

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
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**Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:** Pages 99 & 95, Introit: Psalm 33.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 80.1-3

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### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT ST THOMAS'S

- TODAY**            **ADVENT III**  
                         8:00 am Low Mass  
                         9:30 am Sung Mass  
                         11:00 am High Mass  
                         4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Tues. Dec. 14    **Society of Mary** on Zoom – 7:00 pm (*see article*)
- Sat. Dec. 18     **Advent Polishing Day** - 10:30 am
- Sun. Dec. 19     **ADVENT IV**  
                         8:00 am Low Mass (*please register*)  
                         9:30 am Sung Mass (*please register*)  
                         11:00 am High Mass (*please register*)  
                         4:00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols (*please register*)
- Fri. Dec. 24     **CHRISTMAS EVE\***  
                         3:00 pm Early-Bird & Family Service  
                         9:30 pm Recital followed by 10:00 pm High Mass
- Sat. Dec. 25     **CHRISTMAS DAY\***  
                         8:00 am Low Mass  
                         10:00 am High Mass  
                         No Evensong
- Sun. Dec. 26     **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS\***  
                         8:00 am Low Mass  
                         9:30 am Sung Mass (*please register*)  
                         11:00 am High Mass  
                         No Evensong

\* *Please note the changes to the times of these services, and update your calendars accordingly.*

- Mon. Dec 27 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*St John the Evangelist*
- Tues. Dec 28 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*The Holy Innocents*
- Wed. Dec 29 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*Thomas Becket*
- Thurs. Dec 30 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*Feria in the Octave of Christmas*
- Fri. Dec 31 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*John West*
- Sat. Jan 1 **Low Mass in the Octave of Christmas** 10:00 am  
*The Octave Day of Christmas*
- Sun. Jan 2 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
- Thurs. Jan 6 **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
6:30 pm High Mass
- Sun. Jan 9 **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

### **CHRISTMAS & MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar and church at Christmas. There have been donation envelopes in the Narthex for the past few Sundays, but if you wish, Please go to the DONATE page on the parish website and choose “Christmas Flowers and Greenery” from the drop-down list.

There are currently four openings available for Memorial Altar Flowers in January and February. They include: the High Altar on January 2; the Lady Altar on February 20 (Sexagesima); and both the Lady and High Altars on February 27 (Quinquagesima). Please contact Christine Cover in the office if you are interested in one of these dates.

## **ST THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am**

Provincial and Diocesan protocols permit limited attendance in person so that physical distancing can be maintained. For contact tracing purposes, please register via the parish website [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca) or by calling 416 979-2323 x 4.

If you have difficulty registering to attend, or decide to come to Church after registration is closed, please do feel free to come to Church! The 8:00 and 9:30 am masses have not been to capacity, and social distancing has thus far been possible even at 11:00 am. The sidespeople will assist you in our ongoing efforts to be compliant. Be assured that thus far, there has been sufficient room every Sunday at all Services!

**Please note that congregational singing is now permitted on the condition that protocols around mask wearing and distancing are strictly followed.**

The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists will continue on YouTube, and the 4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom will continue until further notice.

Fr. Humphrey and Fr D'Angelo are available to administer the sacraments in person. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with them. We urge you to get vaccinated, not only for your own safety but for the good of all. Let us know if we can help facilitate that. Pray for all those in our province and city affected by Covid 19, and around the world where vaccines are not readily available.

## **SOCIETY OF MARY**

The December meeting of the Society of Mary will take place on **Tuesday, December 14 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).

**THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY'S THURSDAY BEE** will be meeting again on Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 pm in the parish kitchen to prep for the Friday dinner service. This is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to help with the Friday Food Ministry.

Christmas is coming soon for the **FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY**, and we are planning a wonderful Christmas Eve Dinner on Friday, December 24. Helping out with the FFM is a fantastic way to start the Christmas season, and we will need a lot of help to make this meal a success.

In the days leading up to Christmas Eve, we would like to invite you to help us by making the following items at home. Making the following items is a great way to help out if you are otherwise unable to help on Christmas Eve itself:

- 40 small baggies of mixed veggies
- 60 hardboiled eggs
- 40 bags of nuts
- 120 cookies
- 100 pairs of socks  
(60 men's 40 women's)
- 100 pairs of gloves  
(60 men's 40 women's)

In addition, we will be holding a special Thursday Bee on Thursday, December 23 at 2:00 pm. And finally, on Christmas Eve itself we will starting early at 2:00 pm and you are invited to assist at one or more of the following shifts:

- Food Prep Shift (2:00 - 5:00 pm)
- Setting Up (5:00 - 6:00 pm)
- Serving (6:00 - 7:00 pm)
- Cleaning Up (7:00 pm - end)

If you are able to assist, or have any questions, please email Fr. James Shire at [fridayfoodministry@gmail.com](mailto:fridayfoodministry@gmail.com). This will be a fantastic evening and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Festivities.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 27, 2022**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 27, 2022. The list of those eligible to vote at Vestry has been prepared, but because of government restrictions the list will not be posted as was the usual practice. If you wish to verify that your name is on the list, or have your name added to the list, please contact Christine Cover by email at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) or by telephone at 416 979 2323 Ext 4.

In order to vote at Vestry, you must be 16 years old and must have been a full communicant member of St Thomas's for a minimum of three months. The Anglican Church of Canada requires that a communicant member be a parishioner at one church only, voting at only one Vestry.

### **OPERATING BUDGET PLEDGES - Reminder Notice**

Our annual pledge process is an important way for parishioners to express their thanks and anticipated financial support for the parish's various ministries through our annual operating budget. The pledge process helps the churchwardens, clergy and treasurer prepare the budget for presentation to Vestry.

As Fr Humphrey wrote in his letter to the parish:

*What you give to St. Thomas's in 2022 will shape the direction of the parish for years to come. This parish is characterized by joy and confidence in the future, and your pledge is both a token of love for the present and an indicator of how much you believe in the future of St. Thomas's.*

If you haven't done so already, please give prayerful consideration to your anticipated level of financial support for our 2022 operating budget, and then email Kevin Blagrove, St. Thomas's Envelope Secretary, at [stthomas.env.sec@gmail.com](mailto:stthomas.env.sec@gmail.com) indicating the total amount you pledge for 2022, and how you intend to fulfill your pledge (pre-authorized payments, envelopes, on-line credit card, e-transfer).

Many thanks for your faithful support of St. Thomas's.

Michael Rowland  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

## CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown is pleased once again to offer a full-colour printed church calendar for the coming year, including the Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and seasons of the Church Year, in accordance with the calendar from the Canadian Book of Common Prayer (1962). The cost is \$7.25 each plus postage and handling.

Further details can be found via this link: <https://www.stpeter.org/calen.html>.

## SHAMELESS FILLER: A CAPTION CONTEST!

Please come up with a caption for this painting. The funniest will receive – bragging rights!

Submit your captions to Christine Cover at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca). The most amusing entry will be announced in the Notices next week.



*Ghent Altarpiece (detail)*, by Hubert and Jan Von Eyck,  
Chapel Cathedral of Saint Bavo, Ghent, Belgium

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## DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 99 & 95, Advent III, Yr 2)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Philippians 4, Psalm 85

Rejoice in the Lord always 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. (Ps)  
Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy  
land: thou hast restored the fortunes of  
Jacob. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (13) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm  
Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25.4-9;  
Matthew 21.23-27

TUESDAY (14) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm  
Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13; Ps 34.1-8, 15-22;  
Matthew 21.28-32

WEDNESDAY (15) *Ember Day*  
(Violet) 12:15 pm  
Pr Bk Propers, page 210, Collect page 95  
Introit: Ps 119, pt 19; Gradual: Ps 85.1-3

THURSDAY (16) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm  
Isaiah 54.1-10; Ps 30; Luke 7.24-30

FRIDAY (17) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm  
Pr Bk Propers page 100,  
Collects pages 213, 95  
Introit: Ps 122; Gradual: Ps 133

SATURDAY (18) *Ember Day*  
(Violet) 10:00 am  
Pr Bk Propers page 100, Collect page 95  
Introit: Ps 72.1-7; Gradual: Ps 85.1-13

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