

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 27 (BCP 360); Isaiah 43.14 - 44.5; Te Deum;  
Ephesians 1; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 124; Introit: Psalm 66.1-3 (BCP 408);  
Gradual: Psalm 107.8-9 (BCP 472)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### TODAY

#### EPIPHANY II

7:30 am Mattins

8:00 am Low Mass (no music)

9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)

11:00 am High Mass (BCP)

5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions (BCP)

Tues. Jan 17 **SOCIETY OF MARY** – 6:45 pm

Wed. Jan 18 **Reading Biblical Hebrew** – 7:00 pm (*see article*)

Sat. Jan 21 **HIGH MASS OF REQUIEM FOR FR. BRIAN FREELAND** – 4:00 pm

Sun. Jan 22 **EPIPHANY III**

Wed. Jan 25 **Workshop and Discussion on Indigenous Issues** – 7:00 pm  
**Reading Biblical Hebrew** – 7:00 pm

Sun. Jan 29 **EPIPHANY IV**

Wed. Feb 1 **Advisory Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm on Zoom

Thurs. Feb 2 **CANDLEMAS** – 6:30 pm

Sun. Feb 5 **EPIPHANY V/SEPTUAGESIMA**

Sun. Feb 12 **EPIPHANY VI/SEXAGESIMA**

Sun. Feb 19 **EPIPHANY VII/QUINQUAGESIMA & VESTRY SUNDAY**

10:30 am Combined Mass

11:45 am Light Lunch

12:30 pm Vestry Meeting

## **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.

## **SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

An excellent way to "give back" to St. Thomas's is to become a sidesperson. You are the first person whom visitors see, and you will eventually meet the entire St. T's community. Distributing booklets, handling offerings, and answering questions are important too. The time investment for this critical ministry is minimal but the rewards are great. Please contact Anneli Pekkonen at [anneli@sympatico.ca](mailto:anneli@sympatico.ca) for more information.

## **OMICRON VACCINE CLINICS**

at St Stephen's in-the-Fields - 103 Bellevue Avenue at College Street, west of Spadina

The next community vaccine clinics are scheduled for **Monday, January 16, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm**; **Sunday, January 22, from 9:00 to 2:00 pm**; and **Friday, January 27, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**. These are walk-in clinics, so no appointment is necessary.

## **SOCIETY OF MARY MEETING - January 17 at 6:45 pm**

Beginning this coming Tuesday, our Ward of the Society of Mary will be reading and reflecting on Rowan Williams' short book *Ponder These Things: Praying with Icons of the Virgin*. We will have copies of the readings available, but if you have the book, please do bring it along! Join us in the undercroft of St. Thomas's at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, January 17, as we unearth the rich meaning in these icons of our Lady. We will continue with Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 pm in the church. Feel free to contact [jess.nee@gmail.com](mailto:jess.nee@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **READING BIBLICAL HEBREW: THE BOOK OF JONAH**

Starting January 18, at 7:00 pm, on Zoom

Building on the *Foundation Course for Reading Biblical Hebrew* held in the fall of 2022, St. Thomas's is pleased to support the follow-up program *Reading Biblical Hebrew: The Book of Jonah*, for those who have done the foundation course or already have some equivalent knowledge of Biblical Hebrew. This course will take place on Zoom over five weeks.

If you would like further information, or don't have any background or experience with Hebrew but are interested in auditing, please speak to John Stuart.

## **MEMORIAL HIGH MASS OF REQUIEM FOR FR. BRIAN FREELAND**

January 21, at 4:00 pm

Saint Thomas's will be holding a Memorial High Mass of Requiem for the repose of the soul of Brian Freeland, priest, on Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews will be the preacher, and the Music of the Mass will be the Requiem in D minor, Op. 48, by Gabriel Fauré.

This Requiem will also be live streamed. If you cannot attend in person, please go to our website ([www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca)) just before 4:00 pm next Saturday and click on the YouTube link.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Christine Cover at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) so that we have a rough number in regard to the refreshments.

A volunteer with access to a car would be greatly appreciated on Saturday afternoon, so that trays of food from Metro can be transported to St Thomas's. We also will need some people in the Parish Hall, to assist in the set up, and the cleanup afterwards. Please contact Christine, if you can help.

## **WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES**

January 25, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall

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.

Please see the Thurible for links to background information, or contact Andrew Gray [agray@torys.com](mailto:agray@torys.com) or Jess Nee [jess.nee@gmail.com](mailto:jess.nee@gmail.com).

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 19, 2023**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 19. There will be a Combined Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch. The meeting will begin at 12:30 pm.

The Vestry list is pinned to the notice board outside the parish hall. ***Please check to be certain your name is present.*** 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.

If your name is missing from the list, please write your name on the posted copy or speak to one of the members of the Parish Tribunal: the Wardens, the Rector, or the elected members, Earl Barnsley and Gerald Stuart. Alternatively, you can contact our parish administrator, Christine Cover, at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca).

**Need to write a report for Vestry?** Please send your reports to Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca).

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Coordinator Siobhán Dungan invites **children ages 4 to 11** to be brought to the undercroft (accessed by descending the steps near the south entrance) on Sundays anytime after 10:45 a.m. The children learn about the Eucharist and Jesus' life and teachings through stories, singing, colouring, and fun exercises. Siobhán brings them upstairs to the church in time to sing the Lord's Prayer with the congregation and receive a blessing. They then return to the undercroft, where parents pick them up after the end of the service. If you have any questions, please email Siobhán at [siobhandungan@rogers.com](mailto:siobhandungan@rogers.com).

In addition to children aged 4 and up, Siobhán welcomes **younger siblings** to sit in on Church School, as she has a helper who has babysitting training. Siobhán is in the same room as the babysitter to provide additional supervision and support. Parents are always welcome to stay as long as necessary for the children to acclimatize to the environment.

In addition, we are looking for a volunteer **Nursery Care Coordinator** (NCC) amongst our parishioners, who can advertise for nursery workers using various websites. This position is purely administrative and carries no expectation that the coordinator will serve in the nursery or even sub for any workers. With a babysitter available in the Sunday School area in the undercroft, we will always have a Plan B, but we do want to organize a rota of **paid nursery workers** to make managing the Church School a little easier on Siobhán! If you are interested in the volunteer NCC position or are qualified to work as an hourly paid care provider, please be in touch with the Rector at [frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca). Referrals to trustworthy individuals and staffing services are always welcome!

## PASTORAL PRAYER & CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

### *Do we know your end-of-life wishes?*

Though death and dying never rank high on the list of people's favourite topics, they are important ones. When approaching the first of these last things, death, our loved ones and care providers will need to make decisions on our behalf—decisions that they hope will honour our wishes. This will be a tender time for those who love us. And as your church community, **we want to know how best to care for you and your loved ones when this time comes.**

If you haven't already thought through these questions, we invite you to do so now.

- Would you like the church to know if you have a health emergency? How will the clergy be notified?
- How would you like the church to accompany you through your last days?
- When you die, how will people know if you would like your funeral to be held at St. Thomas's? Do you have any special requests for the service?
- Is there anyone you would want us to reach out to in care and support?
- Do you have a will? Do you know the best way to make a charitable bequest, even if you don't think you will have very much to give?

Setting up each of the above takes some time and effort, but will help to ensure that things happen the way you hope. If you need assistance, please email [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) for details about making these arrangements. We would be happy to sit down and talk these things through with you, or refer you to professionals who can help. (Likewise, if you happen to be a professional in any of these areas, let us know; we are always expanding and updating our contacts.)

If you have already made plans, please ensure that St. Thomas's has access to them. With the recent transitions in clergy leadership, we are still in the process of reviewing and refining the systems we use to ensure that funeral planning, bequests, legacy gifts, and memorials may be found in a central repository regardless of who is on staff. Even if you have already given us a list of your wishes, it might be a good idea to check with us, just to be on the safe side.

As Romans 14:8 reminds us, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. At St. Thomas's, we want to live and die confident in this faith, and to that end, we hope you will keep in touch with us at any time via [prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca), knowing that you are in our prayers now and evermore.

## 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](http://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](http://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, 124, Pr 2, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: 66.3 (BCP 408)  
& 1 (BCP 331)

(*Antiphon*) All the world shall worship thee / sing of thee, and praise thy Name. (*Psalm*) O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (16) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Hebrews 5.1-10; Psalm 110 (BCP 477);  
Mark 2.18-22

TUESDAY (17) *Memorial* (White) 5:30 pm  
*Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356*  
Introit: Ps 145.8-13 (BCP 516); Song of  
Solomon 8.6-7; Gradual: Ps 91.9-16 (BCP  
448); Mark 10.17-21

WED. (18) **HOLY DAY** (White) 12:15 pm  
*The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle*  
Introit Ps 18.1-7; Acts 4.8-13; Gradual Ps 23  
(BCP 356); Matthew 16.13-19

THURSDAY (19) *Commem.* (Green) 5:30 pm  
*Henry, Bishop of Finland*  
Hebrews 7.23 - 8.7; Psalm 40.9-14, 20-22  
(BCP 380); Mark 3.7-12

FRIDAY (20) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Hebrews 8.6-13; Psalm 85.7-13 (BCP 441);  
Mark 3.13-19

SAT. (21) *Commemoration* (Green) 10:00 am  
*Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304*  
Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47 (BCP 389);  
John 8.51-59

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