

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 107, Pt 1 (BCP 471); Job 38; 42.1-6; Te Deum;  
Colossians 3.12 - 4.6; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 250; Introit: Psalm 145.1-13 (BCP 516);  
Gradual: Psalm 145.14-17 (BCP 517)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>TRINITY XX</b> 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 & Adoration (BCP)
Sat. Oct 28	<b>Benedictine Day</b> – 11:00 am ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Oct 29	<b>TRINITY XXI</b>
Wed. Nov 1	<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> – services at 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm
Thurs. Nov 2	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b> – services at 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm
Sat. Nov 4	<b>Saint Thomas's Choir Concert &amp; Reception</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Nov 5	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sun. Nov 12	<b>TRINITY XXIII</b>
Sat. Nov 18	<b>Saint Thomas's Poetry Series</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Nov 19	<b>TRINITY XXIV</b>
Sun. Nov 26	<b>THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT</b> 10:30 am Combined BCP Mass followed by a fundraiser luncheon for <i>The Household of God</i>

## **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).

## **BENEDICTINE DAY**

Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Please mark your calendars for our Benedictine Day on October 28. We will be cleaning up the parish hall, undercroft, and other spaces, and tidying the flowerbeds. It's always a fun day, and there will be homemade soup afterward. Please let Christine Cover ([office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca)), know if you will be able to come and help.

## CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 4:00 pm

The St. Thomas's Choirs, led by Elizabeth Anderson and accompanied by Manuel Piazza, will present a concert titled "In Remembrance" on **November 4 at 4 pm**. The featured work will be Duruflé's *Requiem*, along with Vaughan Williams' "Lord, thou hast been our refuge," Herbert Howells' "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and the *Canadian concert premiere* of Matthew Larkin's "Te Decet Hymnus."

The St. Thomas's Choristers will also perform in concert for the first time. The concert is a **fundraiser for the music program and the Friday Food Ministry**. Please invite friends and family to what will be an afternoon of special music for this season of remembrance.



**IN REMEMBRANCE**  
**CHOIRS OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH**  
ELIZABETH ANDERSON, ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER  
MANUEL PIAZZA, ASSISTANT ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER  
**Duruflé: Requiem**  
Plus music by Howells, Vaughan Williams & Larkin  
November 4 at 4:00 p.m. | 383 Huron St., Toronto  
Admission by donation (\$30 suggested)

## **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.

## 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 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).

### ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers through 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 12** (Trinity XXIII – High Altar); **November 19** (Trinity XXIV – both the High Altar and Lady Altar); **November 26** (The Sunday Next Before Advent – the Lady Altar); and **December 31** (Christmas I – both the High Altar and 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.

### 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.

## PLANNING AN EVENT AT ST. THOMAS'S?

For most of the year, from Monday to Friday our Parish Hall is in use in the evenings. We also have groups that regularly meet in some of our smaller rooms, and there are special or seasonal events that require the use of our space less often, but are no less important.

The point is, our meeting space is at a premium, and sometimes people assume that they can inform the office that they will be in the space they want on such and such a date and all will be fine; or that because they mentioned it to Fr. Humphrey (or someone else in authority) it's a done deal.

This is **NOT** the case.

Those wanting to use rooms at St Thomas's need to contact Christine Cover at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) with a list of possible dates, times, and preferred meeting spaces and she will check the calendar to see when you can be accommodated. Please do not advertise your event until you have cleared the meeting space availability with Christine.

A related subject is that of livestreaming. Right now, this is only available inside the Church, and it has to be set up well in advance because there are very few people who know how to operate the equipment, and they are not always available on short notice. If you are considering livestreaming an event in the Church, please contact our Director of Livestreaming, Rigzin Tute, at [livestreaming@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:livestreaming@stthomas.on.ca) to make arrangements.

## LOST AND FOUND AT SAINT THOMAS'S

Have you lost something at St. Thomas's? We have a drawer full of scarves, gloves, water bottles, and for some reason, glasses; a selection of which are pictured here.

If you're missing something, please give Christine a call in the office to see if she has it in her collection – 416-979-2323 x 4.

Ask soon, as she will shortly be purging the contents of the lost and found drawer.



## UPDATING SAINT THOMAS'S DATABASE

Have you moved in the last year or two? Did you change your e-mail address or phone number? *Did you remember to let us know at Saint Thomas's?*

If you need to update your information, please send an e-mail to Christine, or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

## 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, 250, Tr 20, Pr 29, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 17.6,8,1  
(*Antiphon*) I have called upon thee, O God,  
for thou shalt hear me / incline thine ear to  
me, and hearken unto my words. Keep me  
as the apple of an eye; hide me under the  
shadow of thy wings. (*Psalm*) Hear the  
right, O Lord, consider my complaint.  
Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (23) *Memorial* (Red) 12:15 pm  
*James of Jerusalem*

Introit: Ps 23 (BCP 356); Acts 15.12-22a  
Gradual: Ps 1 (BCP 331); Matthew 13.53-58

TUESDAY (24) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm  
Romans 5.6-21; Ps 40.9-12 (BCP 380);  
Luke 12.35-38

WEDNESDAY (25) *Commem.* (Red) 12:15 pm  
*Saints Crispin & Crispinian, Martyrs, 285*  
Romans 6.12-18; Ps 124 (BCP 499); Luke  
12.39-48

THURSDAY (26) *Commem.* (Green) 5:30 pm  
*Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899*  
Romans 6.19-23; Psalm 1 (BCP 331); Luke  
12.49-53

FRIDAY (27) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Romans 7.18-25a; Ps 119 Pt 5 (BCP 487);  
Luke 12.54-59

SATURDAY (28) *HOLYDAY* (Red) 10:00 am  
*Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles*  
BCP Propers, page 297  
Introit: Ps 87 (BCP 441);  
Gradual: Ps 45.16-17 (BCP 3888)

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