

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 134; Introit: Psalm 44.24-27; Gradual: Psalm 17.6-9

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

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8:00 am Said Eucharist (please pre-register)

9:30 am Sung Eucharist

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

12:15 **Special Vestry Meeting** (on Zoom)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Tues. Feb 10 **Society of Mary** 7:00 pm on Zoom (*see article*)

Sun. Feb 14 **QUINQUAGESIMA**

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**

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 VESTRY MEETING

There will be a special Vestry meeting today at 12:15 pm on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to approve an application for a Mabel A. Carleton Fund grant from the Diocese of Toronto in support of the installation of central air conditioning in the Rectory. The Carleton Fund was established to provide funds for the repair and renovation of parish owned rectories.

SOCIETY OF MARY

The January meeting of the Society of Mary will take place on **Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom.

We will recite the Rosary and follow with time to chat.

All are welcome; If you would like to participate please contact the Ward Secretary, Michael Degan, at [*degan.mike@gmail.com*](mailto:degan.mike@gmail.com)

FR BRINTON is away from the parish until February 13. During this time please be in touch with Fr D'Angelo at [*frdangelo@stthomas.on.ca*](mailto:frdangelo@stthomas.on.ca) or 416 461-6703

A CHANGE TO THE FORMAT OF EVENSONG AND DEVOTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Musical Prelude, Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom: Sundays at 4:00 pm

In order to minimize the number of gatherings on Sundays in the church, a plainchant evensong (without devotions) will be offered at 4:00 pm on Zoom on Sundays until further notice.

The time will begin with a ten to fifteen-minute musical prelude, followed by evensong and concluding with coffee hour.

The intention is for this service to have a similar feel to the celebrations of the Eucharist that were offered on Zoom from March to August of last year.

Typically, coffee hour, a time to visit and check in with one another, was held on Wednesday evenings over the past year. Sundays after evensong will now be the regular time for coffee hour for the time being.

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).

HOW ELECTIONS AT VESTRY WILL WORK DURING THE PANDEMIC

As is usually the case prior to Vestry, nominations for Deputy People's Warden, Members of Advisory Board, Sidespeople, Envelope Secretary, Communications Committee, Property Committee, and Parochial Tribunal will be received by the Nominating Committee by February 10, 2021. Because of pandemic restrictions, the usual nomination forms will not be available at the church. To submit a nomination, please email the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Elizabeth Barnsley at eebarnsley@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 416-467-0481.

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?

If you are already on the St Thomas's email list, you will receive instructions on how to join the series.