

# ALL★STAR★TIMES

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## It's Still Cold!!!

**By Alexis Moore**

Groundhog Day is a day on February 2nd in which a Groundhog pops out of the ground and predicts the weather for the following six weeks. It pops out in between winter solstice and the spring equinox. The groundhog for Groundhog Day is named Punxsutawney Phil. When he popped out of the ground this year, he saw his shadow. So that means winter will go on until mid March.

6th grader Cori Orbino said winter is not his favorite season because he can't go outside. What he said about spring on the other hand said it's his favorite season because he can go outside.

Amir Codrington in 5th Grade said spring sucks and winter is ok. "I mean yeah if he doesn't see his shadow. I hope to see sunny weather," he said. This week's weather has been some showers and some clouds, but on Wednesday, beautiful white snowflakes fell from the sky. Many kids went outside to play! Wow! This is one in a million. We never get snow here.

*Faith in Focus*

## Ash Wednesday Explained

*February 22 was more than a half-snow day*

**By Elisa Mathias**

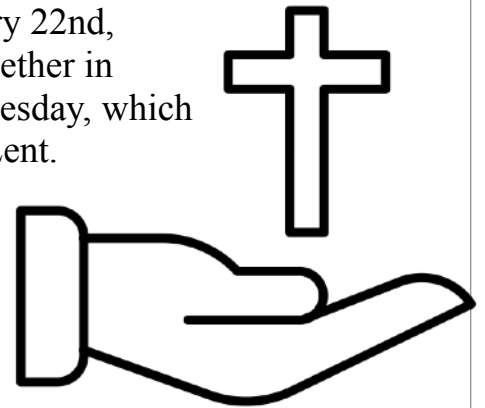
Last Wednesday, February 22nd, our community came together in the church for Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Here's what this entails.

On Ash Wednesday, we gathered together in the church for mass.

During the mass, ashes were smudged on your forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes are supposed to represent that we are all human and that we need to make peace with our sins.

**Lent's symbolism and what it means**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on



*First Graders Quinn, Soliyah, Shani, and Rainyah on Ash Wednesday choir duty. (Staff photo)*

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# Black History Month

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## Sydney Poitier



(Bernard Gotfryd)

## Angela Davis

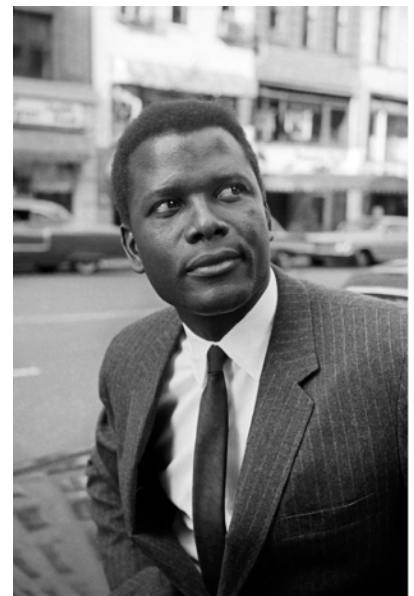
**Angela Davis**, who has long fought oppression against the black community, women, and the LGBTQ community, was born in 1944. She is a political activist and was a member of the Communist Party and the Black Panther Party. She is famous for her involvement with the Soledad brothers, who were accused of killing a prison guard. During George Jackson's trial in 1970, there was an escape attempt and several people were killed. Davis was then charged with murder. There was evidence that guns were registered to her and rumors say she was in love with Jackson. Davis then went into hiding and was on the FBI's wanted list. She was in jail for 18 months. That was when the "Free Angela Davis" campaign started. In 1997, Davis came out as lesbian.

- Alexis Moore

Sidney Poitier was an actor, a producer, and a director. He was born on February 20, 1927 in Miami, Florida, despite being a native of Cat Island, Bahamas. He grew up in poverty as the son of farmers. He had little formal education and was sent to live with his brother in Miami at 15. At 18, he went to New York, did menial jobs and even slept in a bus terminal toilet. After being rejected by a theater, he devoted the next six months working on

his accent and his performing skills.

When he re-auditioned, he was accepted. He played a part in a Broadway production of "Lysistrata", for which he got good feedback. This was the start of his acting Journey. He was famous for the roles in all the movies he



(New York Times photo)

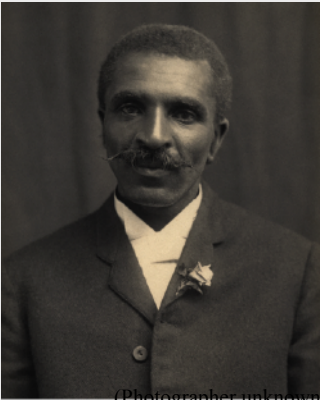
played and his acting. By the end of 1949, he was having to choose between leading roles. He played as a doctor in the film No Way Out. His performance gained a lot of attention and got him more roles. Five years later, he was the first African-American to win an Oscar for his leading role in Lilies of the field. He died on January 6, 2022.

- Ariana Brown

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## George Washington Carver

**George Washington Carver** was an



(Photographer unknown)

innovator and an agricultural scientist who was well known for developing different products for peanuts. He

was born into slavery around the

year 1864 but was then raised out of it, knowing little about his mother or father. In his childhood, he was well educated in reading, writing, cooking, embroidering, other household skills, and gardening, which piqued his interest in plants. He was known as the “plant doctor” to local farmers because of his ability to improve gardening conditions for farmers. This and other skills he learned in his childhood led to the innovations and creations that made him famous. After earning degrees between 1894-1896, Carver went on using his skills as an inventor, botanist, and chemist to do things such as study fungal infections, teach, invent, and more.

- Elisa Mathias

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and ends on Easter. It is 40 days long, which symbolizes the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert without food or water. Lent is a time of reflection since it eventually leads up to Jesus getting crucified and dying to save us from our sins. It is a very sacred and solemn time. Easter marks the end of this Catholic season. Colorful eggs are a very popular symbol, the eggs themselves can be interpreted as new life, or the stone covering the tomb Jesus was in. You may find some other patterns or symbolism in Easter and the last supper.

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### Traditions in Lent

The season of Lent is a time for self improvement. It's a time to strengthen your connection with God and become a better person for the world. There are a few things people do to achieve this. One popular way is by giving up something that is holding you back or limiting your growth. Giving up spending money on stuff you don't need or giving up social media is a popular goal people set for Lent. Another way people improve themselves during Lent is by adding a task to their daily routine. This could be complimenting 5 people a week or taking a few minutes to meditate. You are also given a rice bowl for Lent where you can put money in to donate afterwards. Rice bowls usually provide a calendar or task paper with times to put in money or kind tasks to do throughout your day.

With this knowledge of the season of Lent, you can improve yourself and the world around you. What will you do to make a change this season?

# SLE of the Week

**Elisa Mathias**

This week's student learning expectation is to practice the sacramental life of the church. For each SLE, students can learn about what they mean and how they can be one for the community.

These SLEs may be tough to understand, so we're showing you what it means and asking the STCA community to about it as well.

The theme of being a faith filled servant is especially fitting since it is the first of Lent. To participate in the sacramental of the church is to participate in sacraments such as baptism, eucharist, and reconciliation. This could mean getting communion at mass if you've had your first communion or confessing your sins.

## Q: What does "sacramental" mean?

"Sacred." - Kimani Satterwhite

"I think it means sacred."

- Miles Ahmadi

"An opportunity to grow in my faith."

- Mrs. Tawato

*Feb 22-24*

*Faith-filled servant Leader who participates in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church*

Following this SLE doesn't really need to be directly connected to sacraments, you can be this type of faith filled servant leader in other ways. For example, you can admit that you have done or said something you shouldn't have, or spreading kindness to others knowing that you all are in the community together.

With these things in mind, how can you be a faith filled servant leader today?

## Q: How can you be a faith-filled servant leader who participates in the sacramental life of the church?

"You can dab on the haters."- Massimo Gonzalez

"By participating in Lent." - Mariah Jackson

"Pray." - Isabella Rose Cabuag

"[B]y making sure I'm at mass every Sunday and by reflecting on my own at home by adding prayer

*Feb 27-March 3*

*Speaks truth with love and resolves conflicts peacefully and justly*



*March 6-10*

*Thinks critically and creatively to solve problems*



*March 13-17*

*Recognizes and respects that God is in all things and people*

# In These Hallowed Halls

## *Dispatches from the St. Therese Community*

### ***Fourth Grade Scene Report with Ane Mateaki and Mila Bailey***



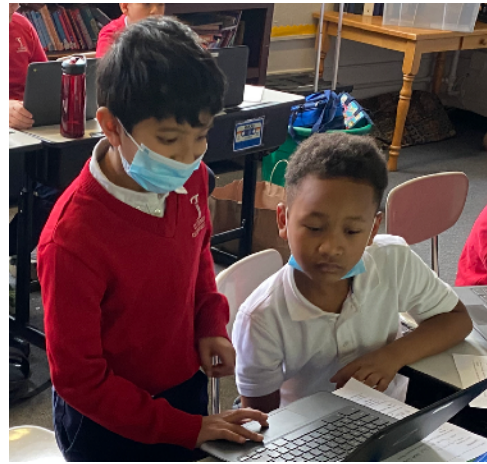
Judah Wheeler at the dais. (Bartlett)

Fourth Grade has been pretty busy these days. On March 3rd, the class will present their Black History projects, which were based on the lives of black people who lived or moved to the Seattle area. Jimmy Hendrix and Quincy Jones, were amongst the lives which were featured. This was a huge learning opportunity, which gave students a space to gather research and create a timeline. The effort which was put into this one week project resulted in a slideshow presentation. Overall, the Black History projects were a success.



Laela and Ernie hard at work. (Staff photo)

*We can do all things*



Eeshan and Mekhi hard at work in Social Studies.

Last week the 4th Graders led prayer service but they only had one hour to get their parts, practice, and make their hearts with African American people's famous quotes. They also decorated them with markers, paper flowers, and some other things. The class did a fantastic job preparing for prayer service in such a short time.



Kikko Felix reads. (Bartlett)

Mya from the 5th Grade said, "I think that the 4th grade did a great job. I especially loved how each heart was differently and uniquely decorated and how each person had different ideas of what their heart should look like." Ane from the 4th grade "I think we did a pretty good job especially since we only had one hour to get everything done."



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## Comedy Corner

