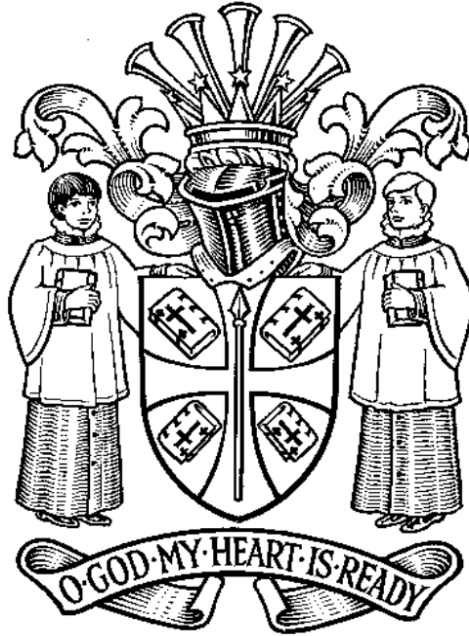


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"The Rosary"

The Rev. Richard Alton, Rector of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia



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PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
(from Elf Choralvorspiele, Op. post 122.ix)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

William Prendergast
(1868-1933)

TURN thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Psalm 51:9, 10; John 4:23

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Forty days and forty nights, #150 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.
Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION

The Priest says these Sentences of the Scriptures

OLORD, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger,
lest thou bring me to nothing. (*Jeremiah 10:24; Psalm 6:1*)

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*St. Matthew 3:2*)

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalm 143:2*)



I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and
am no more worthy to be called thy son.” (*Luke 15:18-19*)

The Priest says

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

The People kneel.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Priest and People

ALmighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People stand.



VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

James Buonemani
(b. 1956)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 11

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*How*)

IN DOMINO CONFIDO

IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul,
that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver :
that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done?

The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.

His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.

The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness,
doth his soul abhor.

Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest :
this shall be their portion to drink.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

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.

PSALM 12

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Wilton*)

SALVUM ME FAC

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left :
for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour :

they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips : and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail :

we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy :

and because of the deep sighing of the poor, I will up, saith the Lord :

and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.



The words of the Lord are pure words :

even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

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

Proverbs 8:22-9:5

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.

OFFICE HYMN

CULTOR DEI



1 Ser - vant of God, re - mem - ber	The stream thy soul be - dew - ing,
2 When kind - ly slum - ber calls thee,	Up - on thy bed re - clin - ing,
3 The Cross dis - solves the dark - ness,	And drives a - way temp - ta - tion;
4 Be - gone, be - gone, the ter - rors	Of vague and form - less dream - ing;
5 Be - gone, thou crook - ed ser - pent,	Who, twist - ing and pur - su - ing,



The grace that came up - on thee	A - noint - ing and re - new - ing.
Trace thou the Cross of Je - sus,	Thy heart and fore - head sign - ing.
It calms the wav - 'ring spi - rit	By qui - et con - se - cra - tion.
Be - gone, thou fell de - ceiv - er	With all thy boast - ed schem - ing.
By fraud and lie pre - par - est	The sim - ple soul's un - do - ing.



(8) A - men.

6 Tremble, for Christ is near us,
Depart, for here he dwelleth,
And this, the Sign thou knowest,
Thy strong battalions quelleth.

7 Then while the weary body
Its rest in sleep is nearing,
The heart will muse in silence
On Christ and his appearing.

8 To God, eternal Father,
To Christ, our King, be glory,
And to the Holy Spirit,
In never-ending story. Amen.

Servant of God, remember, #80 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Latin, ascribed to Prudentius (348-413), tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931).

Music: *Cultor Dei*, plainsong, Mode viii.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service

Jessica French
(b. 1984)

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

Luke 1:39-45

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service

Jessica French

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.

R. *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.*

V. *O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

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

V. *Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.*
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. *O Lord, save thy people.*
R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them who are penitent: Create and make in us
new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our
wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Sung by the Choir

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(1809-1847)*

HEAR my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide!

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove,
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there forever at rest.

William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

SERMON

The Rev. Richard Alton
Rector, St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia



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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. Sing we of the bless - ed Moth - er Who re - ceived the an - gel's word,
2. Sing we, too, of Mar - y's sor - rows, Of the sword that pierced her through,
3. Sing a - gain the joys of Mar - y When she saw the ri - sen Lord,
4. Sing the chief - est joy of Mar - y When on earth her work was done,

And o - be - dient to his sum - mons Bore in love the in - fant Lord;
When be - neath the cross of Je - sus She his weight of suf - fer - ing knew,
And in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, Wait - ed on his pro - mised word:
And the Lord of all cre - a - tion Brought her to his heav - en - ly home:

Sing we of the joys of Mar - y At whose breast that child was fed
Looked up - on her Son and Sav - iour Reign - ing high on Cal - vary's tree,
From on high the blaz - ing glo - ry Of the Spi - rit's pre - sence came,
Vir - gin Moth - er, Mar - y bless - ed, Raised on high and crowned with grace,

Who is Son of God e - ter - nal And the e - ver - last - ing Bread.
Saw the price of man's re - demp - tion Paid to set the sin - ner free.
Heav - en - ly breath of God's own be - ing, Man - i - fest through wind and flame.
May your Son, the world's re - deem - er, Grant us all to see his face.

Sing we of the blessed mother, #185 from *The New English Hymnal* — Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997).
Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991).



BLESSING

CHRIST give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

LENT PROSE

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Mode V)

The People stand and join in the Refrain.

Refrain
(1st time: Cantor) (Full)

Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.
Refrain

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.
Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.
Refrain

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.
Refrain

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,
we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.
Refrain

VOLUNTARY

Fuge in A-flat minor, WoO 8

Johannes Brahms

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PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed?

Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?

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 next class will be on Wednesday, March 13. The subject of the week's class will be *The History of the Church 1:*

From House Church to Established Religion. 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 email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers 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 Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation.

Deadline for submission is Monday, March 18.

MEDICAL DEBT FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN

As Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue celebrates its bicentennial, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era is the church's participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke's Hospital located at 54th Street. This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York. During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick. Partnering with RIP Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need. To participate in this campaign, individuals can scan the QR code. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



RSVP for Diocesan Mission Review: A Listening Session for Lay Leaders

A Diocesan Mission Review Listening Session for Lay Leaders in our Midtown Manhattan Clericus will take place on Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-8pm at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. You are most welcome to come to Evensong beforehand at 5:30pm. Please enter by the Parish House entrance on 1 West 53rd Street if you are coming directly to the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

As a part of the transition of Bp. Matthew Heyd into his role as 17th Bishop this February, the Diocese is beginning a Mission Review process. The goal of the Review will be to set shared priorities and align diocesan leadership structures and budget with the needs of local communities. Every parish and ministry of the diocese will participate. This is an opportunity for the Mission Review task force to listen to the hopes and needs of our community. A full report of the Mission Review and next steps will be shared at Diocesan Convention in November. All are welcome. A follow-up survey will be sent out after the listening session for further feedback.

Please RSVP for the listening session by Monday, March 4th: dbryan@saintthomaschurch.org

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Jerrick Cavagnaro, Organ ~ Boston, MA

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-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

12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday – Perpetua and Felicity

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: Fr. Schultz

Next Sunday: March 10, The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

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 Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector, St.

Elisabeth's Episcopal Church, Glencoe, IL

Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Timothy Olsen, Organ – Winston-Salem, NC

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) continues today in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of “Boats in the Bible,” which will run through March 17. “Faith Alive” kicks off today in the Living Room (2nd Floor) from 10-10:40am. We want to hear from you! Students ages 10-14 come meet Father Preston Gonzalez-Grissom and share your hopes for the Spring program season! And then we will all join together on March 24 for a Sunday Procession at the 9am Mass followed by a Palm Sunday Family Feast in the Dining Room at 10am. 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 CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is still temporarily closed. However, we will have a table in the Narthex on Sundays after the 11am services thru March 17, selling books for Lent and Easter. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the “Tour Guide – Meet Here” sign.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

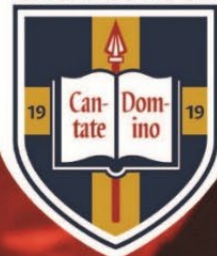
Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Mark Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We continue our journey of prayer, study, and reflection through the Gospel of John, discovering at every turn John’s wondrous vision of the light, life, and love of God at work in the world. Having finished the Book of Signs (John 1-12) in which we encounter Jesus’ public ministry, we embark this Lent 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 MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org with any questions and for the Zoom link.

The Tree of the Knowledge: Cinematic Visions of Good and Evil – A Lenten Film Series: On Friday evenings in Lent, join us for the return of *Lenten Movie Nights* in which we will explore together the following questions: are innocence and goodness the same? Is evil depicted as a force, a person, an illness, a situation or pattern, an archetype . . . and what do these depictions say about the film-makers’ perspectives on evil and on goodness? How does the good show up—what does it look like? And how might the Church respond to or critique these visions? Each session begins at 6pm with a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), followed by the film at 6:30pm, with a discussion afterward. For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz through email: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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