

DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 1, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEK

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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.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT SAINT THOMAS'S

To access online liturgies go to our website www.stthomas.on.ca

- Thurs. Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Online liturgies at 4 pm, 5 pm and 11 pm (Church closed)
- Fri. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67 Introit: Psalm 98.1-4; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers pg 107; Gradual: Psalm 98.5-7
10:00 am Sung Eucharist online (Church closed)
- Sat. Dec 26 **SAINT STEPHEN THE MARTYR**
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67 Introit: Ps 119, pt 3; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers, pg 108 & 104; Gradual: Ps 119, pt 21
- Sun. Dec 27 **SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67; Introit: Ps 92.1-4; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers pg 110 & 104; Gradual: Ps 92.12-15
9:30 am & 11 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)
- Mon. Dec 28 **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67; Introit: Ps 8.1-2; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers, pg 111 & 104; Gradual: Ps 124.5-7
- Tues. Dec 29 **FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; Please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67; Introit: Ps 93; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers: 1 John 2.7-11; Gradual: Ps 96.1-9; Luke 2.22-35

- Wed. Dec 30 **FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Introit: Ps 93; 1 John 2.12-17; Gradual: Ps 96.7-10; Luke 2.36-40
- Thurs. Dec 31 **FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**
John West, Missionary, the Red River, 1845
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; Please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67; Introit Ps 93; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers: 1 John 2.18-21; Gradual : Ps 96.1-2,11-13; John 1.1-18
- Fri. Jan 1 **THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS: THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD**
New Year's Day
12:15 pm Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
Pr Bk pg 67; Introit: Ps 8; Gloria in Excelsis pg 86;
Propers pg 115; Gradual: Ps 145.18-22

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 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

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST DURING THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

In order to enable parishioners to make their Christmas Communion, all who feel comfortable doing so are invited to participate in one of the in-person celebrations of the Eucharist offered during the Octave of Christmas between Christmas Day and January 1 (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). Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Church on Christmas Day to receive Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament after viewing one of the live streamed Eucharists. Registration and further information are available at the Eventbrite link on the website.

Those who would like to receive communion this Christmas but do not feel comfortable attending services in the church, or cannot do so, are welcome 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.

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

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.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPE SETS will be available for pick-up at the back of the church early in the new year for those attending services in person.

Arrangements are being made to mail out envelopes on request. If you would like your envelopes mailed to you directly, please contact Kevin envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca or call the office.

If you anticipate being able to attend services in-person once this current lockdown ends, please consider waiting until then to pick up your envelopes. Thank you.

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.