

MARCH 7, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Pages 145 & 138, Introit: Psalm 25.8-15; Tract: Psalm 25.16-22

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

LENT III

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist

11:00 am Sung Eucharist

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Wed. Mar 10 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic**

Sun. Mar 14 **LENT IV**

Wed. Mar 17 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic**

Sun. Mar 21 **LENT V – PASSION SUNDAY**

Wed. Mar 24 **The Eucharist in a Time of Pandemic**

Sun. Mar 28 **PALM SUNDAY**

Thurs. Apr 1 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Fri. Apr 2 **GOOD FRIDAY**

Sat. Apr 3 **EASTER VIGIL**

Sun. Apr 4 **EASTER DAY**

Pre-Registration to attend Services: Please do this on Eventbrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling the office at 416-979-2323 X 4.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

During Lent we are exhorted to prepare for Easter by intensifying our commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It has been said that prayer is about our relationship with God, fasting about our relationship with ourselves and almsgiving about our relationship with others. The old English word almsgiving comes from a Greek root meaning “compassion.” It refers to giving a portion of our own possessions to the poor. To give alms is to acknowledge that what we possess is a gift given to us by God and not ultimately the result of any merit of our own and to concretely identify ourselves with God’s desire for justice and mercy. One way to observe the Lenten discipline of almsgiving is to participate in FaithWorks, the diocese of Toronto agency funding dozens of ministries providing support to the poor and all those “in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.” You can find out more about these ministries at *faithworks.ca* and make a contribution on the operating fund donations page of the parish website at *stthomas.on.ca* If you donate on the FaithWorks website please be sure to indicate that you are a St Thomas Huron Street parishioner as a portion of our parish total can be retained for local outreach here such as the Friday Food Ministry. May God give us all grace to keep a holy Lent.

CREATION CARE FAST RESOURCE CREATED FOR LENT

The Bishop’s Committee on Creation Care has produced a resource for Anglicans who want to undertake a fast during Lent that focuses on creation and issues related to the climate crisis. A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 provides a fast for each week of Lent, which began on Feb. 17 and ends on Apr. 3. It begins with a meat fast followed by a consumption fast, a food waste fast, a water fast, an injustice fast, an electricity fast and an ignorance fast. It concludes with a resurrection feast for Easter on Apr. 4. In addition to the full resource, there are also week-by-week pages with ideas to participate in each fast. Find the full resource and helpful tips for participating in the fast each week, please go to this website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/creationcare/>

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Private confession to a priest is available during Covid by appointment only. Confessions will be heard in the church observing social distancing protocols while also ensuring privacy. Please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D’Angelo for further information.

THE EUCHARIST IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC:

Sacramental Theology for when you cannot receive the Sacrament

Four historic Anglo-Catholic parishes are joining forces to offer a special Wednesdays in Lent series at 7:00 pm each week via Zoom. The parishes leading this series are:

Saint John the Evangelist, Newport, RI <https://saintjohns-newport.org>

Fr Nathan Humphrey, Rector & Mr. John Lord, Director of Adult Christian Formation

Saint Paul's, Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY <https://stpaulscarrollst.org>

Fr William Ogburn, Rector

Saint Stephen's, Providence, RI <https://www.sstephens.org>

Fr Benjamin Straley, Rector

Saint Thomas's, Huron Street <https://www.stthomas.on.ca>

Fr Chris D'Angelo, Associate Priest

“The Eucharist in a time of Pandemic: Sacramental Theology for when you cannot receive the Sacrament,” began on Wednesday, February 24 and will run until March 24.

Wednesday, March 10

Medieval Unfolding with Fr Straley & Fr Ogburn Amidst the Black Death, how was the Eucharist understood and practised?

Wednesday, March 17

Reformation Response with Fr Ogburn & Fr Humphrey What lasting insights did the English Reformation impart?

Wednesday, March 24

Anglo-Catholic Synthesis with Fr Humphrey & Team Faculty How does Anglo-Catholic theology and practice promise life in the midst of death?

Please register through the link on the parish website or through the link provided in the weekly parish e-blast.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY continues to meet and we need assistance with our dinner on Friday, March 12. In particular, we are looking for people to help prepare things at home for us to serve. In particular we need:

- 2x30 small bags of cookies
- 30 small brownies
- 30 muffins

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

James+

EASTER FLOWERS

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar, Lady Altar and nave at Easter.

If you would like to participate, here are the various options for making your donation:

- Envelopes will be available in the church starting the first Sunday of Lent
- Donate online at at: <https://www.stthomas.on.ca> - Select "Donate Now" and "Donate to Easter Flowers"
- Mail in a cheque payable to *St Thomas's Church* with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We will soon be contacting those currently on the list to confirm their intentions for the spring of 2021 either through email or by mail.

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers. Here are available dates after Lent and up to the end of June: April 11 & 26, May 9 & 30, June 6, 13 & 27.

The cost for flowers has increased significantly over recent years so we will be transitioning from the old rate through this COVID19 period. More information on the costs will be shared with those we contact.