

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**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**

Sun. Sept. 27    **TRINITY XVI**

In person Masses at 8:00 and 11:00 am (please register)  
Streamed Mass at 9:30 am. The Church is closed to the public  
during this Service

Sun. Oct. 4      **THE FEAST OF DEDICATION**

Sun. Oct 11     **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Mon. Oct 12    **Thanksgiving Day** - Office Closed

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

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*Welcome back 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. There are many regulations we have to abide by, not least of which is keeping a six-foot distance between people at all times. We all need to do our best to contain the spread of Covid 19, and as a result, for the time being, our Services will look and feel different than they have in the past. Most notably and regrettably, the congregation cannot sing at this time. Only the clergy and cantor will do so. 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.*

*In addition to this Notices leaflet, two liturgical documents will be provided at 11:00 am: a large-sheet “Ordinary of the Eucharist” containing elements of the Book of Common Prayer liturgy that do not change from week to week, and a booklet containing the “Proper” – those elements that do change: music, collects, readings, psalms and intercessions that are specific to today. None of the documents provided should be shared. You may take them home.*

*Please read the following, and listen carefully to the clergy’s verbal instructions regarding the procedure for receiving 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.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.*

### **COFFEE HOUR WITH FR HUMPHREY**

Last Wednesday around 70 "screens" representing many more individuals participated in the coffee hour to meet our new Rector. Thanks to the Parish Selection Committee who hosted the very well-run event, Bishop Andison, and of course to Fr Humphrey who spoke to us from the beautiful chancel of his current parish, St John's Newport, Rhode Island. We look forward to other opportunities to meet with him online in the coming months.

**THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY** is still going strong and is serving our neighbours in need every Friday evening with delicious and nutritious to-go meals. We are always in need of volunteers and support to help serve on Friday evenings from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more, please contact Deacon James at [fridayfoodministry@gmail.com](mailto:fridayfoodministry@gmail.com). The health and safety of our volunteers and guests is a priority, and we are able to provide PPE to volunteers and practice social distancing between volunteers and guests.

### **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. More details to follow.