

DECEMBER 5, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Pages 97 & 95, Introit: Psalm 80.1-7; Gradual: Psalm 50.1-6

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY** **ADVENT II**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:30 am Sung Mass
11:00 am High Mass
4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Wed. Dec. 8 **Advent Bible Study** at 7:00 pm on Zoom
- Sun. Dec. 12 **ADVENT III**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (*please register*)
9:30 am Sung Mass (*please register*)
11:00 am High Mass (*please register*)
4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Wed. Dec. 15 **Advent Bible Study** at 7:00 pm on Zoom
- Sat. Dec. 18 10:30 am - **Advent Polishing Day** with the Altar Guild
- Sun. Dec. 19 **ADVENT IV**
4:00 pm **NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS***
- Fri. Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE***
3:00 pm Family Early-Bird Service
9:30 pm Recital followed by 10:00 pm High Mass
- Sat. Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY***
8:00 am Said Eucharist
10:00 am High Mass
- Sun. Dec. 26 **THE FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN**

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

RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS'S FOR 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 on EventBrite 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.

“Until the Son of God Appear”

A Three-Week Advent Bible Study

Reading the Prophets of Exile and Return in the Time of Pandemic

Wednesday, 8th and 15th at 7 pm on Zoom.

For further information, please contact Fr D'Angelo. Check this week's Thurible for Zoom login information.

Christmas is coming soon for the **FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY**, and we are planning a wonderful Christmas Eve Dinner on Friday, 24 December. Helping out with the FFM is a fantastic way to start the Christmas season, and we will need a lot of help 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 help out if you are otherwise unable to help on Christmas Eve itself:

- 40 bags of mixed veggies
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- 60 hardboiled eggs
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- 40 bags of nuts
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- 120 cookies
- 100 pairs of socks
- 100 pairs of gloves

In addition, we will be holding a special Thursday Bee on Thursday, December 23 (time TBA). 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)
- Setting Up (5:00 - 6:00 pm)
- Serving (6:00 - 7:00 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.

CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown is pleased once again to offer a full-colour printed church calendar for the coming year, including the Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and seasons of the Church Year, in accordance with the calendar from the Canadian Book of Common Prayer (1962). The cost is \$7.25 each plus postage and handling.

Further details can be found via this link: <https://www.stpeter.org/calen.html>.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 97 & 95, Advent II, Yr 2)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Isaiah 30 & Psalm 80.1

People of Zion behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations / and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. (Ps) Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (6) *Commem.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 342

Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 85.8-13; Luke 5.17-26

TUESDAY (7) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96; Matthew 18.12-14

WEDNESDAY (8) *Mem.* (White) 12:15 pm

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Introit: Ps 45.10-15; Isaiah 49.1b-3

Gradual: Ps 139.1-12; Luke 1.34-38

THURSDAY (9) *Mem.* (White) 5:30 pm

Prophets of the Old Testament

Introit: Ps 1.1-4; Hosea 14.1-7

Gradual: Ps 103.6-14; Mark 1.1-11

FRIDAY (10) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm

Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11.16-19

SATURDAY (11) *Feria* (Violet) 10:00 am

Sirach 48.1-11; Psalm 80.1-3,15-19;

Matthew 17.9-13

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