

DECEMBER 13, 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Propers for Saturday 4 pm Eucharist:

The Sunday 11 am leaflet will be provided for this service; the hymns, motet and sermon will be omitted as will one of the readings preceding the Gospel.

Propers for 8:00 am Sunday Eucharist:

Pages 99 & 95, Introit: Psalm 33.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 80.1-3

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

ADVENT III

- Sat. Dec. 12 4:00 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
- Sun. Dec. 13 8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
9:30 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
11:00 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
4:00 pm Solemn Evensong & Devotions (Church open; please pre-register)
12:00 pm Zoom Coffee Hour
- Wed. Dec. 16 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Advent Education Series

Sun. Dec 20 **ADVENT IV**

- Wed. Dec. 23 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Advent Education Series

Thurs. Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Fri. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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.

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR, SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

Following the 11:00 am Eucharist today, we will be having a Coffee Hour on Zoom, until about 1:00 pm or so. Fr Humphrey will be joining us, so this is a good opportunity to 'meet' him, if you haven't already done so.

INTRODUCING THREE APPROACHES TO PRAYER: THE DAILY OFFICE, CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND THE EXAMEN An Advent Education Series



An elderly man in prayer
Follower of Rembrandt (Dutch, 1660s or later)
The Cleveland Museum of Art

This series will provide practical instruction about how to pray using three different methods of prayer with the aim of helping participants to deepen their prayer life during this ongoing season of solitude and distance.

The Format: Those interested in participating are asked to pray using the introduced method of prayer for one week and then to report back to the group about their experience of it the following week before receiving instruction about the next method to be adopted for the subsequent week.

Meetings will take place on the following **Wednesdays at 7:30** throughout Advent:

December 16: Reflection on Christian Meditation/ Introduction to The Examen
with Fr D'Angelo

December 23: Reflection on The Examen/ Wrap-Up

All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr D'Angelo

TIMELINES FOR 2020 DONATIONS

A note from the Treasurer and Envelope Secretary

In order to ensure that your donation is eligible for a 2020 tax receipt, please note the following deadlines for making your donation to the Church:

- Donations by cash or cheque in person to the church must be received by midnight on Wednesday, December 30. There is a mail slot in the right Parish Hall door, if no one is in the office.
- Donations mailed to the church must be postmarked by Thursday, December 31.
- Online credit card donations must be submitted by midnight on Thursday, December 31. Please go to our website at www.stthomas.on.ca and put your mouse over 'Donate Now' to see all of your choices.

We also request that any in-kind donations (with receipts) be submitted by the end of the year.

CHRISTMAS & MEMORIAL FLOWERS

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar and church at Christmas. Envelopes will be available in the church starting the first Sunday of Advent. There is also the option of donating online at: <https://www.stthomas.on.ca/> and selecting "Donate Now" and "Donate to Christmas Flowers".

There are currently two openings available for Memorial Altar Flowers in January. Please contact Christine Cover in the office if you are interested.

CHURCH CALENDARS FROM ST PETER PUBLICATIONS

In the past, Diana Verseghy has placed bulk orders for church calendars with St Peter Publications in Charlottetown, which she has then sold at cost at the Sunday coffee hours during Advent. Unable to provide this service this year, Diana wanted to let people know how they can order them directly. 2021 church calendars can be ordered from St Peter Publications through this link:

<http://www.stpeter.org/calen.html>.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY will be meeting and serving on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25. We are excited to be able to celebrate Christ's birth in this way during these unprecedented times and to prepare a delicious take-away Christmas Dinner for our guests. We need help though to make this happen. We need people to donate various items for us to serve to our guests including:

120 bags of mixed veggies (2 people to make 60 bags each)

120 hard boiled eggs (2 people to prepare 60 eggs)

120 bags of nuts (2 people to make 60 bags each)

240 cookies (2 people to make 120 cookies, or 4 people to make 60 cookies)

Making and donating these items is a great way to participate in the Friday Food Ministry from the safety of your home, and these will help make this Christmas dinner special for our guests.

Additionally, we will need volunteers to help shop, prepare, and serve on Christmas Day itself. All volunteers will need to fill out a screening form upon their entry into the parish hall and kitchen to ensure everyone's safety. If you are able to help or have any other questions, please contact Fr. James at [*fridayfoodministry@gmail.com*](mailto:fridayfoodministry@gmail.com)

HURON PLAYSCHOOL has a few spaces available in the Nursery School program (9-11:45, \$550/month, 9:00-2:45, \$1000/month), and in our After School program (3:30-6, \$375/month). Playschool is a parent run licensed childcare program that has been operating in the St. Thomas's Church Hall for over 50 years. For more information, please contact our parent registrar at [*registrar@huronplayschool.com*](mailto:registrar@huronplayschool.com).