

FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The text for the Parish Profile has been completed and approved by Bp Andison. The final version of the Profile is now being prepared to incorporate appropriate graphics, including photographs of activities taken at various events in the life of the parish.

If you do not wish to appear in any of 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.

EXULTATE CONCERT - Friday, March 27, 2020

Exultate Chamber Singers presents *Brahms's Requiem, an intimate performance of the great masterwork.* Johannes Brahms's Ein deutsches Requiem stands as one of the great choral masterworks of all time. Join us for the chamber choir and piano four-hand version completed in 1868 by the composer himself. Pre-show chat includes musical demonstrations, and is presented by the lively Brahms scholar Dr. Ryan McClelland.

Friday, March 27, 2020, 8:00 to 9:15 pm.

Pre-show chat at 7:15 pm (included in ticket price)

St Thomas's Anglican Church

Tickets available online, at the door, or by calling 416-971-9229

Regular \$30 / Senior \$25 / Under 30 and Arts Worker \$20 / Student \$10

No intermission.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent
Confessions are heard every Friday in the Lady Chapel,
between 6:00 and 6:30 pm.
Priests are available to hear Confessions
at other times by appointment.
Please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo.

MARCH 8, 2020

THE SECOND 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 II

Lent education event following 11:00 am Mass (*see article*)

Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm (*see article*)

Wed. Mar 11

Society of Mary - 6:15 to 8:30 pm (*see article*)

Thurs. Mar 12

Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 15

LENT III

Lent education event following 11:00 am Mass

Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm

Thurs. Mar 19

Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study at 11:00 am

Sun. Mar 22

LENT IV

Lent education event following 11:00 am Mass

Sermon at Evensong - 7:00 pm

Thurs. Mar 26

Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study

Fri. Mar 27

Exultate Concert - 6:15 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 29

PASSION SUNDAY

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SUSPENSION OF THE COMMON CUP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In response to concerns about the global spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus), Bishop Andrew Asbil has announced the decision to suspend the sharing of the common cup in the Diocese of Toronto, effective immediately, until further notice. Celebrants have been instructed to consecrate both the bread and the wine, and to consume in both kinds, but to administer only the bread to the rest of the congregation. Along with this directive, the letter circulated this past week also emphasized that the Church's ancient teaching is that the whole Christ is received whether one receives only consecrated bread or both bread and wine. Also, at the 9:30 am Sunday Eucharist, where the exchange of peace is a regular part of the service, those present are asked not to exchange handshakes. A simple bow is an appropriate alternative.

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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 meeting dates include the following Sundays after the 11:00 am service: **today, March 15 and March 22**. Contact Fr D'Angelo for further information.



SERMONS AT EVENSONG

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

- March 8: Fr Chris D'Angelo (Psalms 130, 131 & 134)
- March 15: The Rev'd James Shire (Psalm 55)
- March 22: Fr David Brinton (Psalms 75 & 76)



Are you looking to do some service this Lent? Then why not come and join the **FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY!** The Friday Food Ministry is an outreach ministry for St Thomas's which serves a meal to those in need in the wider Toronto community. We will be meeting once again this Friday, March 13 from 3:00 to 7:30 pm in the parish kitchen and we need volunteers to help shop, prepare, serve, and clean-up. You are welcome to come for some or all of the meal service.

If you are interested in helping out, or have any questions, please speak to Deacon James after the service today or email him at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com. We look forward to you joining us this Friday.

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 in 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.