

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 11 & 12 (BCP 341-343; Isaiah 28.9-22 & Revelation 3.7-end. During Advent, Surge, Illuminare (BCP 28) replaces Te Deum; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Introit Psalm 33.1-6 (BCP 367); Decalogue (BCP 68); Collects & Propers (BCP 99 & 95); Gradual Psalm 80.1-3 (BCP 433)

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 **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Sun. Dec 24

ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS EVE

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 Christmas Eve Family Mass

9:30 pm Organ Recital

10:00 pm Christmas Eve High Mass (BCP)

Mon. Dec 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 am Mattins

8:00 am Low Mass (no music)

9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)

11:00 am High Mass (BCP)

No Evensong

Tues. Dec 26

Boxing Day – Office Closed, regular Low Mass schedule

Sun. Dec 31 **CHRISTMAS I**
Mon. Jan 1 **New Years Day – Office Closed**, regular Low Mass schedule
Sat. Jan 6 **EPIPHANY PROCESSION & HIGH MASS 11:00 AM**
Sun. Jan 7 **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
 5:00 pm A Procession with Carols for Epiphany
Sun. Jan 14 **EPIPHANY II**
Sun. Jan 21 **EPIPHANY III**
Sun. Jan 28 **EPIPHANY IV/SEPTUAGESIMA**
Fri. Feb 2 **CANDLEMAS – 6:30 pm Procession & High Mass**
Sun. Feb 4 **EPIPHANY V/SEXAGESIMA**
Sat. Feb 10 **Pancake Dinner** (*more information to come*)
Sun. Feb 11 **LAST EPIPHANY /QUINQUAGESIMA**
Wed. Feb 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY – 12:15 & 6:30 pm Masses**

WEEKEND WORSHIP (*unless otherwise advertised*)

Saturday Services: Morning Prayer at 9:30 am; Low Mass at 10:00 am
(*No public Evening Prayer on Saturdays.*)

Sunday Services are at 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm.

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

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall follows the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP (*unless otherwise advertised*)

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am, Monday-Friday

Evening Prayer: 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Low Mass at 12:15 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Low Mass at 5:30 pm: Tuesday, Thursday

HEALING MASS ON TUESDAY

Anointing for healing is available at Low Mass on Tuesday; if you wish to be anointed, simply remain at the communion rail after all have received and the Celebrant will lay hands on you and anoint you. Anyone who wishes to stand in solidarity with you may also surround you and place their hands on your shoulders or pray for you from the pews. If you wish to be anointed privately after the Mass, please indicate this to the Celebrant by visiting the Vestry prior to the Mass, if possible, or inform the Celebrant of your desire when you come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

There will be a reception following our Nine Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 pm this afternoon. Please join us!

FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Friday Food Ministry Christmas Dinner is on December 22 and it is fast approaching and we are looking forward to making a big feast to celebrate with our neighbours in need. As with Thanksgiving we will need a great deal of assistance to make this meal a success.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer including:

- Shopping for the occasion
- Making and delivering items and home and bringing them to be served
- Helping with meal prep with the Thursday Bee on December 21 at 6:00 pm
- Helping with meal prep and/or service on December 22

Shopping and Making Items at Home

We will need many items to make this meal a success, so we will need shoppers and people to make items at home. For shoppers, please mark that you are available and if you have a car or not.

If you would like to make items at home (or purchase additional things that we need), here are some items that we will need.

- 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 toothbrushes and toothpastes

We are aiming for 120 portions of everything, so if you would like to help, but cannot do 120 eggs all at once, you can do 60 (or we can adjust further).

Thursday Bee on Dec 21

On Thursday Dec 21 we will have our usual Thursday Bee to do advance meal prep. This is a great way to spend some time with friends doing some work to make the Friday meal service go more smoothly.

Friday Dec 22 Meal Service

This is the main event. We will be starting at 2:00PM, a bit earlier from our usual time, but it will give us the time we need to put together the whole meal. We will be operating in different shifts.

- Food Prep Shift (2:00 -5:00 pm)
- Drink and Meal Service (5:00-7:00 pm):
- Cleaning Up (7:00 pm-end): MAX 10 volunteers (excluding team captains)

As you can see, there is a lot to do, but together we can make for a joyous and wonderful Christmas Dinner for our guests! If you are interested in helping, you can speak to Fr Shire or email him at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com

VACATION NOTICE

Fr. Humphrey will be on vacation between December 26 and January 5.

Fr. Shire will be away from St Thomas's starting on December 26 to February 1.

Eli McNeilly will be unavailable from December 26 to January 3.

Christine Cover will be away from December 26, returning January 2. Fr. Ipema will be in the office on December 27, 28 & 29.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 25, 2024

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 25. There will be a combined Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Friars' Guild. The meeting will commence at 12:30 pm.

The Vestry list is pinned to the notice board outside the parish hall. ***Please check to be certain your name is present.*** 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.

If your name is missing from the list, please write your name on the posted copy or speak to one of the members of the Parish Tribunal: the Wardens, the Rector, or the elected members, Earl Barnsley and Gerald Stuart. Alternatively, you can contact our parish administrator, Christine Cover, at office@stthomas.on.ca.

Need to write a report for Vestry? Please send your reports to Christine at office@stthomas.on.ca. The deadline is Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

CARING FOR OURSELVES AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

Now that we are spending more time indoors, we are seeing a rise in respiratory illnesses such as colds, influenza, RSV, and COVID-19. As in years past, maintaining good hand hygiene and masking are effective tools in limiting the spread of these viruses and infections, and of course when we are feeling ill, it is important to remain at home.

St. Thomas's is happy to provide surgical masks and N95 masks in the Narthex. Additionally, we have a limited supply of rapid antigen-tests for COVID-19 available upon request. If you would like one, please speak to Fr. Humphrey, Fr. Shire, or a sidesperson.

Navigating the various seasonal illnesses and treatments can be difficult, so be sure to ask your family doctor if you have medical questions or concerns. Should you find yourself feeling isolated during this period and, please let Fr. Humphrey or Fr. Shire know; they are always happy to be in touch.

KNOW A CHILD WHO LOVES TO SING?

The St. Thomas's Choristers welcomes all children, ages 7-17, to audition for our new children's choral program. The Choristers will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass, starting in Fall 2023. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. This is an extraordinary opportunity for free music education, with a focus on sacred music in the Anglican tradition. You can sign up for an audition using the Google Form at stthomas.on.ca/choristers, or by emailing Manuel Piazza at mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca.

HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING 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).

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera

app, or visit qrco.de/smokytoms. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. **We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex.**

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Philippians 4,
Psalm 85 (BCP 438)

(*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. (*Psalms*) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (18) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Jeremiah 23.5-8; Psalm 72.11-21 (BCP 418);
Matthew 1.18-25

TUESDAY (19) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Psalm 71.1-8 (BCP 416);
Luke 1.5-25

WED. (20) *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 (21) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 5:30 pm
St. Thomas the Apostle
BCP Propers page 262; Int. Ps 139.1-11
(BCP 509); Grad Ps 30.1-5 (BCP 363)

FRIDAY (22) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Propers: BCP 100; Collects: BCP 213 &
BCP 95; Introit: Ps 122 (BCP 498);
Gradual: Ps 133 (BCP 504)

SAT. (23) *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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