

OCTOBER 25, 2020

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY TRINITY XX**
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. Oct 28 7:30 pm **Coffee Hour on Zoom**
- Sat. Oct 31 Daylight Saving Time Ends – set your clocks back one hour before bed
- Sun. Nov 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
8:00 am Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
9:30 am Sung Eucharist (BAS; Church closed; streamed online)
11:00 am Sung Eucharist (Church open-please pre-register; streamed online);
4:00 pm Evensong (Church open -please pre-register; streamed online)
- Mon. Nov 2 **ALL SOULS' DAY**
12:15 Said Eucharist (Church open; please pre-register)
7:00 pm Sung Eucharist (Church open – please pre-register; streamed online)
- Wed. Nov 4 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Secularism (see article)
- Sun. Nov 8 **SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS DAY** – Preacher: Bishop Jenny Andison
- Thurs. Nov 12 7:00 pm **Larkin Stuart Lecture**
- Sun. Nov 15 **TRINITY XXIII**
- Wed. Nov 18 7:30 pm **Zoom Discussion** – Capitalism & Materialism



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

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*

**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:

Secularism: Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm

Lecture: *The Reformation Era and the Unintended Secularization of Western Society* by Dr Brad Gregory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFipIX1neKE>

No Meeting on November 11: Please attend the online Larkin-Stuart Lecture instead on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm. See below.

Capitalism and Materialism: 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

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 Christina 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.



LARKIN-STUART LECTURE 2020

We are delighted to announce that the Lecturer this year is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev'd Michael Curry. The lecture will take place by videoconference on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm. The talk will draw upon his recent book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubled Times*. Other details to follow.



TEMPERATURE IN THE CHURCH

Covid 19 guidelines recommend we keep a strong air flow in the building. They also forbid the use of our ceiling fans. The only way this is possible is to have the windows open during Mass for as long as the weather will permit. The furnace is now on, but there may be cold drafts in the building. Please dress in layers, if you are attending church in person.



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.



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.

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, or one of the parish clergy.

FLOWERS



The Altar Guild is planning to re-start Memorial flowers at the High Altar and Lady Altar in some form in the new year, as we do want parishioners to have the opportunity to remember their loved ones. However, we may not be having flowers every week. As you can appreciate, obtaining, delivering and arranging flowers brings additional complications during Covid 19 times. We will be contacting those currently on the list to confirm their intentions for 2021.