OCTOBER 31, 2021 TRINITY XXII

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 254; Introit: Psalm 130; Gradual: Psalm 133

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

- **TRINITY XXII** 8:00 am Said Eucharist 9:30 am Sung Mass 11:00 am High Mass 4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Mon. Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY Masses at 12:15 & 6:30 pm
 - 2 ALL SOULS' DAY Mass at 6:30 pm
- Tues. Nov. 2 Sun. Nov. 7



Fri. Nov. 12

Sun, Nov. 21

- SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:00 am Said Eucharist (please register) 9:30 am Sung Mass (please register) 11:00 am High Mass (please register) 4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (Zoom)
- Organ Concert at St Thomas's (see article)
- Sun. Nov. 14 TRINITY XXIV
 - THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
- Sun. Nov. 28 ADVENT I
- Wed. Dec. 1 Advent Bible Study at 7:00 pm on Zoom
- Sun. Dec. 5 ADVENT II
- Wed. Dec. 8 Advent Bible Study at 7:00 pm on Zoom
- Sun. Dec. 12 ADVENT III
- Wed. Dec. 15 Advent Bible Study at 7:00 pm on Zoom

RE-OPENING OF ST THOMAS'S FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Provincial and Diocesan protocols permit limited attendance in person so that physical distancing can be maintained. For contact tracing purposes, please register on EventBrite via the parish website *www.stthomas.on.ca* or by calling 416 979-2323 x 4.

If you have difficulty registering to attend, or decide to come to Church after registration is closed, please do feel free to come to Church! The 8:00 and 9:30 am masses have not been to capacity, and social distancing has thus far been possible even at 11:00 am. The sidespeople will assist you in our ongoing efforts to be compliant. Be assured that thus far, there has been sufficient room every Sunday at all Services!

Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted.

The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists will continue on YouTube and the 4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour on Zoom until further notice.

Fr. Humphrey is available to administer the sacraments in person. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with him. We urge you to get vaccinated, not only for your own safety but for the good of all. Let us know if we can help facilitate that. Pray for all those in our province and city affected by Covid 19, and around the world where vaccines are not readily available.

DAILY LOW MASS AND MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

The parish has resumed a regular schedule of daily worship. All are invited to attend in-person. For October, the schedule will be the following (please note that there are some differences from the old, pre-pandemic schedule):

Said Low Mass: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15 pm; Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm; Saturday at 10:00 am Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 8:30 am, Saturday at 9:30 am Evening Prayer: Monday-Friday 5:00 pm

Online registration will not be required. However, **anyone attending will be required to register when they arrive**.

Save the Date: "Until the Son of God Appear"

-A Three-Week Advent Bible Study-*Reading the Prophets of Exile and Return in the Time of Pandemic* Wednesday, December 1st, 8th and 15th at 7 pm on Zoom.



The Nativity with the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel and The Flight into Egypt with the Prophets Jeremiah and Hosea Duccio di Buoninsegna, Sienese, 14th Century National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, And Ransom captive Israel, Who dwells in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God Appear: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

For further information, contact Fr D'Angelo. Zoom login information to be sent out in the weekly Thurible the week before the series series begins.

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

"There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:31).

The love of God is not something that is taught, for we do not learn from another to rejoice in the light or to desire life, nor has anyone taught us to love our parents or nurses. In the same way and even to a far greater degree is it true that instruction in divine law is not from without, but, simultaneously with the formation of the creature man, I mean a kind of rational force was implanted in us like a seed, which, by an inherent tendency, impels us toward love. This germ is then received into account in the school of God's commandments, where it is wont to be carefully cultivated and skillfully nurtured and thus, by the grace of God, brought to its full perfection....

Now, the Lord Himself gave to us the seeds of these qualities in anticipation of His requiring in due time their fruits, for He says, 'A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another' (Jn 13:34). Moreover, wishing to animate our soul to the observance of this commandment. He did not require signs or wonders as the means of recognizing His disciples (although He gave the power of working these also in the Holy Spirit), but He says: 'By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another' (John 13:35). Further, He establishes so close a connection between the two great commandments that benefit conferred upon the neighbor is transferred to Himself: For I was hungry,' He says, 'and you gave me to eat (Matt 25:35)' and so on, adding: 'as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me' (Matt 25:40). It is, accordingly, possible to keep the second commandment by observing the first, and by means of the second we are led back to the first. He who loves the Lord loves his neighbor in consequence. 'If anyone love me,' said the Lord, 'he will keep my commandments (Jn 14:23)'; and again, He says: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you' (Jn 15:12).

~ St Basil the Great, *The Long Rules*, Questions 2&3 in *Saint Basil: Ascetical Works*, trans. Sister M. Monica Wagner, C.S.C, *Fathers of the Church: A New Translation*, Volume 9 (Catholic University of America Press: Washington, DC, 1962), pgs. 233 & 239-240.

NAMES FOR ALL SOULS'

As our Parishioners know, every year at All Souls' our faithful departed are commemorated in the service. If you wish to add your loved ones to this list of names, please either fill out one of the forms found in the Narthex, or send an e-mail to Christine Cover at *office@stthomas.on.ca* by 2:30 pm on Tuesday, November 2.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY is meeting this Friday,

November 5 from 3:00 to 7:30 pm to make a heart macaroni and cheese to serve our neighbours experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. You are invited to help prepare and serve our meal this week. We need volunteers for one or more of the following shifts:

3:00 - 5:30 pm Meal Prep 5:30 - 7:30 pm Meal Service and clean-up

Please contact Fr. James Shire at *fridayfoodministry@gmail.com* if you would like to join us!

CHRISTIAN MEDIATION ON ZOOM

Every Wednesday at Noon

Please contact Fr Brian Bartley -

frbrian.bartley@gmail.com - for more information, or to be added to the list of people who receive the weekly invitations to participate.

What is Christian Meditation? See a short – 9 minute – video at the following address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvFneqPA8U8&feature=emb_i mp_woyt

You can also Attend a Six Week Course in Christian Meditation, Saturdays October 23 to November 27, at 10-11 am on Zoom. For more information, follow this link: www.Bit.ly/Fall2021Intro



ADVANCE NOTICE:

Canadian organist Craig Humber, now based in Vienna, Austria, will be presenting an organ recital of music by Back, Brahms and Reger at St Thomas's on Friday, November 12 at 8:00 pm. Full details will be included in next week's Thurible.

UPCOMING SUBWAY AND ROAD CLOSURES

So far, the TTC only lists one subway shutdown in November that will affect people coming to Church, but things can change drastically from week to week. Please check for transit advisories at *ttc.ca*.

Nov 7—Yonge-University: closure from Finch to St Clair – please note that this is also the day of the time change

For a list of planned (and unplanned) road closures due to events or construction in the city, please see the City of Toronto site: *www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions* and click on the tab marked "list." This site changes constantly, so check it often.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 254, Tr 22, Pr 31B, Yr 1)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 38 Forsake me not, O Lord; O my God, be not thou far from me / Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation. (Ps) Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure. Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (1) **FEAST DAY** (White) 12:15 pm *The Solemnity of All Saints* Said Eucharist 12:15 pm; Solemn Eucharist 6:30 pm *(booklet)* Pr Bk Propers, page 299; Introit: Ps 33.1-5; Gradual: Ps 34.8-10

TUESDAY (2) **ALL SOULS' DAY** (Black) *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed* Solemn Requiem Mass at 6:30 pm Pr Bk Propers, page 301 *(booklet);* Introit: Ps 65.1-5; Tract: Ps 112.4-7

WEDNESDAY (3) *Comm.* (White) 12:15 pm *Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1600* Romans 13.8-10; Psalm 112; Luke 14.25-33

THURSDAY (4) *Memorial* (White) 5:30 pm *Saints of the Old Testament* Introit: Ps 145.8-13; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-12, 23-28, 32–12.2 Gradual: Ps 37.27-35; Matthew 22.23-32

FRIDAY (5) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm Romans 15.14-21; Psalm 98; Luke 16.1-8

SATURDAY (6) *Feria* (Green) 10:00 am Romans 16.3-9,16, 22-27; Psalm 145.1-7; Luke 16.9-15