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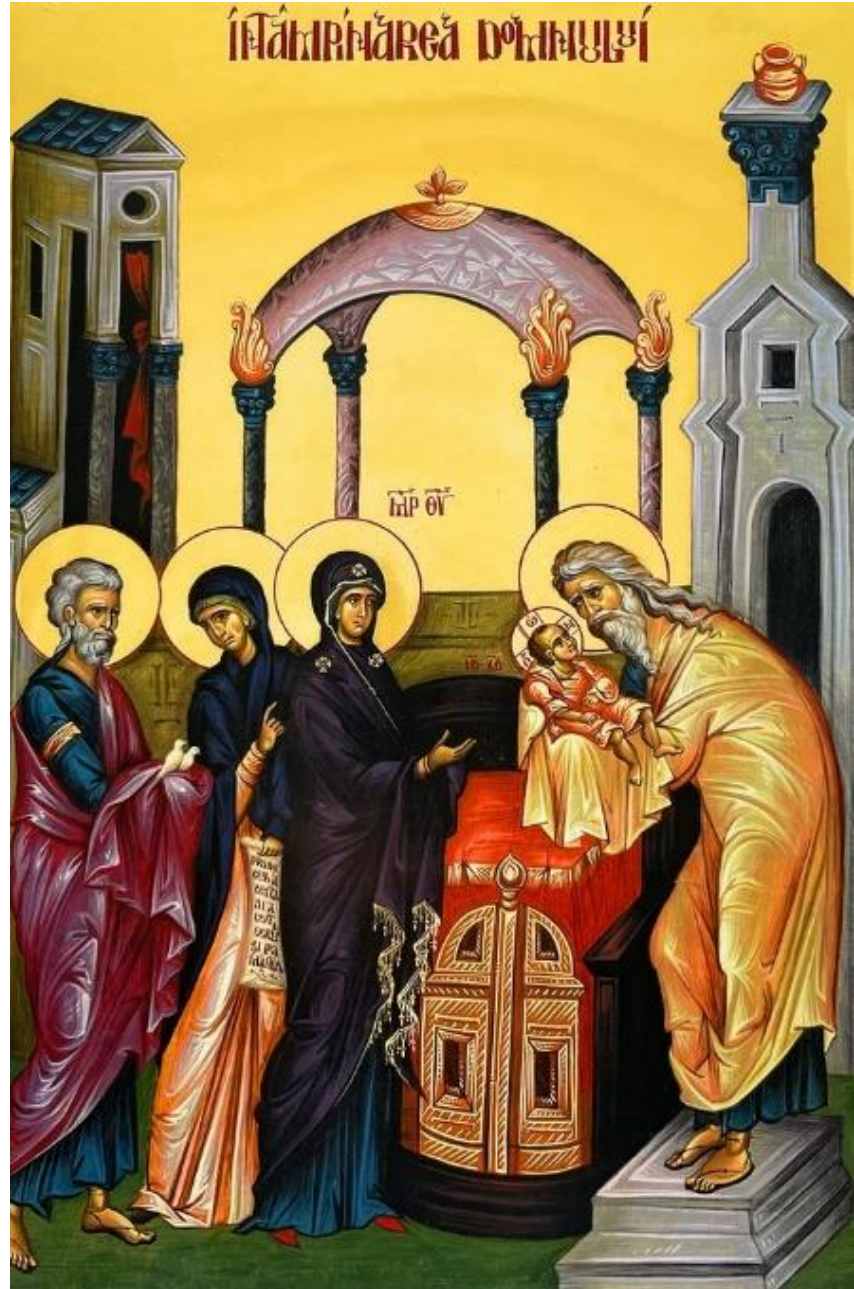
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PRESENTATION OF JESUS
IN THE TEMPLE

FEBRUARY 2

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!



We are pleased to announce that our new website is up and functioning. Please replace the old St. Thomas website with the following:

stthomascanterbury.org

Parts of the site are still under construction, but that is to be expected with a completely new

site. We will only get better in the coming weeks! Note that we have sections for our renters and community partners, and a brand-new DONATE button to help our online community contribute. We also have a new logo which will be used on our envelopes, stationery, business cards, and so on. The logo is connected both to our community and to the life of Thomas Becket, and we hope you will appreciate it and grow to love it as we move forward. You can read more about our logo on the next page.

Hearty thanks go to Allen Stout, John Mitchell, Marc Skuster, and Leilani Bandy, Payton Hoegh, and Jaime Edwards-Acton of the Jubilee Consortium, who shepherded us through the process. Please let the Bishop's Committee know what you think, and do let us know as well if you encounter any glitches on the website, or if you want to suggest more items for inclusion on the site.

OUR NEW LOGO



As part of our website redesign, we were encouraged to come up with a logo that is uniquely ours. The Website Committee worked with Jubilee Consortium to design a logo that incorporates part of our community history as well as that of Thomas of Canterbury. The main portion of the logo is our Navy bell. It is topped by a bishop's miter, and the bell and miter rest on crossed swords, representing both Thomas' martyrdom and our stained glass windows along the south wall of the church. You can look for our new logo to begin rolling out on our letterhead, envelopes, and church communications.

Save the Date!

**Our Annual Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 21, from 4-7pm.**

The Utzman and Riley families will provide pancakes with the option of adding fruit topping or bacon. You can either dine in or take your dinner to go. Reservation flyers with space for you to reserve your dinner and time are in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you!



ASH WEDNESDAY



We are coordinating services with St. Gregory's again this year, so that as many people as possible in our community can attend. We will have a **9:00am service at St. Gregory's**, 6201 E Willow St., and a **7:00pm service at St. Thomas**. We plan to livestream the evening service for those who can't attend in person. Please mark your calendars and let's all make a holy start to our Lenten journey. Note: there will be no Morning or Evening Prayer on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN PILGRIM BAGS



We continue our tradition of having Pilgrim Bags to use on our Lenten Journey. Each bag will contain a Lenten devotional booklet, the Lent Madness game, a candle, and a prayer card, wrapped in a muslin bag that you can decorate for the journey. We will have 120 bags available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Shrove Tuesday dinner and the Ash Wednesday services.

If you would like a Lenten Pilgrim Bag but are unable to attend the Shrove Tuesday dinner or Ash Wednesday services, please notify

Kevin Wood in the St. Gregory's Parish Office
at info@stgregorychurch.com or 562-420-1311.

(Kevin is taking requests for the Pilgrim Bags only, as we are taking the RSVPs for the dinner.)

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Diane Silk will be leading the
Stations of the Cross
at noon
on Fridays
during Lent.

You are invited to take this time to
walk with Jesus and fellow members
of the community.

No RSVP is necessary – just come as you have the time.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: “WHEN DID WE SEE YOU?”

We expect to find messages from God in Scripture, in music, in sermons, and of course in prayer. But how often do we look for messages in unexpected places? Specifically, how often do we look or listen for God in the genre novels we find on our bookshelves and in libraries? Genre fiction is often looked down upon as “less than” literature, but Jesus said he was to be found “in the least of these” that we see around us every day. So let’s look at some current and recent science fiction and fantasy novels and use them as a gateway for finding God in some pretty strange places. We might just find that some of the best theological work happening right now is in fantasy and science fiction!

Class will run Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning March 1 and ending April 19 (we will not meet the Wednesday of Holy Week). Class will meet in person in Larkin Hall at St. Thomas of Canterbury. Each class is relatively independent, so don’t worry if you can’t make every session. Just come to as many as you can. Please RSVP to the church office (stlb47@verizon.net) so that Mother Sharon knows how many copies of the readings to make.

You will get the most out of the discussion if you’ve read that week’s passage before the meeting. Readings will be available at least one week prior to that session; you are also welcome to buy or borrow the entire book, rather than using the photocopied selection. As you read, keep in mind the following questions: What Scripture passages does this bring to mind? What might the author be trying to say about religious beliefs (or lack thereof)? Do I see any parallels between events in my life, or the life of the church, and what is happening in the story? Do I like or dislike this story, and why? Be prepared to talk about how these readings affect you in body, mind, and spirit.



12/7,

Birthdays

John Oppenheim 2/14

Ashley Sanchez 2/22

Jamie Garvin 2/23

Darlene Harrison 2/25



The world, especially the people of the United States, and for peace all over the world and wherever there is oppression or trouble.

Serving in the Armed Forces at home and around the world: members of the U.S. Army: **Adam** and Boston; the U.S. Marine Corps: Sean, Adelangel and Jesse; the U.S. Air Force: Jordan, Joshua and Carlos; the U.S. Navy: **Jonathan**; and the U.S. Coast Guard: **Jennifer** and Corey.

The protection and guidance of Parishioners and Friends: Bertha, Ariana, Alyssa, Ana, Joe, Deb, Erin and her family, Joey and his mothers Beth and Jan, Penny and her family, Chris and his family, Daniel, Sandra, Sue, Josef, Brandon, Michaela, Rosie, Nathan, Jan, Paul, Jason, Analisa and Jeanne and Gayle's Doctor.

The healing of Parishioners and friends: **Karen, Liz, Carlene, Samantha, Patrick, Allyson, Bert, Allen, Joanne, Rosie, Jim, Bill,** Linda M., Diana, Susanne, Ana, Joe, Rae Ann, Kathy, Lindy, Linda O., Gingi, Becky, Dawna, Michael, Ginger, Deb, Lisa, Kathryn, Nancy, Earl, Pat, Chuck, Ellie, Nick, Asgeir and Rosa, Joshua, Joyce, Donna, Bob F. Linda, Beverly, Paige, Kathie, Billie, Eric, Doris, Diane, Joan, June, Toni, Rachel, Helen, Pat, Bill, Lynn, Jane, Fran, Laura, Tori, Claire, Lance, Sabrina, Susan, Karen, Steven, Jared, Marguerite, Scott, Charlie, Margo, Gwen, Jean, Becky, Ray, Jeff, Lee, Audra, Fran, Charlie, Sean, Geri, Karin, Jim L., Sue, Lu, Richard, Judy, Cindy, Daniel, Carolyn, Kim, Jason, Jennie, Lorretta, Bob, Damar, Pam, Gail, Lori, Lynne, Barbara, Jill and support for all families and friends caring for loved ones, especially Tami and Mark, the people of Ukraine, India, Vietnam, Peru, Nigeria, Haiti, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Myanmar and all parishioners and friends with health problems.

Homebound and Special Needs: **Karen, Samantha** and the homeless, the poor and the unemployed, affordable housing for families, the end of COVID-19, Ebola, AIDS, and Cancer in the world, and for those suffering from mental illness.

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