

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT – THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Ps 80; Ecclesiastes 11 & 12; Te Deum; Hebrews 11.1-16; Ps. 100
Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 259; Introit: Psalm 85.1-7; Gradual: Psalm 85.8-13

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT – THE REIGN OF CHRIST 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 Evensong and Devotions
Wed. Nov 23	Reading Biblical Hebrew – 7:00 pm Young Adult Ministry – 7:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sat. Nov 26	Ensemble Masques Concert – 7:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Nov 27	ADVENT I Advent Carols at Evensong – 5:00 pm
Sun. Dec 4	ADVENT II
Wed. Dec 7	Advent Book Study – 7:00 pm (<i>see article</i>)

Given concerns over the news that Ontario's pediatric hospitals are being overwhelmed by a "triple-demic" surge of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), the Diocese of Toronto, together with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the other dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, **strongly recommends the wearing of masks in indoor public settings, including in our church buildings.** That said, the diocese and St. Thomas's are continuing to stay in the **Green Stage** of the Loving Our Neighbour COVID-19 protocols, which may be found on the diocesan website. **Under these protocols, masking continues to be discretionary.** As always, St. Thomas's will comply with any government or health restrictions as they are enacted.

SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

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

THE COMMON CUP & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

COMMUNION LOGISTICS

We have decided to try a different method of having congregants approach the altar for communion. Instead of having people go up immediately after the choir has taken communion, a sidesperson will walk backwards up the central aisle, inviting congregants to take their turn, allowing everyone the opportunity to receive communion with a minimum of standing in line, and allowing everyone to return to their pew in an orderly fashion.

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING 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. Just fill in the form and click 'subscribe,' and you will be included on our next mailing (usually on Saturdays).

ENSEMBLE MASQUES CONCERT – Saturday, November 26 at 7:30 pm

With their new programme, *Roads to Bach*, Ensemble Masques will explore the sound-world into which J.S. Bach was born, with fascinating works by his predecessors (Muffat, Biber, Legrenzi, Schmelzer, Rosenmüller, and Weichlein), culminating in the beloved *Orchestral Suite No. 3*, in a rarely heard chamber version.

Tickets are \$40 per person, (\$30 for students or seniors); and can be purchased through: www.bemusednetwork.com/events/detail/974.

THURSDAY BEE

The Thursday Bee will be meeting on Thursday, November 24 at 6:00 pm to do advanced meal prep for the Friday Food Ministry. The Thursday Bee is a great opportunity to spend time with friends in the parish and to help with the FFM meal service. If interested, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY

The Friday Food Ministry will be meeting this Friday, November 25, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm to prepare and serve a wonderful meal for people experiencing homelessness and poverty. We have a meal prep shift from 3:00-5:30 pm, a meal service shift from 5:30-7:00 pm, and you are invited to sign up for one or both shifts. If interested, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

We will be returning to indoor meal service this Friday and we are welcoming back our guests indoors, so we will need support to make this a success!

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

A quick but meaningful read, Mark Galli writes about the deeper significance of liturgical worship in his book, *Beyond Smells & Bells: The wonder and power of Christian liturgy*. As we begin this new liturgical year, we invite you to join us on Zoom the first three Wednesdays of December (7, 14, 21) at 7:00 pm to discuss his insights and more deeply explore the meaning of the liturgy. Please email jessica.nee@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in participating.

ST. THOMAS'S UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The University and Young Adult Ministry continues its Bible Study this **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, in the Undercroft**. No prior expertise is needed: we will read as a group and discuss our thoughts freely.

On **Sundays at 6:00 pm, after the Choral Evensong service**, we invite any curious souls to join us at a nearby restaurant. We will gather by the statue of Christ in the Narthex after the service. Friends are welcome too.

If you're interested, feel free simply to drop in to our social or Bible Study night. Or e-mail Fr. Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 259, Pr 34, Yr 2C)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 85:

[Ant.] The Lord shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints / and unto them that turn their heart to him. (Ps) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. Glory be... [Repeat antiphon]

MONDAY (21) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Revelation 14.1-5; Psalm 24.1-6;
Luke 21.1-4

TUESDAY (22) *Comm.* (Green) 5:30 pm
St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, Rome
Revelation 14.14-20; Psalm 96; Luke 21.5-9

WEDNESDAY (23) *Comm.* (Green) 12:15 pm
Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
Revelation 15.1-4; Psalm 98; Luke 21.10-19

THURSDAY (24) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Revelation 18.1-2,21 - 19.3,9; Psalm 100;
Luke 21.20-28

FRIDAY (25) *Comm.* (Green) 12:15 pm
Catherine, Virgin and Martyr, Alexandria
Revelation 20.1-4,11 - 21.4; Psalm 84;
Luke 21.29-33

SATURDAY (26) *Feria* (Green) 10:00 am
Revelation 22.1-7; Psalm 95.1-7;
Luke 21.34-36

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