

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 137 (BCP 508) & 138 (BCP 508); Wisdom 6.1-21;

Te Deum; James 2.1-13; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 256; Introit: Psalm 121 (BCP 497);

Gradual: Psalm 24.7-10 (BCP 357)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### TODAY

#### TRINITY XXIII

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 An Act of Remembrance (*see article*)

Tues. Nov 14 **Society of Mary – Annual Requiem Mass** (*see article*)

Sat. Nov 18 **Saint Thomas's Poetry Series** (*see article*)

Sun. Nov 19 **TRINITY XXIV**

Sun. Nov 26 **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**

10:30 am Combined BCP Mass followed by  
a gala parish brunch for *The Household of God*

Sun. Dec 3 **ADVENT I**

5:00 pm **Advent Carols at Evensong**

Sun. Dec 10 **ADVENT II**

Sun. Dec 17 **ADVENT III**

5:00 pm **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Sun. Dec 24 **ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

9:30 pm Recital

10:00 pm Christmas Eve High Mass (BCP)

## **WEEKEND WORSHIP** *(unless otherwise advertised)*

Saturday Services: Morning Prayer at 9:30 am; Low Mass at 10:00 am  
*(No public Evening Prayer on Saturdays.)*

Sunday Services are at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm.

All Sunday morning Masses are in-person. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses are livestreamed on YouTube, as is Evensong and Adoration at 5:00 pm.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall follows the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.

## **WEEKDAY WORSHIP** *(unless otherwise advertised)*

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am, Monday-Friday

Evening Prayer: 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Low Mass at 12:15 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Low Mass at 5:30 pm: Tuesday, Thursday

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## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School Coordinator Siobhán Dungan invites **children ages 4 to 11** to be brought to the undercroft (accessed by descending the steps near the south entrance) on Sundays anytime after 10:45 am. The children learn about the Eucharist and Jesus' life and teachings through stories, singing, colouring, and fun exercises. Siobhán brings them upstairs to the church in time to sing the Lord's Prayer with the congregation and receive a blessing. They then return to the undercroft, where parents pick them up after the end of the service. If you have any questions, please email Siobhán at [siobhandungan@rogers.com](mailto:siobhandungan@rogers.com).

## **UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

The University and Young Adults Ministry meets on Sundays following Evensong. Our hope is to offer a place of bonding and support for the shared experiences, questions, and struggles that they 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.

For more information please contact Fr James Shire at [frshire@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frshire@stthomas.on.ca).

## **AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND CHORAL EVENSONG**

**with guest trumpeter Gillian Chreptyk**

Sunday, November 12 at 5:00 pm

At the beginning of the service, with candles lit, the choir will sing “Te decet hymnus” by Matthew Larkin. The Last Post and Reveille will be played by the trumpeter. The anthem during Evensong will be “Lord, thou hast been our refuge” by Vaughan Williams, with organ and trumpet accompaniment. “O Canada” and hymns, including “I vow to thee, my country,” will be sung by all.

## **SOCIETY OF MARY ANNUAL WARD REQUIEM - November 14 at 7:00 pm**

November is traditionally the month the Church prays for those whom we love but see no longer. The annual Requiem of the Our Lady of Hope Ward of the Society of Mary will take place in the church on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm. There will not be any fellowship time before the requiem, however, after the service we will go to a local pub to have a drink together. All are welcome. Feel free to reach out to [jess.nee@gmail.com](mailto:jess.nee@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!**

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers from September 3 until the end of the year.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00. You will get a charitable receipt for memorial flower donations.

Dates available include November 19 (Trinity XXIV – both the High Altar and Lady Altar); and November 26 (The Sunday Next Before Advent –the Lady Altar).

Please contact Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.

**OMICRON VACCINE CLINIC** at St Stephens in-the-Fields - 103 Bellevue Avenue at College Street, west of Spadina

**St. Stephens will be holding a Toronto Public Health community vaccine clinic at the church on November 14th, noon to 6:00 pm.** The clinic will offer the flu vaccine, both regular and for seniors, and the new XBB-adapted COVID vaccine, both Pfizer and Moderna. No appointments required.

### **THE ST. THOMAS POETRY SERIES: Poetry Reading and Book Launch**

Please join us in the church on **Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 pm** when the next book in the St. Thomas Poetry Series will be launched: *The Gravity of Love* by David Waltner-Toews. He will be introduced by Hildi Froese Tiessen (retired from Conrad Grebel UC, University of Waterloo), pioneering scholar of Mennonite literature in Canada.

Waltner-Toews has published more than twenty books, including poetry, fiction and popular science. His most recent works include *A Conspiracy of Chickens* (Wolsak & Wynn, 2022) and *On Pandemics: From Bubonic Plague to Coronavirus* (Greystone, 2020). His work has been translated into German, French, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. He is an Officer in the Order of Canada, which cited him “for his leadership and expertise in ecosystem approaches to health, and for supporting development worldwide.” His previous books of poetry include *The Fat Lady Struck Dumb* (Brick Books, 2000) and *The Impossible Uprooting* (McClelland & Stewart, 1995). A University Professor Emeritus in the Department of Population Medicine at the University of Guelph, he is the founding president of Veterinarians without Borders.

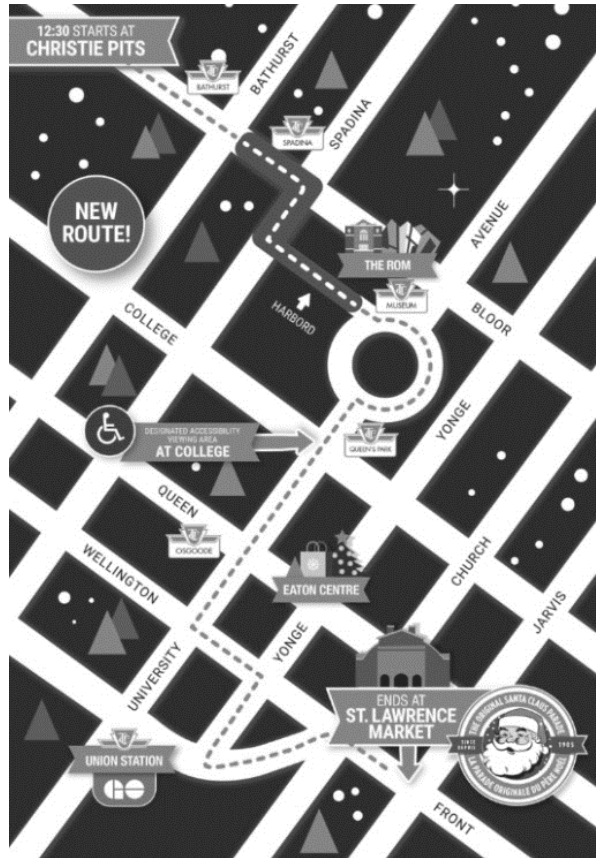
Also on the program will be Alice Major of Edmonton, whose new book *Knife on Stone* (Turnstone Press) will receive its Toronto launch. Alice has published twelve collections of poetry, was Edmonton’s first poet laureate (2005-07) and is a Past President of the League of Canadian Poets and Past President of the Writers Guild of Alberta. Her early years were in Scotland near Glasgow. After her family came to Canada when she was eight years of age, she lived in Toronto and later went west to work as a reporter in Williams Lake, British Columbia. She has been an active supporter of the arts and writing community, and she has received many awards, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Alberta. Alice will be introduced by poet and publisher (Aeolus House) Allan Briesmaster.

A reception with book table will follow in the parish hall. Cash, cheques, or e-transfer for book purchases.

## THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE Sunday, November 26, 2023

The 119<sup>th</sup> Santa Claus Parade officially begins at 12:30 pm, but there will be road closures in the area hours before, and thousands of people lining the route.

Although it will be taking a different route this year due to construction on Bloor Street, parishioners may still be well-advised to leave their vehicles at home that Sunday. Commuters are advised to walk to Huron Street from St. George Station, rather than Spadina.



## **DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NOTICES?**

Please send it to Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca). The deadline for submissions is **Thursday at noon**.

Please include a title, date, time, a brief description of your event, and, if applicable, information for further contact. If you expect your article to be more than 100 words long, or to contain large graphics, please let Christine know so that she can plan accordingly.

The printing of leaflets and booklets is always in multiples of four pages, so we try to keep the printed Notice down to four, but sometimes it's just not possible, and we need various 'fillers' (like today).

## **PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS**

To submit prayer requests, please email [prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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](http://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, 256, Tr 23, Pr 32, Yr 1A)*  
Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 88  
*(Antiphon)* O let my prayer enter into thy presence / incline thine ear unto my calling.  
*(Psalm)* O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. Glory be...  
*(Repeat antiphon)*

MONDAY (13) *Commem.* (Green) 12:15 pm  
*Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836*  
Wisdom 1.1-7; Psalm 139.1-9 (BCP 509);  
Luke 17.1-6

TUESDAY (14) *Commem.* (Green) 5:30 pm  
*Samuel Seabury, First Anglican Bishop in North America, 1784*  
Wisdom 2.23 - 3.9; Psalm 34.15-22  
(BCP 369); Luke 17.7-10

WEDNESDAY (15) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Wisdom 6.1-11; Psalm 82 (BCP 435);  
Luke 17.11-19

THURSDAY (16) *Commem.* (Green) 5:30 pm  
*Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Helper of the Poor, 1093*  
Wisdom 7.21 - 8.1; Psalm 119 pt 12  
(BCP 491); Luke 17.20-25

FRIDAY (17) *Commem.* (Green) 12:15 pm  
*Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680*  
Wisdom 13.1-9; Psalm 19.1-4 (BCP 351);  
Luke 17.26-37

SATURDAY (18) *Feria* (Green) 10:00 am  
Wisdom 18.14-16; 19.6-9;  
Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 (BCP 464);  
Luke 18.1-8

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