

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 38 (BCP 377); Genesis 13 & Matthew 9.1-17

Canticles in Lent: Benedicite (BCP 26) replaces Te Deum;

Benedictus (BCP 9) replaces Psalm 100

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Pages 140 & 138, Introit: Psalm 91.1-8 (BCP 448);

Tract: Psalm 91.9-16 (BCP 448)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

LENT I

7:30 am Mattins

8:00 am Low Mass (no music)

9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)

11:00 am High Mass (BCP)

1:00 pm - **Indigenous Justice Workshop and Discussion**

5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions (BCP)

Wed. Mar 1 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 5 **LENT II**

Wed. Mar 8 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 11 **Daylight Saving Time Begins** – clocks go forward 1 hour

Sun. Mar 12 **LENT III**

Wed. Mar 15 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sun. Mar 19 **LENT IV** (Rose Sunday)

Wed. Mar 22 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 25 **HIGH MASS OF THE ANNUNCIATION** – 11:00 am (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 26 **LENT V** (Passion Sunday)

Wed. Mar 29 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

All morning Masses are in-person. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists are livestreamed on YouTube, as is Evensong and Devotions at 5:00 pm.

THE COMMON CUP & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

TODAY AT 1:00 PM - INDIGENOUS JUSTICE WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION

1:00 pm in the Parish Hall (includes a light lunch)

Truth and reconciliation with God and others are central themes of our faith - how much more should learning the truth about and seeking reconciliation with those whom we have specifically and grievously wronged as a Church merit our attention? We hope you will commit to attending this in-person session, wherever your heart and mind may be on the issues, remembering that as a church, we are called to this work not primarily to address political issues, but to honour each other's dignity as human beings created in the image of God. We all stand in need of the grace that comes from honesty about the past and hope for the future.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES AT SUNDAY EVENSONGS

Beginning this Sunday, February 26, and running through the course of Lent we will be having guest preachers at our 5:00 pm Sunday Evensongs. These preachers will be giving short homilies on the appointed lessons to provide deeper reflection on the scriptures during this season. The roster of guest preachers includes:

February 26: The Reverend Canon Doctor Alyson Barnett-Cowan: The immediate Past President of the Canadian Council of Churches and Honorary Assistant at St. Martins-in-the-Fields.

March 5: The Reverend Doctor Ephraim Radner: Professor of Historical Theology at Wycliffe College.

March 12: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer: Archdeacon for the South Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Toronto and Incumbent of Christ Church Deer Park.

March 19: The Reverend Doctor Geoffrey Ready: Director of the Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College and Priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission.

March 26: The Right Reverend Doctor Stephen Andrews: Principal and Helliwell Professor of Biblical Interpretation, and Principal of Wycliffe College.

Each preacher will bring their own experiences, education, and insight to help us understand and reflect on the various readings this season. We welcome our guest preachers and hope you will join us over at Evensong this Lent.

THE SPIRIT OF MUSIC IN COMMUNITY: LECTURE-RECITAL SERIES

Wednesdays in March, at 7:30 pm

This free series at St Thomas's will feature five Toronto performers, composers, and artistic directors. You can attend one or all of the evenings, by registering through our website at www.stthomas.on.ca. Click on the blue button that says 'To register for the above events, please click here,' and you will have an opportunity to register through Eventbrite. Presenters for each week are:

March 1: Larry Beckwith

March 8: Ian Cusson

March 15: Stephanie Martin

March 22: Waleed Abdulhamid

March 29: John Abberger

JOINT HIGH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am

We will welcome parishioners, clergy, and musicians from St. Mary Magdalene's for a joint High Mass for the Annunciation on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am. Fr. Eric Beresford will be our preacher that day.

UNIVERSITY BIBLE STUDY

University students of all levels are welcome to participate in our weekly Bible study. We meet every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Fr. Freeland Room. We are currently reading through Galatians and will begin reading Ecclesiastes in February. Our hope is to offer a place of bonding and support for the shared experiences, questions, and struggles that face in their journey of faith, even as we are enriched by each other's unique paths and by our study.

In addition, we often meet for socials and other activities and events and they will be announced as they are scheduled.

If you're interested, feel free simply to drop in to our social or Bible Study night, or e-mail Fr. Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

THE TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/TORONTO'S FIRST POST OFFICE

holds a fundraising gala every year on March 6, the anniversary of the Town of York becoming the City of Toronto 189 years ago. This year it takes place in The St. Lawrence Hall at 7:00 pm. The main speaker is Jesse Wentz, a nationally - renowned film critic, broadcaster, Indigenous advocate, author, and pop culture philosopher. He will be joined by the Native Earth Performing Arts group, who will share a piece of their upcoming performance. There will be a silent auction, tickets for food and drink. Tickets are \$50.00 for non-members, \$40.00 for members. Memberships are \$30.00. All available at TOs189th.Eventbrite.ca.

The Historical Society is responsible for the running of Toronto's first post office at 260 Adelaide Street East. There is a museum and gift shop on the site. It is a charitable organization. See Maureen Somerville for more details.

PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS

To submit prayer requests, please email prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca or call Christine at 416-979-2323 x 4 to provide details. Please let us know whether you want the person included (1) on the weekly intercessions list to be prayed for daily at Mass and/or (2) in the private prayers of our prayer and care team. Let us know also if a follow-up might be required, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a clergy call or visit.

THE CORNERSTONE ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVE

Seeking Your Feedback - Preliminary Accessibility Link Concept

At Vestry, Fr. Humphrey presented a preliminary concept developed by KPMB Architects for the accessibility link—the cornerstone project of *Our Heritage Is Our Future*. Fr. Humphrey's presentation can be seen here:
<https://youtu.be/RPJux-iVo90?t=3232>.

The Accessibility Link Working Group (ALWG) would like your feedback on the concept. To provide feedback on the concept, please go to:
<https://forms.gle/fsBYDooBCpA9sn2o7>

Feedback can be provided up to March 5th. Many thanks for sending along your thoughts on this important project.

Accessibility Link Working Group:

Greg Colucci, Willem Hart, Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rob Kennedy (chair),
Michael Rowland, Janet Stewart, Lorne Swan

TAX RECEIPTS

All 2022 donation receipts have been sent out. If you have not received either an email or a letter containing your receipt, please contact Kevin Blagrave envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca or call the office.

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS

During the season of Lent, it is fitting for us to slow our pace and spend time quieting ourselves, that we may more fully turn our attention toward Christ. We encourage you to begin this time of worship with a few moments of recollection and stillness, preparing yourself – body and mind – for participation in this holy mystery.

You may choose to sit in silence, engage in your own personal devotion, or privately say the prayers below.

PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ¹

Almighty, everlasting God, I, I draw nigh to the Sacrament of thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of thine exceeding bounty, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be expedient for the health of my soul. Grant me, I beseech thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the body of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into his mystical Body and accounted among his members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold for ever face to face. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

¹ Loren Gavitt, ed., *The Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*. Rev. ed. (West Park: Holy Cross Publication, 2005), 96–97

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE MASS ²

In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O great and good God, I have come into thy presence to share in offering to thee the great Sacrifice of thy Blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ (and to receive the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the same Jesus Christ) in remembrance of his life, death and Passion, and in thanksgiving for all thy blessings bestowed upon thy whole Church and on me a most unworthy sinner. I desire to offer (and to receive) with all the love and contrition of which I am capable, in conformity with those sacred intentions wherewith our Saviour instituted and our holy Mother the Church ever offers it. I wish, then, to offer (and to receive) it:

- 1) For thy greater glory;
- 2) For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of Christ;
- 3) To give thee thanks for all the blessings thou has bestowed, especially...
- 4) To ask thy help in any matter I have in hand, especially...
- 5) To ask thee to bless all my friends and relations, especially ...
- 6) For the dead, especially ...

Bless the Priest who is to preside at this oblation. Bless all the people who are here to participate in this glorious action, and all who would like to be here. Convert all sinners. Heal the anguish of the world. And have mercy upon all the faithful departed. O God accept all my prayers during this holy service of our bounden duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

² Ibid., 55–56.

HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING ST. THOMAS'S WEEKLY E-MAIL OF THE THURIBLE?

If not, would you like to? The easiest way to get on our mailing list is through our website, at www.stthomas.on.ca/newsletter-signup. Just fill in the form and click 'subscribe,' and you will be included on our next mailing (usually on Saturdays).



St. Thomas's relies on the generosity of those whose offerings reflect gratitude for God's own generosity to us. To make a secure gift online, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera app, or visit qrco.de/smokytops. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to fill out the online form. **We no longer pass the plate, so if you want to give the old-fashioned way, an alms basin is available in the narthex.**

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 140, 138, Lent I, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Psalm 91.15-16a,1

(*Antiphon*) He shall call upon me, and I will hear him / yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him. (*Psalm*)

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (27) *Commem.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633

Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Ps 19.7-14 (BCP 351); Matthew 25.31-46

TUESDAY (28) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Isaiah 55.10-11; Ps 34.1-8 (BCP 369);

Matthew 6.7-15

WED. (1) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm

BCP Propers, page 210, Collect page 138

Introit: Ps 84.8-13 (BCP 438);

Tract: Ps 141.1-4 (BCP 512)

THURSDAY (2) *Commem.* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

The Additions to Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14;

Ps 138 (BCP 508); Matthew 7.7-12

FRIDAY (3) *Ember Day* (Violet) 12:15 pm

BCP Propers, page 142, Collect page 138

Introit: Ps 89.1-4 (BCP 443);

Tract: Ps 22.22-26 (BCP 355)

SAT. (4) *Ember Day* (Violet) 10:00 am

BCP Propers, page 100, Collect page 138

Introit: Ps 72.17 (BCP 419);

Tract: Ps 85.8-13 (BCP 439)

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