

APRIL 11, 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER DAY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 190, Introit: Psalm 81.1-4; Gradual: Psalm 118.22-25

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

EASTER OCTAVE

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Mon. Apr 12 12:15 **Low Mass** (*please register*)

Tues. Apr 13 **The Society of Mary** - 7:00 pm on Zoom (*see article*)

Wed. Apr 14 12:15 **Low Mass** (*please register*)

Sat. Apr 17 12:15 **Requiem for Prince Philip** (*please register*)

Sun. Apr 18 **EASTER II**

8:00 am Said Eucharist (*please register*)

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Sun. Apr 25 **THE FEAST OF SAINT MARK**

Sun. May 2 **EASTER IV**

Sun. May 9 **ROGATION SUNDAY**

Thurs. May 13 **THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Pre-Registration to attend Services: Please do this on Eventbrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling the office at 416-979-2323 X 4.

CHANGE IN COVID GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES:

The current Provincial Emergency permits churches to remain open for public worship with 15% capacity. After consulting with parish leaders and the diocese, we have decided to close the 11:00 am Eucharist to public worship. It will continue to be available on our YouTube channel, as will the 9:30 Eucharist. Evensong this week will be at 4:00 pm on Zoom. We will limit our in-person liturgies to

- 8:00 am Sunday with a capacity of 15 persons, and
- 12:15 pm on Monday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 14 of the coming week with a capacity of 10 persons.
- 12:15 pm on Saturday, April 17 there will be a Requiem for the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Attendance is limited to 10 persons.

All protocols regarding masking and distancing remain in place. Please pre-register on Eventbrite if you wish to attend. While our precautions meet all public health requirements for essential gatherings, and there is no evidence that our churches have been a source of transmission during the pandemic, it is important that we continue to be vigilant. Please do not come to church if you feel unwell or are especially vulnerable to Covid 19.

These celebrations of the Eucharist are offered not only for the spiritual benefit of those attending, but for the good of the whole church, and our city and province at this critical time. As the number of infections continues to increase at an alarming rate, we pray fervently to our heavenly Father for all those affected, especially those in hospital, and for medical personnel struggling to cope. May God be with them all.

THE SOCIETY OF MARY

The April meeting of the Society of Mary will take place on **Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom.

We will recite the Rosary and follow with time to chat.

All are welcome; If you would like to participate please contact the Ward Secretary, Michael Degan, at *degan.mike@gmail.com*.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY continues to meet and we need assistance with our dinner on Friday, April 16. In particular, we are looking for people to help prepare things at home for us to serve. Specifically, we need:

3 loaves of tuna salad sandwiches on brown	40 hardboiled eggs
3 loaves of tuna salad sandwiches on white	40 hardboiled eggs
3 loaves of egg salad sandwiches on brown	40 veggie bags
3 loaves of egg salad sandwiches on white	40 veggie bags
3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on brown	40 small bags of cookies
3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on white	40 brownies

Please contact Fr James Shire at *fridayfoodministry@gmail.com* if you are able to assist. Fr James will give you instructions and protocols to follow when preparing these items to ensure everyone's safety.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office at *office@stthomas.on.ca* if you are interested in having memorial flowers after Easter and up to the end of June.

Dates available include April 11 & 26, May 9, 16 & 30, June 6 & 13.

Presently we are putting flowers on the High Altar approximately every second week, and having two or more families share the cost. If you would like to have a loved one memorialized in April, May, or June of 2021, flowers will cost \$50.00.

The cost for flowers has increased significantly over recent years so we will be transitioning from the old rate through this COVID19 period. If you would like to continue your memorial when we are able to have in-person services once more, the cost for High Altar flowers will be \$125.00, and the Lady Altar will become \$75.00.

SAINT THOMAS'S RECTORY CAMPAIGN - A MESSAGE FROM FR BRINTON

Dear friends,

How grateful we are to all those who have contributed or pledged to the cost of renewing the Rectory and making it a welcoming home for our new parish priest and his family! To those of you who have not already contributed, but may be considering doing so, I am glad to announce that a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has offered us a very generous **matching opportunity** which will double the value of any **new pledges or donations** made between now and the end of June, up to \$50,000.

In the Prayer after Communion of the BCP we offer unto God "ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice". Implicit in that prayer is the belief that our whole lives, not just our pious thoughts, are to be aligned with God's purposes. Giving of our material goods for the good of the poor and of the whole Church is part of our faith. If you have not already done so, and you are able, I invite you to prayerfully consider donating to the St Thomas's Church Rectory fund.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev'd Canon David Brinton OGS
Interim Priest-in-Charge

For information, contact michael57rowland@gmail.com. To donate by credit card go to <https://www.stthomas.on.ca/donate-ohiof-rectory>.

Make cheques payable to St Thomas's Church, Huron Street. Please write Rectory Campaign on the memo line.

Ordinary Weekday Introit: 1 Peter 2.2, Psalm 81

Like newborn infants, Alleluia / Long for the pure spiritual milk, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Ps) O sing merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be...[Repeat Antiphon]

Monday, April 12 – *Feria in Eastertide*
Acts 4.23-31; Psalm 2; John 3.1-8

Wednesday, April 14 – *Feria in Eastertide*
Acts 5.17-26; Psalm 34.1-8; John 3.16-21

Saturday, April 17 – *Feria in Eastertide*
Acts 6.1-7; Ps 33.1-5, 18-22; John 6.16-21