

**APRIL 4, 2021**

**EASTER DAY**

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**Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:**

Page 182, Introit: Psalm 139.1-5,17-18; Gradual: Psalm 118.22-25

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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**TODAY**

**EASTER DAY**

8:00 am Said Eucharist  
9:30 am Sung Eucharist  
11:00 am Sung Eucharist  
2:00 pm Family Service for those with young children

**Daily Mass in the Octave of Easter** - Monday, April 5 to Saturday, April 10

*(These will take place at 12:15 pm daily. Please register for each day you plan to attend)*

Sun. Apr 11

**EASTER OCTAVE**

8:00 am Said Eucharist *(please register)*  
9:30 am Sung Eucharist  
11:00 am Sung Eucharist *(please register)*  
4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong  
4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Tues. Apr 13

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

Sun. Apr 18

**EASTER II**

Sun. Apr 25

**EASTER III**

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

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*Welcome to St Thomas's!*

*We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely during Covid 19. Here are some guidelines:*

*\*While some seating is kept free for unregistered visitors, those attending services in person are strongly encouraged to pre-register on Eventbrite via our website by 6 pm the evening before.*

*\*At liturgies open to the public, the congregation is not permitted to sing. Much of the mass will be said so that all may participate. Sung parts are restricted to the cantor and the priest.*

*\*The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service. Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service. Alternatively, please do consider donating by pre-authorized giving. Information is available on our website [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca)*

*\*At the time of Holy Communion: Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.*

*\*If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.*

*\*At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so.*

*\*While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely. While it is wonderful to be able to chat with each other outside the church after mass, please remember to wear a mask and keep your distance!*

*\*Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.*

## **CHANGE IN COVID GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES:**

We are now permitted to re-open with 15% of capacity.

This means that for Easter Services, we are allowed 35 pre-registered people in addition to the clergy, musicians and acolytes. Please remember that being vaccinated does not mean that safety protocols can be eased. Masks and distancing are still required and anyone feeling unwell or vulnerable should not come to Church at this time.

The ceremonial of our liturgies will be adjusted according to diocesan recommendations. Let us thank God that Easter, however modified, can be celebrated with congregations this year.

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## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Private confession to a priest is available during Covid by appointment only. Confessions will be heard in the church observing social distancing protocols while also ensuring privacy. Please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo for further information.

## **ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!**

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers after Lent and up to the end of June.

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

Right now 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.

As mentioned previously, 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.

Please contact Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.

## 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](mailto:degan.mike@gmail.com).

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### DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

*(all begin at 12:15 pm)*

*(BCP page 182, Proper Easter Sunday, Year IB)*

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 139

I am risen and am still with thee, Alleluia / Thou hast laid thine hand upon me, Alleluia: Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Ps) O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down sitting and mine up-rising. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (5) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 185; Introit 105.1-6, EG 118.22-25

TUESDAY (6) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 188; Introit 106.1-5; EG 118.22-25

WEDNESDAY (7) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 184; Introit 30.1-5; EG 118.22-25

THURSDAY (8) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 182 Acts 3.11-26; EG 114; Luke 24.36b-48

FRIDAY (9) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 182 Acts 4.1-12; EG 116.1-9; John 21.1-14

SATURDAY (10) *In the Octave (White)*

BCP p. 182 Acts 4.13-21; EG 118.1-4, 22-29; Mark 16.9-15