

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 51 (BCP 394); Genesis 18.1-15 & Luke 15.11-end

Canticles in Lent: Benedicite (BCP 26) replaces Te Deum;

Benedictus (BCP 9) replaces Psalm 100

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Pages 143 & 138, Introit: Psalm 25.1-7 (BCP 358);

Tract: Psalm 123 (BCP 498)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

LENT 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)

Wed. Mar 8 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm (*see article*)

Sat. Mar 11 **Daylight Saving Time Begins** – clocks go forward 1 hour



Sun. Mar 12 **LENT III**

Wed. Mar 15 **Young Adult and University Bible Study** – 6:00 pm

Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 18 **Altar Guild Brass Polishing Day** – 10:30 am

Sun. Mar 19 **LENT IV** (Rose Sunday)

Tues. Mar 21 **Society of Mary** – 6:15 pm

Wed. Mar 22 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 25 **HIGH MASS OF THE ANNUNCIATION** – 11:00 am (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 26 **LENT V** (Passion Sunday)

Wed. Mar 29 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 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.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES AT SUNDAY EVENSONGS

Running through the course of Lent we will be having guest preachers at our 5:00 pm Sunday Evensongs. These preachers will be giving short homilies on the appointed lessons to provide deeper reflection on the scriptures during this season. The roster of guest preachers includes:

March 5: The Reverend Doctor Ephraim Radner: Professor of Historical Theology at Wycliffe College.

March 12: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer: Archdeacon for the South Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Toronto and Incumbent of Christ Church Deer Park.

March 19: The Reverend Doctor Geoffrey Ready: Director of the Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College and Priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission.

March 26: The Right Reverend Doctor Stephen Andrews: Principal of Wycliffe College and Helliwell Professor of Biblical Interpretation.

Each preacher will bring their own experiences, education, and insight to help us understand and reflect on the various readings this season. We welcome our guest preachers and hope you will join us over at Evensong this Lent.

THE SPIRIT OF MUSIC IN COMMUNITY: LECTURE-RECITAL SERIES
Wednesdays in March, at 7:30 pm

This free series at St Thomas's features weekly Toronto performers, composers, and artistic directors throughout March. You can attend one or all of the evenings, by registering through our website at www.stthomas.on.ca. Click on the blue button that says 'To register for the above events, please click here,' and you will have an opportunity to register through Eventbrite. Presenters for each week are:

March 8: Ian Cusson – Reconciliation and Resurgence Through Music
March 15: Stephanie Martin – Sacred Music in Worship and Community
March 22: Waleed Abdulhamid – Sharing Our Voices: Everyone Can Sing!
March 29: John Abberger – J.S. Bach at the “Other” St. Thomas's (Leipzig)

JOINT HIGH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am

We will welcome parishioners, clergy, and musicians from St. Mary Magdalene's for a joint High Mass for the Annunciation on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am. Fr. Eric Beresford will be our preacher that day.

YOUNG ADULT AND UNIVERSITY BIBLE STUDY

Young adults (20s-30s) and 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 Ecclesiastes. 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 if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

THE TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/TORONTO'S FIRST POST OFFICE holds a fundraising gala every year on March 6, the anniversary of the Town of York becoming the City of Toronto 189 years ago. This year it takes place in The St. Lawrence Hall at 7:00 pm. The main speaker is Jesse Wentz, a nationally - renowned film critic, broadcaster, Indigenous advocate, author, and pop culture philosopher. He will be joined by the Native Earth Performing Arts group, who will share a piece of their upcoming performance. There will be a silent auction, tickets for food and drink. Tickets are \$50.00 for non-members, \$40.00 for members. Memberships are \$30.00. All available at *TOs189th.Eventbrite.ca*.

The Historical Society is responsible for the running of Toronto's first post office at 260 Adelaide Street East. There is a museum and gift shop on the site. It is a charitable organization. See Maureen Somerville for more details.

PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS

To submit prayer requests, please email *prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca* or call Christine at 416-979-2323 x 4 to provide details. Please let us know whether you want the person included (1) on the weekly intercessions list to be prayed for daily at Mass and/or (2) in the private prayers of our prayer and care team. Let us know also if a follow-up might be required, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a clergy call or visit.

TAX RECEIPTS

All 2022 donation receipts have been sent out. If you have not received either an email or a letter containing your receipt, please contact Kevin Blagrove *envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca* or call the office.

PARKING FOR ST. THOMAS'S PARISHIONERS

As some of you will remember, before the University of Toronto Schools began their renovations, St. Thomas's had an arrangement in place for parishioners to park in the lot behind the school (now accessible from Spadina) on Sundays and selected holy days.

We are now revisiting this arrangement, but there are certain changes. The rate (formerly \$50 per half year) is now \$3 per time (discounted rate). In addition, U of T Transportation has gone electronic. To access this offer, you register your account and email with the transportation department, and then forward your email to me through the church office (within the next two weeks would be appreciated). I will arrange with U of T to verify your account. At that point you will be able to begin claiming passes when you need them, and paying for them online. This must be done before each Sunday that you wish to park and before the two holy days we have asked for – Maundy Thursday (April 6) and the Easter Vigil (April 8). The second half of the year will be become available as we proceed.

Please see the Thurible for the guide as to how you can register your accounts and claim your passes (the guide will require you to send your emails to the City of Toronto), or if you don't get the Thurible, send an e-mail asking Christine to forward the guide to you at *office@sttomas.on.ca*.

Pat Kennedy

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS

During the season of Lent, it is fitting for us to slow our pace and spend time quieting ourselves, that we may more fully turn our attention toward Christ. We encourage you to begin this time of worship with a few moments of recollection and stillness, preparing yourself – body and mind – for participation in this holy mystery.

You may choose to sit in silence, engage in your own personal devotion, or privately say the prayers below.

PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ¹

Almighty, everlasting God, I, I draw nigh to the Sacrament of thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of thine exceeding bounty, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be expedient for the health of my soul. Grant me, I beseech thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the body of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into his mystical Body and accounted among his members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold for ever face to face. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

¹ Loren Gavitt, ed., *The Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*. Rev. ed. (West Park: Holy Cross Publication, 2005), 96–97

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE MASS ²

In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O great and good God, I have come into thy presence to share in offering to thee the great Sacrifice of thy Blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ (and to receive the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the same Jesus Christ) in remembrance of his life, death and Passion, and in thanksgiving for all thy blessings bestowed upon thy whole Church and on me a most unworthy sinner. I desire to offer (and to receive) with all the love and contrition of which I am capable, in conformity with those sacred intentions wherewith our Saviour instituted and our holy Mother the Church ever offers it. I wish, then, to offer (and to receive) it:

- 1) For thy greater glory;
- 2) For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of Christ;
- 3) To give thee thanks for all the blessings thou has bestowed, especially...
- 4) To ask thy help in any matter I have in hand, especially...
- 5) To ask thee to bless all my friends and relations, especially ...
- 6) For the dead, especially ...

Bless the Priest who is to preside at this oblation. Bless all the people who are here to participate in this glorious action, and all who would like to be here. Convert all sinners. Heal the anguish of the world. And have mercy upon all the faithful departed. O God accept all my prayers during this holy service of our bounden duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

² Ibid., 55–56.

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. 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. 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, 143, 138, Lent II, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 27

(*Antiphon*) My heart hath talked with thee /

“Seek ye my face;” “Thy face, Lord, will I seek.” O hide not thy face from me. (*Psalm*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (6) *Memorial* (Red) 12:15 pm

*Perpetua and her Companions,
Martyrs at Carthage, 202*

Introit: Ps 119.161-168 (BCP 496);

Hebrews 10.32-39; Gradual: Ps 124.1-7
(BCP 499); Matthew 24.9-14

TUESDAY (7) *Memorial* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Thomas Aquinas, Doctor and Poet, 1274

Introit: Ps 1.1-4 (BCP 331); 1 Cor 13.8-13;

Gradual: Ps 37.31-32 (BCP 376);
John 17.19-23

WEDNESDAY (8) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

*Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln,
Educator and Pastor, 1910*

Jeremiah 18.18-20; Ps 31.1-6,16-19 (BCP
364); Matthew 20.17-28

THURSDAY (9) *Memorial* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Gregory of Nyssa,

Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, c. 395

Introit: Ps 1.1-4 (BCP 331); Wisdom 7.24-28

Gradual: Ps 40.10-17 (BCP 381);
John 14.1-11

FRIDAY (10) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

Robert Machray, First Primate of Canada, 1904

Genesis 37.3-4,12-28; Ps 17.1-8 (BCP 346);
Matthew 21.33-46

SAT. (11) *Feria* (Violet) 10:00 am

Micah 7.14-20; Ps 103.1-12 (BCP 460);
Luke 15.1-3,11-32

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