

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalms 11 & 12; Isaiah 25.1-9 & Matthew 25.1-30

Advent: Surge, Illuminare, *page 28*, replaces Te Deum; second canticle,  
Benedictus *page 9*

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Pages 99, 95, Introit: Psalm 33.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 80.1-3

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### TODAY

#### ADVENT III

7:30 am Mattins

8:00 am Low Mass (no music)

9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)

11:00 am High Mass (BCP)

5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions

Tues. Dec 13 **Society of Mary** – 6:45 pm (*see article*)

Wed. Dec 14 **Advent Book Study** – 7:00 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Dec 18 **ADVENT IV**

11:00 am – Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School (*see article*)

5:00 pm – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,

followed by a reception in the Parish Hall (*see article*)

Sat. Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass with Christmas Carols

9:30 pm Organ Recital, followed by Midnight Mass at 10:00 pm

Sun. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

No Evensong

Sun. Jan 1 **THE NAMING OF JESUS**

No Evensong

Fri. Jan 6 **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** - 6:30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene

## **SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS**

at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

All morning Masses are in-person. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists are livestreamed on YouTube, as is Evensong and Devotions at 5:00 pm.

## **THE COMMON CUP & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

## **ADVENT BOOK STUDY**

A quick but meaningful read, Mark Galli writes about the deeper significance of liturgical worship in his book, *Beyond Smells & Bells: The wonder and power of Christian liturgy*. As we begin this new liturgical year, we invite you to join us on Zoom the first three Wednesdays of December at 7:00 pm to discuss his insights and more deeply explore the meaning of the liturgy. Please email [jessica.nee@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:jessica.nee@stthomas.on.ca) if you are interested in participating.

## **SOCIETY OF MARY - Discussion, Rosary, and Benediction**

Tuesday, December 13, 6:45 pm in the undercroft & 7:30 pm in the church



Curious to learn more about the Immaculate Conception?

Maybe you have a sense of what it means, but are unsure about its Scriptural basis as a doctrine of the Church. Or maybe you have a good grasp of it and would like to reflect more. For our December meeting, we'll explore the meaning of Our Lady's sinlessness and preparation to bear the Saviour of the world. We'll pay special attention to the roots of the doctrine that are indeed found in the Bible itself. Join us in the undercroft this Tuesday, December 13 at 6:45 pm for reflection, followed by Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 pm in the church. Feel free to email Jess Nee [jess.nee@gmail.com](mailto:jess.nee@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

With Advent upon us, the Church School begins its preparations for the Christmas Pageant, taking place on Sunday, December 18 after the 11:00 am service. Over the next four Sundays, as we read stories about Caesar Augustus and Joseph & Mary's difficult travels, we will talk about the importance of hospitality and helping others in need, and how the birth of a wee baby had such a huge effect on thousands and now millions. If you've been thinking about sending your child to St. Thomas's Church School, now's a great time, as this project welcomes all ages of children and youth. I invite any tweens and teens who might be interested in helping with narration and/or singing, or 'back stage' helping with props and costumes and all the fun chaos that takes place before Father Humphrey calls out, 'Action!'.

The Church School meets in the Undercroft during the 11:00 am Sunday service. If you have questions, please email me at [siobhandungan@rogers.com](mailto:siobhandungan@rogers.com) with 'Pageant' in the subject line.

## NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

We will be holding a reception following our Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 18. We are looking for people to contribute appetizers, baked goods, and other items to help make it a joyous and festive occasion. We are also in need of volunteers to help set up for the reception and clean up afterwards. If you are able to assist, please contact Fr. James Shire at [frshire@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frshire@stthomas.on.ca).

## OMICRON VACCINE CLINICS

at St Stephen's in-the-Fields - 103 Bellevue Avenue at College Street, west of Spadina

The next community vaccine clinics are scheduled for **Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 to 2:00 pm**; and **Friday, December 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. These are walk-in clinics, so no appointment is necessary.

## CHRISTMAS EVE INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY MASS AT 3:30



Even though our “Midnight” Mass starts at 10:00 pm (and may even be over before midnight strikes), that may be too late for some of us with earlier bedtimes, no matter how young or old one might be. If you would like to celebrate Christmas Eve early, please join us for our 3:30 pm intergenerational service. (You can always come back for Midnight Mass, as well!) A simple family-oriented Mass with Christmas carols will be celebrated in the Quire of the church; if more people show up than expected, we will open up the nave, but our plan is to use the intimate space around the High Altar to gather as

we remember and give thanks for Our Saviour’s birth.

### ST. THOMAS’S UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The University and Young Adult Ministry will be putting its Bible study on hold until January 2023. We will see you all in the new year.

**YOUR GIVINGS ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are ready for pickup. The envelopes are in the parish hall, filed in alphabetical order. If you have questions, or want to obtain a set of envelopes, contact Kevin Blagrove, Envelope Secretary. Email: [envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca)

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar and church at Christmas. There are dedicated donation envelopes in the Narthex, but if you prefer, you can also donate through the website. Please go to [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca) and click on ‘Donate’ from the drop-down list.

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

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers over the winter.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00.

Dates available prior to Lent include January 22 and 29 (both Lady Altar). There are five more ‘holes’ in the schedule after Easter, and several over the summer.

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.

## **CHRISTMAS WITH THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY**

The Friday Food Ministry will be holding its Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 23, and we are looking for people to join us in making and serving a feast for Toronto’s homeless and food insecure community. A great deal of work is needed in the days leading up to it, and on the day of. We are in need of volunteers to help shop, prepare food at home, and volunteer at the church on Dec 22 and 23 to make the dinner happen.

We have the following shifts you can sign up for on Dec 22 and 23 (and you can sign up for as many as you’d like).

December 22 Thursday Bee (Time TBD)

December 23 Food Prep Shift (2-5 pm)

Setting Up (5-6 pm)

Serving (6-7 pm)

Cleaning Up (7 pm-end)

In addition, we are looking for the following food and clothing contributions:

60 hardboiled eggs

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40 bags of nuts

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40 bags of cookies or other baked item

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120 pairs of socks (70 men, 50 women)

120 tooth brushes and tooth pastes

If you are interested and able to help, or have any questions, please email Fr James Shire at [fridayfoodministry@gmail.com](mailto:fridayfoodministry@gmail.com).

## **REPORTS FOR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

Saint Thomas's Vestry Meeting will take place on February 19, 2023 (a week earlier than we normally have it). Early in the new year, Christine will be sending out requests for vestry reports to specific people, but you can avoid all that by sending in your report early.

Just consider how impressed your fellow parishioners will be, when they read on our website about all of the work you have done at Saint Thomas's in the past year! You will also be envied by anyone who procrastinates on writing their own reports. Please at least start thinking about what you might have to say, and if you finish your report, forward it to Christine for processing, at *office@stthomas.on.ca*.

## **HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING ST. THOMAS'S WEEKLY E-MAIL OF THE THURIBLE?**

If not, would you like to? The easiest way to get on our mailing list is through our website, at *www.stthomas.on.ca/newsletter-signup*. Just fill in the form and click 'subscribe,' and you will be included on our next mailing (usually on Saturdays).

## **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes  
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

### **MORNING PRAYER**

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

### **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

*Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.*

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY**

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

### **WEEKDAY LOW MASS**

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

## DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

*(BCP pages 67-86, 99, 95, Advent III, Yr 1A)*

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Philippians 4, Psalm 85

*(Antiphon)* Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say, Rejoice / Let your moderation be known unto all: for the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. *(Psalm)* Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. Glory be...

*(Repeat Antiphon.)*

MONDAY (12) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm  
Numbers 24.2-7,15-17a; Ps 25.4-9 (BCP 358);  
Matthew 21.23-27

TUESDAY (13) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm  
Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Ps 34.1-8,15-22 (BCP 369);  
Matthew 21.28-32

WED. (14) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm  
Propers: BCP 210; Collect: BCP 95  
Introit: Ps 119, pt 19 (BCP 494);  
Gradual: Ps 85.1-3 (BCP 438)

THURSDAY (15) *Commemoration* (Violet)  
*Simon Gibbons, First Priest of the Inuit, 1896*  
Isaiah 54.1-10; Ps 30 (BCP 363);  
Luke 7.24-30

FRIDAY (16) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm  
Propers: BCP 100  
Collects: BCP 213 & BCP 95  
Introit: Ps 122 (BCP 498)  
Gradual: Ps 133 (BCP 504)

SATURDAY (17) *Ember Day* (Violet) 10:00 am  
Propers: BCP 100; Collect BCP 95  
Introit: Ps 72.1-7 (BCP 418)  
Gradual: Ps 85.1-13 (BCP 438)

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