

**JUNE 6, 2021**

**THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

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**Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:**

Introit: Psalm 81.1-10, 16; Collects page 169 (2), and 217; Epistle page 169;

Gradual: Psalm 145.16-17, Gospel pg 621

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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**TODAY**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

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

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

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

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Wed. June 9 7:30 pm – **Praying with the Masters Today** (*see article*)

Sun. June 13 **TRINITY II**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

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

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

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

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Wed. June 16 7:30 pm – **Praying with the Masters Today**

Sun. June 20 **TRINITY III - Eve of National Indigenous Day**

4:00 pm Special Evensong with Mother Leigh Kern (*see article*)

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

Sun. June 27 **TRINITY IV**

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

Sun. July 4 **THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

## LIMITED RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS'S FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

The most recent stay at home order has now ended.

The 8 am Said Eucharist is open again for up to 10 people including clergy. Registration is on Eventbrite via the website or by calling the parish office.

The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists continue on YouTube and the 4:00 pm Recital, Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom. We are grateful to the clergy, servers and musicians willing to serve us in this way.

Fr D'Angelo and I are available to administer the sacraments in person in urgent situations. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us.

Pray for all those in our province and city affected by Covid 19 and especially for medical personnel at this critical time.

Yours faithfully,

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

**THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY** continues to meet and we need assistance with our dinner on Friday, June 11. 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
- 3 loaves of tuna salad sandwiches on white
- 3 loaves of egg salad sandwiches on brown
- 3 loaves of egg salad sandwiches on white
- 3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on brown
- 3 loaves of salmon sandwiches on white
- 40 hardboiled eggs
- 40 veggie bags
- 40 small bags of cookies
- 40 brownies

Please contact Fr James Shire at [fridayfoodministry@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND SPECIAL EVENSONG ON JUNE 20

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 (hoden-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 on June 20**. 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Painting the Rectory Basement and Undercroft Clean-Up

When the lockdown is lifted, would you be willing to lend a hand? A group of volunteers is needed to paint the walls and floor of the Rectory basement, and another group is required for a major clean-up of the undercroft – some heavy lifting will be involved.

We'll schedule the work for early June and plan it with COVID guidelines in mind so that everyone will be safe.

If you would like to help please contact Rob Kennedy, [kennedy@bell.net](mailto:kennedy@bell.net), and let him know your availability.

## 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