

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 119, Pts 3 & 4 (BCP 486); Isaiah 48.12-end; Te Deum;  
Ephesians 3; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 128; Introit: Psalm 98.1-7 (BCP 455);  
Gradual: Psalm 98.8-10 (BCP 455)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>EPIPHANY IV</b><br>7:30 am Mattins<br>8:00 am Low Mass (no music)<br>9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)<br>11:00 am High Mass (BCP)<br>5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions (BCP) |
| Wed. Feb 1   | <b>Advisory Board Meeting</b> – 7:00 pm via Google Meet<br><b>Reading Biblical Hebrew</b> – 7:00 pm   |
| Thurs. Feb 2 | <b>CANDLEMAS</b> – 6:30 pm  |
| Sun. Feb 5   | <b>EPIPHANY V/SEPTUAGESIMA</b><br><b>Acolyte Introduction at Evensong</b> – 5:00 pm ( <i>see article</i> )  |
| Wed. Feb 8   | <b>Reading Biblical Hebrew</b> – 7:00 pm  |
| Sun. Feb 12  | <b>EPIPHANY VI/SEXAGESIMA</b>   |
| Sun. Feb 19  | <b>EPIPHANY VII/QUINQUAGESIMA &amp; VESTRY SUNDAY</b><br>10:30 am Combined Mass<br>11:45 am Light Lunch<br>12:30 pm Vestry Meeting                                |
| Mon. Feb 20  | <b>Family Day – Office Closed</b>   |
| Wed. Feb 22  | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> – 6:30 pm  |
| Sun. Feb 26  | <b>LENT I</b><br><b>Indigenous Justice Workshop and Discussion</b> – 1:00 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.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTISED OR CONFIRMED?** Please e-mail Fr. Humphrey at [frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca) by Sunday, February 19.

## **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).

## **ACOLYTE INDUCTION – Sunday, February 5 at Evensong**

The Acolytes Guild invites the parish to Evensong on Sunday, February 5 at 5:00 pm where we will be formally inducting members into the guild. The Induction of Acolytes is a practice and tradition at St. Thomas's where we formally welcome people into the guild and into the sanctuary to participate and join in the ministry around the altar. There will be a light reception following the service.

If you would like to contribute to the reception, please email Fr. James Shire at [frshire@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frshire@stthomas.on.ca).

## **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 in the parish hall. The meeting itself will begin at 12:30 pm, and it will take place in the church, so that it can be livestreamed to Zoom, thus allowing those joining us remotely to ask questions (only those physically present will be eligible to vote).

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).

**Writing a report for Vestry? The deadline is February 5!** Please send your reports to [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca).

**Want to view reports** already submitted? Please see our website at [www.stthomas.on.ca/reports-vestry-meeting-2023](http://www.stthomas.on.ca/reports-vestry-meeting-2023).

## **UPDATING SAINT THOMAS'S DATABASE**

Have you moved in the last year or two? Did you change your e-mail address or phone number? *Did you remember to let us know at Saint Thomas's?*

If you need to update your information, please send an e-mail to Christine, or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

## **RESCHEDULED! INDIGENOUS JUSTICE WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION**

Sunday February 26, at 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.

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).

## **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](mailto:frshire@stthomas.on.ca) if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

## **SECURITY AT SAINT THOMAS'S**

Our parish hall is used Monday through Friday every week, and the church is often occupied as well. Sometimes groups meet in the St Agnes Chapel, the Fr Freeland Room, and St Elmo's Room above the Parish Hall.

With all these comings and goings, we need to be very careful about security. Before you leave for the evening, please take a few moments to ensure that entry points are secure in the area you've occupied - check the windows and doors, and close and lock them accordingly. Most important, when you go outside at the end of your event, please be certain any door that you pass through is properly closed and locked behind you.

**If your event is cancelled, please let the office know immediately.** Our rooms are in high demand sometimes, and we would rather not turn people away who could use the space. The other reason we need to know is if the building is going to stand empty, we can lock up early, thus eliminating the need for someone to wait around, or worse, make a special trip to St. Thomas's in order to check security.

## **ACCESSIBILITY: CALL FOR IDEAS**

Work continues on our important project to make St. Thomas's fully accessible. While we await the building of the much-anticipated accessibility link, we are **exploring little things that we can do right now to improve accessibility** to and within our buildings (e.g., lever handles for doors, grab bars for bathroom stalls). We want to know what would make a difference to you! If you have any ideas about what we could do that would help, please email me at [cgh4857@outlook.com](mailto:cgh4857@outlook.com). I will check to see what can be done. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Carol Guen Hart, Deputy Rector's Warden

## 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.

## ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Spring Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers following Easter Day.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00.

Dates available following Easter include April 30 (Easter III - Lady Altar), May 7 (Easter IV – High Altar), June 4 (Trinity Sunday – Lady Altar), and June 11 (Corpus Christi – both the High Altar and Lady Altar). There are several more ‘holes’ in the schedule over the summer.

Please contact Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.

## 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/smokytoms](http://qrco.de/smokytoms). 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, 128, Pr 4, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Psalm 105

(*Antiphon*) Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord / Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore (*Psalm*) O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the peoples what things he hath done. Glory be...(Repeat *Antiphon*)

MONDAY (30) *Commem.* (Red) 12:15 pm  
*Charles Stuart,*

*King of England and Scotland, 1649*

Hebrews 11.32-40; Psalm 31.22-28 (BCP 366); Mark 5.1-20

TUESDAY (31) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm  
Hebrews 12.1-4; Psalm 22.23-31 (BCP 356); Mark 5.21-43

WED. (1) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15; Psalm 103.1-2,13-18 (BCP 460); Mark 6.1-6

THURSDAY (2) **HOLYDAY** (White) 5:30 pm  
*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*  
Solemn Eucharist 6:30 pm  
BCP Propers, page 266  
Introit: Ps 48.1-12 (BCP 390);  
Gradual: Ps 48.13-15 (BCP 390)

FRIDAY (3) *Commem.* (Green) 12:15 pm  
*Anskar, Missionary Bishop in Sweden, 865*  
Hebrews 13.1-8; Psalm 27.1-11 (BCP 360);  
Mark 6.14-29

SATURDAY (4) *Feria* (Green) 10:00 am  
Hebrews 13.9-17,20-21; Psalm 23 (BCP 356); Mark 6.30-34

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