

MAY 9, 2021

ROGATION - THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER DAY

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

ROGATION SUNDAY

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)

Thurs. May 13 **THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

7:00 pm Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

Sun. May 16 **SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION**

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)

Sun. May 23 **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**

Sun. May 30 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Sun. June 6 **CORPUS CHRISTI**

Sun. June 12 **TRINITY II**

COVID 19 VACCINE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you have not been vaccinated and would like assistance making an appointment or getting to an appointment, please contact the office and we will forward your request to a parish volunteer who will assist you.

CHANGE IN COVID GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES:

The Government of Ontario permits a maximum of 10 people to meet in churches during the current stay-at-home order. Nevertheless, the Church Wardens and clergy have decided to discontinue public liturgies for the duration of the Provincial Emergency with the exception of funerals for up to 10 people. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists will 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. Parish Administrator Christine Cover will work from home. The Friday Food Ministry continues with all protocols in place. We are grateful to Fr Shire and the volunteers for their faithfulness to this work of mercy in very difficult circumstances.

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

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office at office@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in having memorial flowers after Easter and up to the end of June.

Dates available include May 16 & 30, June 6 & 13.

Presently we are putting flowers on the High Altar approximately every second week, and having two or more families share the cost. If you would like to have a loved one memorialized in April, May, or June of 2021, flowers will cost \$50.00.

The cost for flowers has increased significantly over recent years so we will be transitioning from the old rate through this COVID19 period. If you would like to continue your memorial when we are able to have in-person services once more, the cost for High Altar flowers will be \$125.00, and the Lady Altar will become \$75.00.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY continues to meet to serve our neighbours in need throughout the pandemic. We need assistance with our dinner on Friday, May 14. In particular, we are looking for people to help prepare things at home for us to serve. In particular we need:

- 3 loaves of Egg Salad Sandwiches (brown bread)
- 3 loaves of Egg Salad Sandwiches (white bread)
- 3 loaves Tuna Salad Sandwiches (brown bread)
- 3 loaves Tuna Salad Sandwiches (white bread)
- 3 loaves Salmon Salad Sandwiches (brown bread)
- 3 loaves Salmon Salad Sandwiches (white bread)
- 40 veggie bags
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- 40 bags of cookies, brownies, or dessert item
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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.

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, 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*, and let him know your availability.