

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

QUINQUAGESIMA

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 136; Introit: Psalm 31.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 31.22-26

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY** **QUINQUAGESIMA**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (please pre-register)
9:30 am Sung Eucharist
11:00 am Sung Eucharist
4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong
4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)
- Mon. Feb 15 **Family Day** – office closed
Deadline for Vestry Reports
- Wed. Feb 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY** services at 11 am, 2 pm,
& streamed at 7 pm (*see article*)
- Sun. Feb 21 **LENT I**
- Wed. Feb 24 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic** (*see article*)
- Sun. Feb 28 **LENT II / VESTRY SUNDAY**
- Wed. Mar 3 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic**
- Sun. Mar 7 **LENT III**
- Wed. Mar 10 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic**
- Sun. Mar 14 **LENT IV**
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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.

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:
They were given in loving memory of Jack Allen Fader, by his wife Marlene,
and*

In loving memory of Jean and Doug Creighton by Dan and Jeff Josselyn-Creighton.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17

Please note: Two in-person services will be offered on Ash Wednesday at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm respectively, with cleaning done in-between gatherings. See the parish website for registration details.

There will also be a streamed service at 7:00 pm (without in-person attendance).

SIX WEEK INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN MEDITATION

Cost: No Charge or Obligation, but Donations are gratefully accepted

When: Saturdays during Lent from February 20th to March 27th at 10:00 am

Place: Online, via ZOOM Conference (accessible by computer AND phone)

In the Christian tradition, meditation is known as the prayer of the heart. This way of silent, imageless prayer, first recorded by the Desert Mothers and Fathers in the 4th century, is practiced right up to the present time. Christian meditation is open to all - from any tradition or none.

Regular practice has been found to develop focus, freedom from anxiety, self-awareness, greater mental resilience, and more compassion. In the process, you may discover your own true self, and relationship to the Divine.

To Register for the course, please go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/la-communaute-de-meditation-chretienmeditatio-meditatio-c/events/six-week-introductory-course-in-meditation/>

To Contact WCCM-Toronto:

Website - www.wccm-canada.ca

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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.

Under normal circumstances, in order to vote at Vestry, you must be 16 years old and 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 you have any questions or concerns about how the spirit of this requirement is meant to be applied during the restrictions caused by the pandemic, please direct them through the church office.

The deadline for Vestry reports is February 15, 2021. Please send your completed reports to Christine by e-mail.

THE EUCHARIST IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC:

Sacramental Theology for when you cannot receive the Sacrament

Four historic Anglo-Catholic parishes are joining forces to offer a special Wednesdays in Lent series at 7:00 pm each week via Zoom. The parishes leading this series are:

Saint John the Evangelist, Newport, RI <https://saintjohns-newport.org>

Fr Nathan Humphrey, Rector & Mr. John Lord, Director of Adult Christian Formation

Saint Paul's, Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY <https://stpaulscarrollst.org>

Fr William Ogburn, Rector

Saint Stephen's, Providence, RI <https://www.sstephens.org>

Fr Benjamin Straley, Rector

Saint Thomas's, Huron Street <https://www.stthomas.on.ca>

Fr Chris D'Angelo, Associate Priest

“The Eucharist in a time of Pandemic: Sacramental Theology for when you cannot receive the Sacrament,” will begin on Wednesday, February 24 and run for five sessions.

Wednesday, February 24

Foundations in Scripture with Fr D'Angelo & John Lord What are the Biblical roots of the Eucharist?

Wednesday, March 3

Patristic Development with Fr D'Angelo & John Lord How did the Church Fathers interpret the Biblical Witness?

Wednesday, March 10

Medieval Unfolding with Fr Straley & Fr Ogburn Amidst the Black Death, how was the Eucharist understood and practiced?

Wednesday, March 17

Reformation Response with Fr Ogburn & Fr Humphrey What lasting insights did the English Reformation impart?

Wednesday, March 24

Anglo-Catholic Synthesis with Fr Humphrey & Team Faculty How does Anglo-Catholic theology and practice promise life in the midst of death?

Please register through the link on the parish website or through the link provided in the weekly parish e-blast.