

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

**TRINITY XXIII**

Saint Thomas's Church,

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**Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:**

Pages 256; Introit: Psalm 121; Gradual: Psalm 24.7-10

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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**TODAY**

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8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (Church closed; streamed online)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)

4:00 pm Evensong (Church open; please pre-register;  
streamed online)

Wed. Nov 18 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Concerns About Capitalism

Sun. Nov 22 **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT – THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

Wed. Nov 25 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Concerns About Ecological  
Destruction

Sun. Nov 29 **ADVENT I**

Sun. Dec 6 **ADVENT II**

Sun. Dec 13 **ADVENT III**

Sun. Dec 20 **ADVENT IV**

Thurs. Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Fri. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

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*Welcome to St Thomas's!*

*We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely during Covid 19. Here are some guidelines:*

*\*While some seating is kept free for unregistered visitors, those attending services in person are strongly encouraged to pre-register on Eventbrite via our website by 6 pm the evening before.*

*\*At liturgies open to the public, the congregation is not permitted to sing. Much of the mass will be said so that all may participate. Sung parts are restricted to the cantor and the priest.*

*\*The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service. Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service. Alternatively, please do consider donating by pre-authorized giving. Information is available on our website [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca)*

*\*At the time of Holy Communion: Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.*

*\*If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.*

*\*At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so.*

*\*While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely. While it is wonderful to be able to chat with each other outside the church after mass, please remember to wear a mask and keep your distance!*

*\*Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.*

## SOME 'VEXING ISSUES OF OUR TIME': A Zoom Discussion Series in November

During November, an education series will be offered, hosted by Fr D'Angelo on zoom, looking at the following topics:

**Concerns About Capitalism:** Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm

Lecture: *Is Capitalism Good for Us?* By Dr Mary Hirschfeld and Dr Eugene McCarraher  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tztujzv\\_fQ8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tztujzv_fQ8)

**Concerns about Ecological Destruction:** Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 pm

Lecture: *On Earth as In Heaven: Transforming Perspectives and Practices* by The Rev'd Dr John Chyrssavgis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh8LzUOkKOU>

The objective of this education series to think together about some of the powerful forces and undercurrents shaping our contemporary world to encourage reflection about how our Christian faith can give us some perspective about how to respond to them. Other worthy topics could easily have been chosen in the place of those selected, and might be touched upon in a subsequent parish education series.

Participants are asked to watch the assigned lecture before each meeting and each meeting will consist in discussion of the content presented in the assigned lecture. All are welcome and anyone is welcome to take part in all or any of these discussions. For further information, please contact Fr D'Angelo.



**THE ST THOMAS POETRY SERIES** will publish two new collections of Christian poetry in later November:

John Terpstra, *Wild Hope: Prayers & Poems*

Margo Swiss, *Second Gaze*

Details of our **prepublication special offer** can be found on our website: <http://www.stthomaspoetryseries.com>



Save 15% of the retail cost (\$20) while purchasing one book (\$17), or save 25% by purchasing both (\$30). To save you the postal expenses, I can deliver the books to your home or to St. Thomas's.

**RECTORY NEWS:** Those on our email list will have received information this past week about repairs and improvements planned for the Rectory in anticipation of the arrival of Fr Humphrey and his family next summer. Please keep Rob Kennedy and the rest of the team working on this in your prayers and consider helping with the appeal to fund the project which will be announced in more detail in the new year.

## **SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED**

Since the re-opening for public worship in September, sidespeople have been depended upon more than ever to help ensure the smooth and safe operation of our in-person services. We are currently in need of more volunteers to serve as sidespeople. If you are interested in volunteering in this important lay ministry, please contact Anneli Pekkonen at [anneli@sympatico.ca](mailto:anneli@sympatico.ca), or one of the parish clergy.

## **UPDATING THE PARISH INTERCESSIONS LIST**

We are currently in the process of updating our parish intercessions list.

If you notice that a name has been removed that you believe should remain on the list, please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo.

Going forward, any prayer requests will be included on the intercessions list for one month by default (however, names can be included on the list for more or less than one month depending on what is specified when a prayer request is made). We would also like to begin the practice of using the first and last names of those for whom our prayers are asked, unless it is specifically requested that only a first name be used.

To request that a name be added to the list, please contact Fr Brinton or Fr D'Angelo.