SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 4 P.M.

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

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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.

contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

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PRELUDE Fidelis — *Percy Whitlock* (1903-1946)
Four Extemporizations

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES — *Andrew Millington* (b. 1952)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣. 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.*

℣. Praise ye the Lord.
℟. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 89:20-30 *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant *(Edgar Day)*

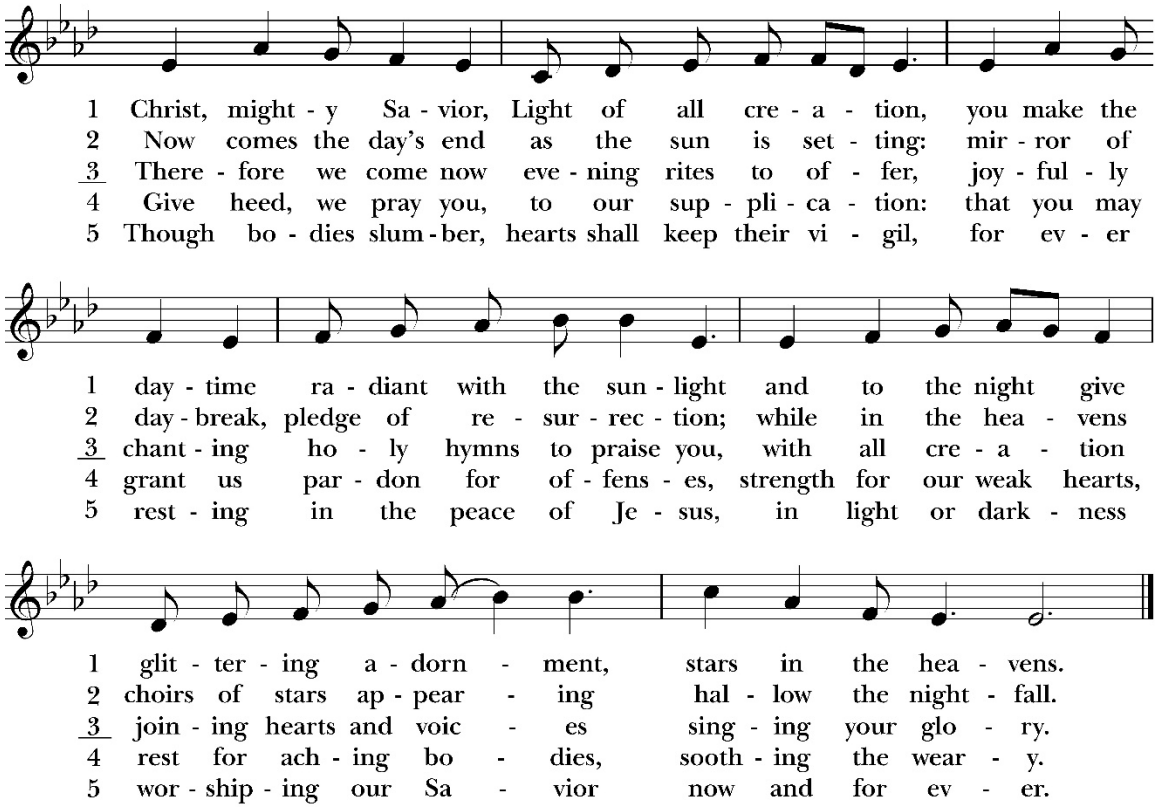
MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

THOU spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.
My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.
He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.
And I will make him my first-born : higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
His seed also will I make to endure for ever : and his throne as the days of heaven.
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.

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 1:15-40

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN INNISFREE FARM



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MAGNIFICAT *Service in D* *Sir George Dyson* (1883-1964)

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.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 1:4-18

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Service in D* *Sir George Dyson*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy Catholick Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. *And with thy spirit.*

The People kneel.

℣. Let us pray.

℟. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟. *And grant us thy salvation.*

℣. O Lord, save the State.
℟. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
℟. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

℣. O Lord, save thy people.
℟. *And bless thine inheritance.*

℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give,
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee,
we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Sung by the Choir* *Edgar Bainton* (1880-1956)
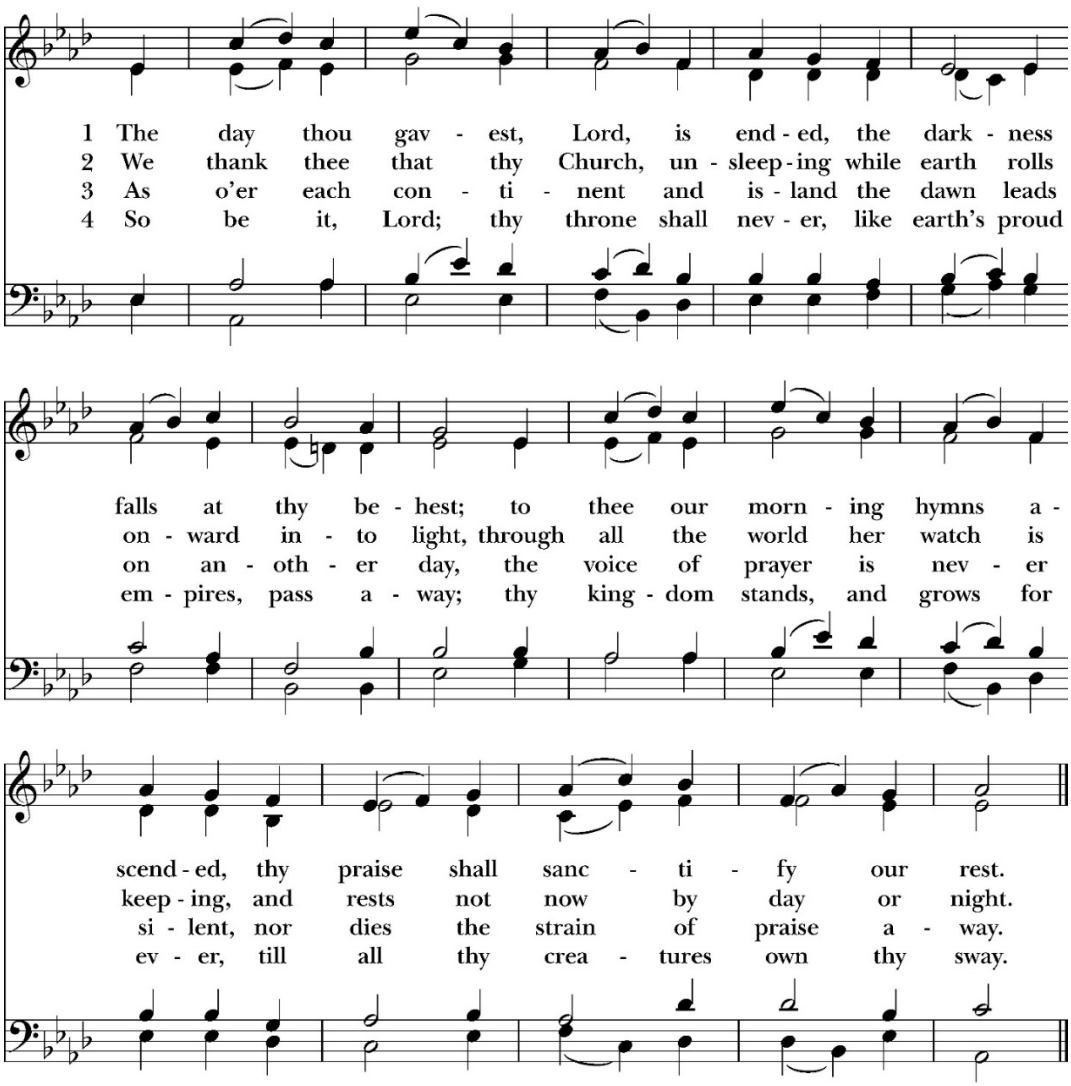
AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and first earth had passed away,
and there was no more sea.
And I, John, saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;
and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:
"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them and they shall be his people;
and God himself shall be with them and be their God;
and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

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SERMON The Reverend Mark Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care

HYMN ST. CLEMENT



The day thou gavest, #24 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

PSALM 150 *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant (*George S. Talbot*)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O **PRAISE** God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
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.

VOLUNTARY Scherzo in G-minor, *Op. 49, No. 2* — *Marco Enrico Bossi* (1861-1925)

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Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of *Sarah Aurelia Brush, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille,*
and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Fifth Avenue · New York City



Thank you for helping us share the spirit of Thanksgiving with all.

1 WEST 53RD STREET

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Share the Spirit of Thanksgiving

Help us bring warmth and comfort to our neighbors in need. We are continuing our annual tradition of providing a special Thanksgiving treat to our guests at the Neighbor to Neighbor breakfast program on Saturday, November 28.

BRING	**A pie of any variety** Homemade or store-bought
DROP OFF	**Friday, November 27** Between 12pm and 3pm
WHERE	**The Parish House** Please ask for Yunior or Frances

Worship & Recitals this Week

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:
Jeremiah Stephenson, *organ*

The Daily Mass

Monday, November 16th – Saturday, November 21st

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 17th
Hugh of Lincoln
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Burk, Jackson, and Bairstow

Wednesday 18th
Hilda of Whitby
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Burk and Walker

Thursday 19th
Elizabeth of Hungary
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
music by Burk, Sheils, and Bolena

Friday 20th
3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, November 21st
11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: Fr. Morris

Next Sunday:

November 22nd
Christ the King

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass
sung by the Noble Singers
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist and Farewell to The Rev. Juyoung Prisca Lee-Pae*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by the Mo. Lee-Pae
followed by a party in the Lady Chapel

4 p.m. Festal Evensong & Benediction*
sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series
Eleni Keventsidou, *organ – London, UK*

PARISH NOTICES

For three years, the Annual Appeal is taking up, word by word, our mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The 2027 Appeal is the year of *Love*. We see it in the beauty of our worship, the formation of our choristers, the welcome at coffee hour, and the compassion we offer our community through Neighbor to Neighbor. Your pledge keeps our doors open 365 days a year and puts that care into action every day. We hope you will consider making a pledge by scanning the QR code.

The Angelus Tree. We invite you to donate money and gifts for disadvantaged children and children who will spend Christmas Day in a municipal shelter this year. We also give gifts to children who are with their mothers in a shelter for those who are escaping domestic violence. Starting November 26th, simply take a gift tag from the tree and bring your gift unwrapped before Christmas. If you prefer to make a donation and for us to shop for the gift, use the QR code:

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of $25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. You can also email your list to giving@saintthomaschurch.org. We cannot guarantee that any names received after December 7 will appear in print, but will be printed and placed on the altar for the Christmas services. The deadline is Monday, December 7 for names printed in the leaflets.

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 during Christmastide. Deadline for these candles is December 25 at 9am.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in their annual performances of Handel's Messiah with New York Baroque Incorporated. Hailed by The New York Times as "one of the most prominent and special [Messiahs] of the city," these concerts have become an annual tradition for many, heralding the coming of the festive season. Soloists Elisse Albian, Jay Carter, Andrew Bearden Brown, and Enrico Lagasca join the choir and conductor Richard Tanner for this masterpiece of the choral repertoire. Tickets and Livestream information are available online at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts

Saint Thomas Church Holiday Bookstore and Gift Shop returns to the narthex for the Christmas season! The shop will be open on Sundays throughout November and December, through December 20, for one hour following the 11:00 a.m. service. Additional holiday

hours include Sunday, December 20, following the 4:00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; December 21–23, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Christmas Eve, December 24, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and following the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. We invite you to stop by and browse our selection of books, gifts, and other items, perfect for Christmas giving.

Children and Family Ministries: This Sunday there is Children's Formation for kids between the ages of 2 – High School. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. This Sunday, the Nursery is available on the 3rd Floor from 11-1pm and is for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers. To receive more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers sing every Sunday during the 9am mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm. New singers are always welcome. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact JLane@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. The Choir School (grades 4–8) partners with Professional Children's School for the boys' academic education, while they continue to live and train at STCS in a close-knit, music-centered environment. They sing five weekly services at Saint Thomas Church and perform in the Concerts at Saint Thomas series. If you know a boy who loves to sing and may thrive in this unique setting, please contact Margaret White at mwhite@choirschool.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm at the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taizé 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.
Every Saturday morning between 8:30-10:30am, a group of volunteers meet in the Cloisters of the Church to provide coffee, tea, pastries, fresh fruit, oatmeal, toiletries, and community to our neighbors in need. Help make these important ministries possible by joining Neighbor to
Neighbor: communityoutreachstc@gmail.com

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

Take a Tour! Explore the beauty and rich history of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the main service. The tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about the exquisite architecture of our landmark building as well as the choral tradition of our church. Please meet at the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign in the Narthex where you entered the church. All are warmly welcome.

Saint Thomas ***Behind the Scenes Tour,*** **Saturday, December 5, 2026, 1:00 PM** Saint Thomas Church Tour Guide, Bill Hearst, will lead a tour that will explore our landmark building with parishioners. From the gigantic blower in the basement that powers the great organ, to the vesting room housing the vast ecclesiastical wardrobe. This will then be followed by an ascent via winding stairs into the tower to view the carillon and its bells, and

finally, it's out onto the tower roof for a panoramic view of Fifth Avenue. Please note that ascent to the tower is optional. This tour will last just under 2 hours and is best suited for individuals aged 12 and above. There is a limit of 15 participants, and each participant will be required to complete and sign a waiver. Interested parishioners should register with Bill in advance at wshearst@gmail.com

Friday Bible Study is held at 1 p.m. on Zoom with a series called THE VISION OF THE CITY. Join us as we dive into the enigmatic and compelling Revelation of Saint John the Divine. From examining the book's symbolism to exploring what prophetic and apocalyptic literature are for, we'll see how our author understands liturgy and worship as touchstone for understanding everything. Contact Fr. Schultz if you are interested in joining the group: mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org

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SUNDAY THEOLOGY TALK

The Art of Being Neighbors

Connecting MoMA and St. Thomas



Since its founding in 1929, MoMA's mission has been to "connect people from around the world through the art of our time"." With roughly half of its near 3 million annual visitors coming from abroad, you could say that it's doing a pretty good job fulfilling its mission. But what about closer to home? How does MoMA connect to its neighbors? How do artists explore themes of neighborhood, community, and solidarity? How does the civic duty of both a museum and a church align?

St. Thomas's Radical Neighbors

November 22

Through an exploration of MoMA's history and collection, discover how it serves as a home for artists and their ideas—and how those ideas celebrate, complicate, and critique the society from which they emerge.



With George Benson, Manager of Interpretation, Research and Digital Learning, The Museum of Modern Art

Sunday, November 22

10:00 to 10:45 am

Parish House, Fifth Floor

In person and online.

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