



**Saint Thomas**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*Vestry News*

March 2025

**Lent:** We are now in the season of Lent, the 40-day period of reflection and repentance leading up to Easter (April 20<sup>th</sup> this year). As is our custom, we are featuring Wednesday Lenten Meditations at noon during Lent, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. Here's the schedule for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent:

March 19, 2025                      Psalm 119:73-81                      John 3:25-36  
Pastor Rory L. Kent, Sr. The Historical First Missionary Baptist Church

March 26, 2025                      Psalm 119:97-120                      John 4:7-26  
Mark Courtney                      Living Word Christian Center, Mobile, AL

April 2, 2025                      Psalm 119:121-144                      John 6:27-40  
Pastor Lola Moore                      Bread of Life, Georgiana, AL

April 9, 2025                      Psalm 119:145-176                      John 10:1-18  
Ricky Crysell                      First Assembly of God

**Holy Week:** During Holy Week, we will have several events and services, including the Living Last Supper (April 15 at the Ritz), as well as traditional Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services.

**Sabbatical:** During Linda Suzanne's sabbatical, church will go on! We will have regular Sunday services, some with Supply Priests, some with Communion Under Special Circumstances, and some with Morning Prayer. We also are cooking up some other activities – more on that later.

- Odds and Ends
  - Communion Under Special Circumstances – Tammi Edwards is authorized by the Bishop to administer Communion Under Special Circumstances (CUSC). The sacraments must be blessed by an ordained minister, so on the weeks we have CUSC, Tammi has to go to St. Mary's, Andalusia on Wednesday at their regular healing

service, get blessed sacraments and bring them straight back to the church. It's called "special" because it is for unusual situation when an ordained priest is not available.

- Easter – why does it move around? Easter is moveable feast, occurring on different dates each year. To figure out when Easter will occur, it is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Not to get too far into the weeds, the spring equinox is the first day of spring and the day, at the equator, when there are 12 hours of daylight and dark. This is typically around March 19, 20 or 21. This year, the first day of spring is March 20, the first full moon after that is April 13, and the first Sunday after that is April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter!
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- WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please don't hesitate to contact your vestry, the office or Linda Suzanne with any questions or needs regarding the church. All suggestions for helping us to promote our Christian faith and St. Thomas are always welcomed!
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