

FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The final draft of the text for the Parish Profile has been completed. The published version of the Profile will incorporate graphics, including photographs of activities taken at various events in the life of the parish.

If you do not wish to appear in any the photos used, please notify the committee as soon as possible at parishselection@stthomas.on.ca.

We are currently expecting the Parish Profile to be completed and released around the middle of March.

We ask for your prayers for the parish in this time of transition, and for the members of the PSC - Alice, Andrew, Anna, Bob, Jessica, Lorne, Michael and Pat.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Be still and know that I am God



There are two weekly meditation groups meeting at St Thomas's, and they run separately:

- Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in St Agnes's Chapel below the Church.
- Wednesdays at Noon to 1:00 pm in the Fr Freeland Room at the back of the Parish Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

Inquirers are always welcome to audit one or more sessions. No prior experience in meditation is necessary to join a group. Both sessions use the same focus and material each week. You are welcome to attend either, as your timetable permits.

For more information please contact Fr Brian Bartley.



THE MANDARIN MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

We welcome you to the family of Saint Thomas's Church. Our Mandarin fellowship starts at 5:00 pm every Monday. We hope that the Chinese community can be a harbour of love for you, and a place where we can experience God's presence and grace together.

Contact person: Michael Liu.

MARCH 1, 2020

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Thomas's Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto, ON M5S 2G5
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Nursery Care is available during the 11:00 am Service.

Church School is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

Coffee Hour: After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

Need Assistance? The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	LENT I Lent education event following 11:00 am Mass (<i>see article</i>) Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sat. Mar 7	Lenten Quiet Day at St Bart's (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Mar 8	LENT II - daylight saving time begins Lent education event following 11 am Mass Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm
Wed. Mar 11	Society of Mary - 6:15 to 8:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Thurs. Mar 12	Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Mar 15	LENT III Lent education event following 11 am Mass Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm
Thurs. Mar 19	Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study at 11 am



AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO DEEPER THIS LENT

This Lent, a course is being offered for anyone interested in renewing or deepening their practice of the Christian faith, including those who are preparing for adult confirmation. The text for the course is *Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality* by Julia Gatta. The proposed meeting dates include the following Sundays after the 11:00 am service: **today, March 8, March 15 and March 22**. Contact Fr D'Angelo for further information or to sign up.



SERMONS AT EVENSONG

On the first four Sundays in Lent, there will be a sermon series at Evensong and Devotions at 7:00 pm on the Psalms. All are invited to attend as part of your Lenten observance:

March 1st: Fr Theo Ipema (Psalms 32 & 36)
March 8th: Fr Chris D'Angelo (Psalms 130, 131 & 134)
March 15th: The Rev'd James Shire (Psalm 55)
March 22nd: Fr David Brinton (Psalms 75 & 76)



“HOLY FOOLS AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”

A Lenten Quiet Day at Saint Bartholomew's Regent Park
(509 Dundas Street East, just east of Parliament)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Speaker: Fr Gary Thorne

Chaplain, Huron University College

Please register by emailing stbartsanglican@gmail.com.

Updating Saint Thomas's Database

Have you moved recently? 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 at saintthomas@rogers.com or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CENSORSHIP AND THE REFORMATION

In Medieval Europe the *Golden Legend* -- a book of the lives and legends of the saints by Jacobus de Voragine -- was a best seller. At the Reformation church authorities turned against this form of popular piety.

On **Wednesday March 11 at 6:30 pm** Fr Pearce J. Carefoote will give a presentation on the early English printings of the *Golden Legend* currently in the Fisher Library's Collection and how they survived the Reformation. Rosary and Benediction will follow at 7:30.

Fr Carefoote is the Head of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto.

Refreshments and fellowship will begin at 6:15 pm in the Fr Freeland Room. Presented by the Society of Mary. All are welcome. For more information contact Mike Degan.



MID-DAY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ON THREE EPISTLES OF ST PAUL

A Bible Study will be offered this Lent on the following Thursdays: **March 12th** (on Galatians) **March 19th** (on Ephesians) and **March 26th** (on Philippians).

On March 12 and 26, a light lunch will be served followed by the Bible Study in the Fr Freeland Room after the 12:15 mass (approx. 1:00 pm). On March 19, due to a conflict in the parish hall, the Bible Study will be held in the narthex of the church at 11:00 am prior to the 12:15 pm Mass, and there will be no lunch served that day.

For more information, please speak to Fr D'Angelo.



SOCIETY OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST LENT PROGRAM:

Signs of Life: Why Church Matters

Join us this coming Lent as we explore the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, and the art and architecture of our worship spaces, revealing the full meaning of these signs, deepening our experience of Christian vocation and guiding us toward ongoing conversion.

Go to SSJE.org to find out more about this online Lent program for individuals and groups.