Valleys, we bless them for the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and we invite our well-behaved pets to attend worship with us.



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

Why not share the joy of birthdays and other special occasions by donating a \$10 Target gift card to Rancho Damacitas for a birthday there? Your gift will be a special surprise for a child and can lift up a spirit. Think about it—spread a little happiness to those who need some joy in their lives!

REQUESTING HOLY COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOUR HOME

 One of our Eucharistic Visitors, trained to bring Communion to parishioners who are unable to get to church due to illness or injury, would be happy to bring Holy Communion to you. If you would like to receive Holy Communion from one of our Eucharistic Visitors, please call the church.

FLOWER & SANCTUARY CANDLE CHARTS

The sign-up sheets for dedicating Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles are in Julian Hall for you to sign-up for those special Sundays. Our tradition is to have Altar flowers given by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of special people or events in our lives, such as: family members and friends who have died and in honor of anniversaries of weddings, baptisms, confirmations, and birthdays, the birth of a child, a graduation, etc. You may do the same for the weekly Sanctuary Candle that burns in the church indicating that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Aumbry. A \$25.00 or more contribution for flowers and a \$5.00 or more contribution for a candle are suggested.



HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



Whether your children are already receiving Holy Communion or not, if you'd like them to have instruction about receiving Holy Communion, please contact our Priest..

ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

... are a group of women who meet **once a month on the second Tuesday at 6pm in the Saint Benedict Conference Room** to share an hour of prayer, Bible study and most inspiring discussion. We are seeking new members. Our order is devoted to prayer, study, and action "for His sake." God has blessed us with new spirit and excitement; we expect to increase membership from six to ten or eleven by January. **WE'RE EXCITED!!!**

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR

FEBRUARY—The Presentation—February 2;

Saint Scholastica—February 10; Ash

Wednesday—February 10; Saint Mat-

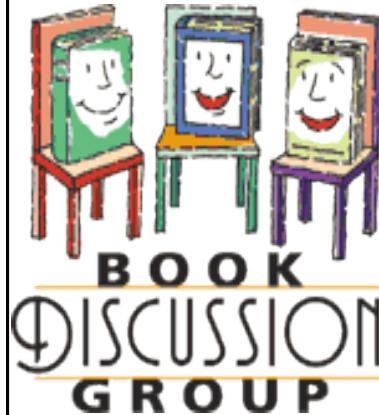
thias—February 24. The envelopes

are located with the other Offering

Envelopes arranged in date order.



Many thanks for your spirit of generosity.



This informal group meets the first Monday of the month at 12 noon for exactly one hour in the St. Benedict Conference Room. For January the group has been reading the James Rollins novel "*Map of Bones*." Even if you have not read the book, please join the group (and bring a friend) for fellowship and discussion of future titles. The meeting this month will take place on February 1. For more information or questions, call or email Bill Liesman at 951-333-3544 asiabill@aol.com.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES. Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The essence of this ministry is in the prayers offered for the recipient; it is not about the quilts. **No experience with quilting needed. We'll be happy to teach you.** Other tasks include ironing and cutting fabric, placing ties in quilts, organizing fabric, etc. Contact Deb Mitchell - [951-440-1919](tel:951-440-1919). Please join us on Friday mornings, 9:30 to noon for a spiritually fulfilling gift of your time. If you would like to support this ministry but cannot physically help, donations (fabric, batting, thread, your unused sewing machine, or monetary) are always welcome.

CANTERBURY TRAILS HIKERS

The Canterbury Trails Hikers meet up at church at 8 am on a scheduled Saturday of each month.



Please contact Deb Mitchell
(text/call) 951-440-1919
for further information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

One of the most fulfilling and joyful things to do is to follow God's call that leads to us exploring the possibility that a ministry of ours might be to participate in worship as a Liturgical Minister. You may feel a call to the ministries of usher, altar guild, acolyte, greeter, chalice bearer, intercessor, and/or lector. You can find out more about these ministries by going to our website (episcopalchurchtemecula.org) and clicking on 'Connect' and then on 'Customaries.' Please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your becoming involved with one or more of these ministries. If you think that God may be calling you to one of these ministries, please contact the Ministry Coordinator (listed below) or Peter Mandery. You'll be glad that you did!

MINISTRY COORDINATORS



Greeters	John Crawford (951)378-3900
Ushers	Chris Junger (951)609.6948
Chalice Bearers	TBA
Lectors/Intercessors	5:00 pm Saturday: Gina Diamante (951)378.7268 8:00 am Sunday: TBA 10:15 am Sunday: TBA
Acolytes	TBA
Altar Guild	Elena Gimpel (951)693.5602)
Music (choir & instruments)	Stephen Sturk (760)443-9667)

THE NEXT TIMES FOR BAPTISM

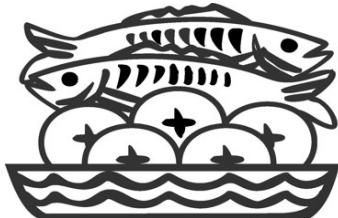


Here are the dates for regularly-scheduled baptisms for 2015 and 2016. If there is someone in your family who is to be baptized, please contact the Priest to arrange for instruction. Also, these will be times for all of us to reaffirm our own baptismal vows.

FEAST DAY	2016	2017
Baptism of Jesus	Saturday & Sunday, January 9 & 10	TBA
Easter Vigil *	Saturday, March 26, 7:00 pm	TBA
Day of Pentecost	Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15	TBA
Bishop's Visitation	To be determined	TBA
All Saints Day	Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6	TBA

*Not recommended for infants and young children

*We are grateful for the opportunities we have at
Saint Thomas of Canterbury to serve our neighbors.
THANKS BE TO GOD!*



Our Temecula Food Pantry Ministry is seeking more volunteers to help us provide breakfasts on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. It is easy to participate. We put your email address on our list and, as we coordinate the next breakfast, you receive an email asking what you might be able to bring; maybe a breakfast dish, or just some fruit, a bottle of juice, some bagels, whatever you can. Please contact Barbara Pugh (951.264.9980 barbpugh45@att.net) if you are willing to help in this ministry, and she will add your name to our volunteer email list.



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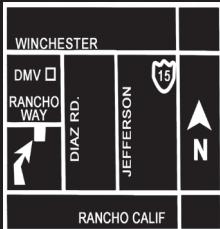
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To share Christ's life-changing love with all people,
invite and welcome them into the membership of
the Body of Christ, and equip them for worship,
ministry and service.

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 am "In-Between Time"

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Children's Chapel / Sunday School



**SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
4th ANNUAL SWEETHEART CAR SHOW**



**Saturday, February 13, 2016
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.**

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