

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Be still and know that I am God

There are two weekly meditation groups meeting at St Thomas's, and they run separately:

- Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in St Agnes's Chapel below the Church.
- Wednesdays at Noon to 1:00 pm in the Fr Freeland Room at the back of the Parish Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

Inquirers are always welcome to audit one or more sessions. No prior experience in meditation is necessary to join a group. Both sessions use the same focus and material each week. You are welcome to attend either, as your timetable permits.

For more information please contact Fr Brian Bartley.



THE MANDARIN MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

We welcome you to the family of Saint Thomas's Church. Our Mandarin fellowship starts at 5:00 pm every Monday. We hope that the Chinese community can be a harbour of love for you, and a place where we can experience God's presence and grace together.

Contact person: Michael Liu.

衷心欢迎您来到圣多马堂。我们的中文团契每周一下午五点半开始在教堂晚祷，接着一起晚餐和学习圣经。

盼望圣多马堂可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

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THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT—THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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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	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT—REIGN OF CHRIST Pre-Christmas Sale following the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists Evensong Prelude at 6:30 pm with Jennifer McCallum, soprano
Sun. Dec 1	ADVENT I Advent Carols - 7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec 5	Advent Study: <i>The Coming of God</i> - 11:00 pm (<i>please see article</i>)
Fri. Dec 6	Exultate Concert - 8:00 pm (<i>please see article</i>)
Sun. Dec 8	ADVENT II
Tues. Dec 10	The New Moms Group - 5:00 pm, Nursery The Society of Mary - 6:15-8:00 pm
Thurs. Dec 12	Advent Study: <i>The Coming of God</i> - 11:00 pm

DESIGNATED PEWS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

We are now trying a new area for the Church School to use when they join us in the service. Please note that the last two pews in the far left area, facing the altar, will be designated for children of all ages, and their families.

TODAY—PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses for St Thomas's annual Pre Christmas sale! This highly anticipated event is a wonderful time for fellowship and shopping. We will have works of art priced to fit every budget, featuring artists from our parish. There will also be preserves from this season's fruit, as well as fresh baked goods to buy. Vendor tables will include: crafts, knitted items, jewellery, books, attic treasures and collectibles. Cash, debit and credit cards are accepted.



TODAY is Fr Mark's last Sunday at Saint Thomas's. A celebration of his ministry with us is being planned for early in the new year, but today we bid him farewell. There will be an opportunity in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses to extend your thanks and best wishes to Fr Mark.



TONIGHT—EVENSONG PRELUDE

Evensong Preludes showcase the many talented musicians in our parish and extended parish family while offering a time of quiet reflection before the service.

Jennifer McCallum, soprano, and Matthew Whitfield, organ, will present a recital before Evensong next Sunday, featuring J.S. Bach's cantata, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen!*, BWV 51.



SAVE THE DATE: *The Coming of God*—A Two-Part Advent Study led by Fr Brinton.

Thursday, December 5th and Thursday, December 12th at 11:00 am in the Fr Freeland Room

All are welcome and invited to say for the 12:15 Mass to follow.



EXULTATE CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT *HOLIDAYS WITH A TWIST*, a merry romp through some festive favourites. The holiday season is never complete without the sounds of a choir. Exultate showcases witty and unique takes on familiar holiday favourites in this light-hearted concert.

Friday, December 6, 2019, 8:00 pm at St Thomas's

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

Regular \$30 / Senior \$25 / U30 and Arts Worker \$20 / Student \$10

No intermission. The concert will be followed at 9:15 by an informal reception.

A HUG FOR THE APOSTLE—Saturday, December 7 at 1:30 pm

The Canadian Company of Pilgrims (Toronto Chapter) presents historian and author Laurie Dennett, who will be speaking about her Camino de Santiago journeys. This will be an informal event, with readings from *A Hug for the Apostle - on Foot from Chartes to Santiago de Compostela*, a discussion with other pilgrims, and general discussion about the Way of St James.

Admission is free, and copies of *A Hug for the Apostle* will be available for sale. Please see www.santiago.ca for more information.



THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS FORKS

The fork as a personal dining utensil was likely first invented in the Byzantine Empire over 1700 years ago, and since then has become one of the most ubiquitous table utensils in the world. However, the Friday Food Ministry is in need of the useful utensils as we often run out of forks in a meal service.

Any metal forks you could spare for the Friday Food Ministry would be deeply appreciated. Feel free to drop them at the parish office this next week, or bring them to church with you next Sunday. If you have further questions, please contact James at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.



OUR HERITAGE IS OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

Annual statements for those who have donated or made a pledge to the *Our Heritage Is Our Future* campaign are being sent out this week.

Questions about your statement can be directed to Envelope Secretary, Kevin Blagrove, at envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca. Many thanks for your continued support of this important five-year campaign.



ANNUAL OPERATING FUND PLEDGE PROCESS

We invite and encourage all parishioners to make a pledge of their anticipated regular givings to Saint Thomas's in 2020. The remaining pledge packages have now been mailed and are due back by December 15. It is crucial to maintain a healthy outlook on operating funds so that we can plan effectively and provide the full ministry that God is calling us to carry out as a parish community. Please consider prayerfully what you can do to increase your current operating givings as stewards of St Thomas's Church.

~ Michael Rowland