

DECEMBER 19, 2021
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Pages 102 & 95, Introit: Psalm 19.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 145.18-22

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST THOMAS'S

TODAY	ADVENT IV 8:00 am Low Mass 9:30 am Sung Mass 11:00 am High Mass 4:00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols
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 (<i>please register</i>) 9:30 am Sung Mass (<i>please register</i>) 11:00 am High Mass (<i>please register</i>) No Evensong
Mon. Dec. 27	Office Closed. Low Mass at 12:15
Tues. Dec. 28	Office Closed. Low Mass at 12:15
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

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

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 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.

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.

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 assistance 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 contribute if you are otherwise unable to help on Christmas Eve itself:

- 40 small baggies of mixed veggies
- 40 bags of nuts
- 40 bags of cookies or other baked items
- 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)
- Serving (6:00 - 7:00 pm)
- Setting Up (5:00 - 6:00 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. This will be a fantastic evening and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Festivities.

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 Blagrave, St Thomas's Envelope Secretary, at 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

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 102 & 95, Advent IV, Yr 2)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Isaiah 45.8, Psalm 19.1, Rorate

Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness / let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour. (Ps) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (20) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 24; Luke 1.26-38

TUESDAY (21) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Psalm 33.1-5,20-22;
Luke 1.39-45

WEDNESDAY (22) *Adv. Feria* (Violet)
12:15 pm
1 Samuel 1.19-28; Psalm 122; Luke 1.46-56

THURSDAY (23) *Adv. Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 25.1-15;
Luke 1.57-66

FRIDAY (24) **CHRISTMAS EVE** (White)
The Nativity of the Lord;
Early-Bird & Family Service 3:00 pm
Midnight Mass 9:30 pm

SATURDAY (25) **CHRISTMAS DAY** (White)
The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 am Low Mass (*BCP*)
10:00 am High Mass (*BCP*)

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