

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 9; Isaiah 1.1-20 & Matthew 24.1-28

Advent: Surge, Illuminare, *page 28*, replaces Te Deum; second canticle,
Benedictus *page 9*

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 95, Introit: Psalm 25.1-7; Gradual: Psalm 85.4-7

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

ADVENT I

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 Advent Lessons and Carols

Wed. Nov 30

Reading Biblical Hebrew – 7:00 pm

Young Adult Ministry – 7:30 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Dec 4

ADVENT II

Wed. Dec 7

Advent Book Study – 7:00 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Dec 11

ADVENT III

Sun. Dec 18

ADVENT IV

11:00 am – Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School (*see article*)

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

Sat. Dec 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass with Christmas Carols

9:30 pm Organ Recital, followed by Midnight Mass at 10:00 pm

Sun. Dec 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

No Evensong

Mon. Dec 26

Office Closed

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.

LITURGY WALKTHROUGH AND DEMONSTRATION

Have you ever wanted an up-close look at the high mass? Are you curious about why we do the things that we do? Are you interested in becoming an acolyte but feel confused about what goes on near the altar? Well you are in luck! The Acolytes' Guild will be doing a walkthrough of the high mass on Sunday, December 4 after that day's 11:00 high mass. We will be going through the liturgy from start to finish and any and all questions are welcome! A light lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Fr. James Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca.

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 CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

With Advent I upon us, the Church School begins its preparations for the Christmas Pageant, taking place on Sunday, December 18 after the 11:00 am service. Over the next four Sundays, as we read stories about Caesar Augustus and Joseph & Mary's difficult travels, we will talk about the importance of hospitality and helping others in need, and how the birth of a wee baby had such a huge effect on thousands and now millions. If you've been thinking about sending your child to St. Thomas's Church School, now's a great time, as this project welcomes all ages of children and youth. I invite any tweens and teens who might be interested in helping with narration and/or singing, or 'back stage' helping with props and costumes and all the fun chaos that takes place before Father Humphrey calls out, 'Action!'.

The Church School meets in the Undercroft during the 11:00 am Sunday service. If you have questions, please email me at siobhandungan@rogers.com with 'Pageant' in the subject line.

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, 95, Advent I, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 25.1-4
[Ant.] Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up
my soul; my God, I have put my trust
in thee. / O let me not be confounded,
neither let mine enemies triumph over
me. For all they that hope in thee shall
not be ashamed. (Ps) Show me thy
ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.
Glory be... [Repeat antiphon]

MONDAY (28) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
1 Isaiah 4.2-6; Ps 122; Matthew 8.5-13

TUESDAY (29) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 72.1-8; Luke 10.21-24

WED. (30) **HOLYDAY** (Red) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 25.6-9; Ps 23; Matthew 15.29-39

THURSDAY (1) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Isaiah 26.1-6; Ps 118.19-24; Matthew
7.21-27

FRIDAY (2) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 29.17-24; Ps 27.1-4,15-16;
Matthew 9.27-31

SATURDAY (3) *Commem.* (Violet) 10:00 am
Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552
Isaiah 30.19-21,23-26; Ps 147.1-11;
Matthew 9.35 - 10.1,5-8

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