

DECEMBER 20, 2020

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Propers for Saturday 4:00 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 102 & 95, Introit: Psalm 19.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 145.18-22

EVENTS BETWEEN ADVENT IV AND THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ADVENT IV

- Sat. Dec. 19 4:00 pm Said Eucharist
Sun. Dec. 20 8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:30 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
11:00 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
4:00 pm The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
(Church closed; streamed online)
- Wed. Dec. 23 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Advent Education Series
- Thurs. Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:00 pm Family Service (Church closed; streamed online)
5:00 pm Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Coffee Hour on Zoom
10:30 pm Organ Recital (Church closed; streamed online)
11:00 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas
(Church closed; streamed online)
- Fri. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
10:00 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
- Sat. Dec 26 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
St Stephen the Martyr (Church open; please pre-register)

- Sun. Dec 27 **THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST**
 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)
- Mon. Dec 28 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
 The Holy Innocents (Church open; please pre-register)
- Tues. Dec 29 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
 Thomas Becket (Church open; please pre-register)
- Wed. Dec 30 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
 Feria in the Octave of Christmas (Church open; please pre-register)
- Thurs. Dec 31 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
 John West (Church open; please pre-register)
- Fri. Jan 1 12:15 pm **Said Mass in the Octave of Christmas**
 The Octave Day of Christmas (Church open; please pre-register)
- Sun. Jan 3 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
 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)
- Wed. Jan 6 **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
 7:00 pm Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
- Sun. Jan 10 **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
 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 Carols for the Feast of the Epiphany
 (Church closed; streamed online)

Confessions by appointment.
Please call Fr Brinton at 416-553-1905
or Fr D'Angelo at 647-461-6703 to make arrangements.

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.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR ON CHRISTMAS EVE at 9:00 pm

All are invited to gather together on zoom for a special coffee hour prior to the Midnight Mass. Look for a forthcoming e-mail closer to the date with zoom login information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST DURING THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

In order to enable parishioners to fulfill their obligation to receive Christmas communion, all who feel comfortable doing so are invited to participate in one of the celebrations of the Eucharist offered during the Octave of Christmas between Christmas Day and January 1st (all at 12:15 pm, except for on Christmas Day and on Sunday, December 27th when the mass time will be at 8:00 am instead).

Those who would like to receive communion this Christmas but do not feel comfortable attending services in the church, or cannot do so, are welcomed to contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo to see about making alternative arrangements.

Registration is required and will be limited to 8 congregants per Mass.

Please register by following the link on the parish website, or by calling Christine in the parish office. In order to ensure that there is room for all of those who would like to receive communion, we ask that communicants limit their registration to just one of the mass times that are on offer.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY will be meeting and serving on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25. We still need assistance to help make this meal possible. We are looking for parishioners to donate the following items:

60 hard-boiled eggs

60 bags of nuts or trail mix

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 need volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. We will be holding a Work Bee in the kitchen on Thursday, December 24 from 1-4PM, and the Christmas Day meal prep and service will run from 12 noon to 6:00PM. Feel free to come and assist at any of these sessions. 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.

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. If you wish, you can donate online at: <https://www.stthomas.on.ca/> and selecting "Donate Now" and "Donate to Christmas Flowers."

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 28, 2021

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 28, 2021. 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 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.