

JUNE 20, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 221, Introit: Psalm 25.16-22; Gradual: Psalm 7.9-12

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

TRINITY III

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

4:00 pm - Eve of National Indigenous Day

Special Evensong with Mother Leigh Kern (*see article*)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Wed. June 23 7:30 pm – **Praying with the Masters Today**

Thurs. June 24 12:15 pm – **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. June 27 **TRINITY IV**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Tues. June 29 12:15 pm – **THE FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL**

Wed. June 30 7:30 pm – **Praying with the Masters Today**

Sun. July 4 **THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

Sun. July 11 **SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA**

Sun. July 18 **TRINITY VII**

Sun. July 25 **SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

LIMITED RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS'S FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP at 8 am and 11 am

Provincial and Diocesan protocols now permit us to re-open with limited attendance so that physical distancing can be maintained. At St Thomas's this effectively means a total of 40 people at one time. We look forward to welcoming congregations at 8 and 11 am beginning June 13. For contact tracing purposes, please register on EventBrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling 416 979-2323 x 4.

Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted. With a congregation present, more of the liturgy at 11 am will be said than was the case on youtube during lockdown.

The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists will continue on YouTube and the 4:00 pm Recital, Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Fr D'Angelo and I are available to administer the sacraments in person. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us. We urge you to get vaccinated, not only for your own safety but for the good of all. Let us know if we can help facilitate that. Pray for all those in our province and city affected by Covid 19, and around the world where vaccines are not readily available. May God give our leaders the wisdom to ensure that people everywhere have access to this protection.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev'd Canon David Brinton OGS
Interim Priest-in-Charge

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Social Justice Committee wishes to draw the attention of the parish to two opportunities for education on important social justice issues:

AURA Refugee Day fundraiser. On June 20 at 1 pm, AURA (the group that facilitates our refugee sponsorships) is hosting a fundraiser for World Refugee Day to celebrate the strength and courage of refugees around the world. Special guest Hassan Al Kontar, also known as the "Man @ the Airport," will read a passage from his book and hold an interactive Q&A with the audience. Tickets are available for \$25 from www.auraforrefugees.org/wrd2021.

St Olave's anti-racism panel. St Olave, Swansea, the parish led by our former Associate Priest, Fr. Rob Mitchell, is holding a moderated Zoom panel discussion about anti-racism and allyship on June 27 at 6:00 pm. The panelists are: Bishop Chris Harper, Diocese of Saskatoon, Royson James, columnist for the Toronto Star and Bhutila Karpoche, MPP Parkdale-High Park. To receive the event link, email stolaves@stolaves.ca with your first and last names.

TODAY - INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND SPECIAL EVENSONG

June is Indigenous History Month in which we remember the First Nations, Inuit and Metis people of Canada. Close to 70,000 Indigenous people live in the city of Toronto.

The land on which St Thomas's Huron Street gathers is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-sho-nee) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations and the Métis (may-tee) Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923.

Mother Leigh Kern, the Right Relations Coordinator in our own Diocese and a priest with the Toronto Urban Native Ministry shares that "Elders have called us into a prayerful observation of a period of mourning, in light of the tragic uncovering of the remains of 215 children in an unmarked grave at Kamloops Residential School." She shares a virtual resource package to observe Indigenous People's History month throughout June.

At Saint Thomas's, we will mark the National Indigenous Day of Prayer at a **special evensong**. The evensong will feature a recorded homily of Mother Leigh Kern.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather as a Parish on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples especially at this time of tremendous loss.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY continues to meet and we need assistance with our dinner on Friday, June 25. In particular, we are looking for people to help prepare things at home for us to serve. Specifically, we need:

3 loaves of tuna salad sandwiches on brown	40 veggie bags
3 loaves of tuna salad sandwiches on white	40 veggie bags
3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on brown	40 small bags of cookies
3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on white	40 brownies

Please contact Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com if you are able to assist. Fr James will give you instructions and protocols to follow when preparing these items to ensure everyone's safety.

Praying with the Masters Today

Four Wednesdays in June from 7:30 to 8:30 pm on Zoom:
June 9, 16, 23 and 30



Praying Monk, 1826, Johann
Friedrich Overbeck,
National Gallery of Art,
Washington, D.C.

June 9 - Introduction—What is Christian Mysticism?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q48GAOajGbU>

June 16 - *Contemplative Insights from Early Christianity*—
Origen of Alexandria, Evagrius Ponticus, John Cassian
and Gregory the Great
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNJuviWD2-A>

June 23 - *Lectio Divina and Contemplatio*—Contribution
of the Cistercians and Carthusians
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOPHXXKIPI5M>

June 30 - Meister Eckhart and Julian of Norwich on
Prayer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVIE52n7wxQ>

Zoom login details will be sent out each week through
the parish's weekly mailchimp e-blast.

Participants are asked to watch the assigned Youtube video on their own before attending each session (see the links above). Each meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the content of the video as a group.

These four lectures by Bernard McGinn were presented in 2017 as part of the 34th annual John Main Seminar hosted by the World Council of Christian Meditation (WCCM) USA at the University of St Thomas in Houston, Texas.

Professor Bernard McGinn is the Naomi Shenstone Donnelley Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology and of the History of Christianity at the University of Chicago Divinity School