

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY** **TRINITY XV**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:30 am Sung Eucharist
11:00 am Sung Eucharist
4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Tues. Sept. 14 **HOLY CROSS DAY** - Low Mass at 12:15 pm
- Sun. Sept. 19 **TRINITY XVI**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
(please register, to attend in person)
9:30 am Sung Eucharist
(please register, to attend in person)
11:00 am Sung Eucharist
(please register, to attend in person)
4:00 pm Evensong and Coffee Hour (*Zoom*)
- Tues. Sept. 21 **FEAST OF ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE** - Low Mass at 12:15 pm
- Sun. Sept. 26 **TRINITY XVII**
- Wed. Sept. 29 **MICHAELMAS** - Mass at 12:15 and 6:30 pm
- Sun. Oct. 3 **DEDICATION**
- Sun. Oct. 10 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
- Mon. Oct. 11 **Thanksgiving Day** (Office Closed)
- Sun. Oct. 17 **TRINITY XX**
- Sun. Oct. 24 **TRINITY XXI**

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. At St Thomas's this effectively means a total of 40 people at one time, including those in the chancel. 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 filled 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.

The Friday Food Ministry is meeting this Friday, September 17 from 3:00PM to 7:30PM to make sandwiches 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:

3:00PM-5:30PM Meal Prep

5:30PM-7:30PM Meal Service and clean-up

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

The Friday Food Ministry's Thursday Bee will be meeting again on Thursday, September 16 at 5:00PM in the parish kitchen to make sandwiches for the Friday dinner service. This is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to help with the Friday Food Ministry.

If you wish to join, please contact Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com

NOVENA FOR ST THOMAS'S

Join us, September 8 to 16, as we pray a Novena for this new season of our parish's life. In your private devotions we invite you to pray with intention for the parish of St Thomas's for these nine consecutive days:

WE give thee thanks, O heavenly Father, for the parish of St Thomas's and for the provision of a new rector. Grant unto thy servant Fr Humphrey, and all our clergy and leadership, the guidance and power of thy Holy Spirit as they seek to build up this parish. Inspire again in us all a love for thy Church, as thou callest each to their vocation and ministry anew. May all things be done according to thy will and may all our doings lift up thy holy Name and bring those nigh unto us to knowledge of thy Son; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify the parish of St Thomas's by thine abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of thy people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard from forgetfulness of thee those who are strong and prosperous. Increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

STAFF HOLIDAY AND ABSENCE

Christine Cover had surgery last week and will be away from the office this week for some recovery time. Fr. Theo Ipema will be looking after the office while she is away.

MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM SERVICE!

Because we cannot yet return to singing live and in person, we are trying an experiment at the 11:00 am service: the use of pre-recorded music. If successful, the plan is to add some recorded elements to the 9:30 service, as well. Our hope is that this addition will be received as an enrichment of the liturgy, edifying to both those in church and worshipping with us via the Internet.

We are in the process of rendering past St. Thomas's choir recordings useable for livestreaming, but for now we have been given permission to use the Nicene Creed setting by Calvin Hampton (1938-1984), arranged by Peter Stoltzfus Berton (b. 1968) from "Strength, Joy, and Peace: A Choral Year from St. John's, Newport, RI," which was released last year at Fr. Humphrey's previous parish. Want to hear more? Go to <https://saintjohns-newport.hearnow.com/> to download any or all of the digital tracks. You can also order a CD by visiting <https://saintjohns-newport.org/strength-joy-and-peace/>.

Please note that to facilitate a smooth transition using the new technology this involves, the Creed will be sung by our "guest choir" following the sermon. We encourage you to pray this statement of our faith silently as the choir proclaims it audibly. God willing, it will not be long before all of us are raising our voices heavenward in praise of God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.