

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 90 (BCP 446); Job 1; Te Deum; 1 Peter 2.1-17;
Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 242; Introit: Psalm 146.1-6 (BCP 517);
Gradual: Psalm 146.7-10 (BCP 518)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

TRINITY XVI

7:30 am Mattins (BCP)

8:00 am Low Mass (BCP) (no music)

9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)

11:00 am High Mass (BCP)

5:00 pm First Evensong of Michaelmas (BCP)

Thurs. Sept 28 **Young Adults Ministry** (*see article*)

Fri. Sept 29 **MICHAELMAS** at St. Mary Magdalene at 7:00 pm
(wine and cheese to follow)

Sun. Oct 1 **DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
Combined BAS Mass at 10:30 am with luncheon to follow
Evensong, Te Deum & Benediction at 5:00 pm
with reception to follow

Wed. Oct 4 **Advisory Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall

Sun. Oct 8 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Mon. Oct 9 **Thanksgiving Day** – Office Closed; normal service schedule

Sun. Oct 15 **TRINITY XIX**

Sun. Oct 22 **TRINITY XX**

Sat. Oct 28 **Benedictine Day** – 11:00 am (*see article*)

Sun. Oct 29 **TRINITY XXI**

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

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL is back! Children ages 4 to 11 can be taken to the undercroft (which can be accessed from the south entrance) any time after 10:50 am. They will learn about Jesus' birth, life, and teachings by each creating their own Life of Jesus binder. Additionally, they will learn about the Eucharist with their personalized "My Church Book" folder which guides them through activities and exercises.

The Church School group will join the service in their designated 2 pews at the back of the church, towards the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, in order to sing the Lord's Prayer with the congregation, receive a blessing, and then return to the undercroft for the ever-important cookies and juice. Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) from the undercroft after the service. If you have any questions, please email Siobhán at siobhandungan@rogers.com.

KNOW A CHILD WHO LOVES TO SING?

The St. Thomas's Choristers welcomes all children, ages 7-17, to audition for our new children's choral program. The Choristers will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass, starting in Fall 2023. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. This is an extraordinary opportunity for free music education, with a focus on sacred music in the Anglican tradition. You can sign up for an audition using the Google Form at stthomas.on.ca/choristers, or by emailing Manuel Piazza at mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca.

THE UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY IS BACK!

To celebrate the new school year and to welcome new and returning people we will be having a pub night following Evensong today, September 24. Please meet in the narthex of the church following Evensong and we will go as a group out.

Additionally, our Bible Study is coming back. Beginning Thursday, September 28, we will be meeting weekly in the Undercroft. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All university students and young adults are welcome to attend. For more information, please email Fr James Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca.

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POT-LUCK DEDICATION LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER for the Friday Food Ministry

Following the Combined Mass for the Feast of the Dedication on October 1 there will be a pot-luck luncheon and fundraiser for the Friday Food Ministry. We are looking for volunteers to bring food to this function to share. You are invited to help by making and bringing one or more of the following items:

- Salads or Sides
- Entrees (both meat and vegetarian/vegan)
- Rolls or buns
- Desserts
- Drinks

There will be a suggested donation of \$20, and all proceeds will go directly to the Friday Food Ministry and its ongoing work to serve meals to our neighbours in need. All are welcome to enjoy the potluck even if you cannot bring anything or cannot give the suggested donation.

If you would like to contribute to the potluck, please email Cian Horrobin at cian.horrobin@gmail.com, for all other inquiries please contact Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING WITH THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY

We are fast approaching Thanksgiving 2023 and with it comes the Friday Food Ministry's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on October 9. This is one of the biggest events of the year for the FFM and it gives us an opportunity to serve our neighbours who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. We often get 150 guests each year to our feast.

Such an event however takes a lot of work, and so we need your help! Whether that is helping out at the church, making food at home to donate, or shopping in the days leading up, there are many possible ways you can help the FFM make Thanksgiving special.

Here are all the ways you can help:

First, we need people with cars who can help us with the shopping. We will need a fair bit of food and supplies to make this work, so this is a vital logistical support for the meal. (You are still welcome to assist with shopping even if you do not have a car).

Second, we need help cooking turkeys. We usually prepare 14 turkeys each year to serve. Yes, that is a lot of birds, but if we have a team of people working together, we can get them all ready. We need help cooking turkeys in two different ways.

- 1) We will be cooking turkeys on Friday Oct 6, Saturday Oct 7, and Sunday Oct 8 at St. Thomas's. We need people to put them into the ovens, look after them, and then carve them.
- 2) Additionally, we need people to "adopt a turkey" and cook a turkey at home and bring it back to St. Thomas's by Thanksgiving Day. We can either provide you with a turkey to cook, or you can donate one that you have purchased and cooked yourself.

Third, we will need other items cooked at home to serve. This includes things like vegetarian entrees, sides, and desserts. Vegetarian entrees in particular are needed, so if you have a good recipe you like to work with, this is the place for you.

Fourth and finally, we will need volunteers to help on Thanksgiving Day itself. We will be running all day on October 9, so you can come for some or all of the day. We will be preparing meals and drinks, serving the meals, and cleaning up.

The shifts are as follows:

9 am-1noon: meal prep shift 1

noon-3 pm: meal prep shift 2

3 pm-5 pm: first meal seating (with dinner being served at 4pm)

5 pm-7 pm: transition, second meal seating (with dinner being served at 6pm)

7 pm-7:30 pm: clean-up

Thanksgiving is a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun. It is a great way to spend the day, and there are many different ways to serve. If you are interested in assisting or have any questions, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

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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 tiding the flowerbeds. It's always a fun day, and there will be homemade soup afterward. Please let Christine Cover (office@stthomas.on.ca), know if you will be able to come and help.

UPCOMING SUBWAY AND ROAD CLOSURES

The TTC lists subway shutdowns in the first part of April that will affect people coming to Church, but sometimes they will unexpectedly cancel a shutdown, or add one. Please check for transit advisories at *ttc.ca*.

October 1 — Yonge-University: subway closures between St. George and St. Andrew Stations; AND between St. Clair West and Sheppard West Stations

Runs and Marathons

According to the Run Guides calendar (<https://www.runguides.com/toronto/runs>) there are two runs in October that might affect people coming to church.

Oct 1—**CIBC Run for the Cure**. This relatively short run starts at 10:00 am and ends at approximately 11:30 pm. Streets affected will be Bay Street northbound to Wellesley, Queens Park to Charles Street West toward Yonge, Yonge Street southbound to Edward, Bay Street again and ending at Nathan Philips Square

Oct 15—**Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon** begins at 8:45 am on University Avenue, south of Queen's Park. Participants will travel north to Bloor Street, east to Bathurst, and south to Lakeshore Blvd. Runners will then go east on Lakeshore to Ellis Avenue, turn around and come back along Lakeshore Blvd. and Queen's Quay, will venture up the Bayview Extension, then east along Eastern Avenue, Lakeshore Blvd. and Queen Street to MacLean Avenue, back into the city by the same route, along Front Street to Bay, and will end at Queen and Bay. The estimated finishing time for all participants is 4:30 pm.

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.

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. 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. 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, 242, Tr XVI, Pr 25, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: 37 (BCP 374)
& 78 (BCP 426)

(*Antiphon*) The salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord who is also their refuge in the time of trouble / And the Lord shall stand by them and save them. (*Psalm*) Hear my teaching, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (25) *Commem.* (Green) 12:15 pm
Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
Ezra 1.1-6; Psalm 126 (BCP 500);
Luke 8.16-18

TUESDAY (26) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Ezra 6.1-8,12-19; Psalm 124 (BCP 499);
Lk 8.19-21

WEDNESDAY (27) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Ezra 9.5-9; Psalm 48 (BCP 390); Luke 9.1-6

THURSDAY (28) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Haggai 1.1-8; Psalm 149.1-5 (BCP 520);
Luke 9.7-9

FRIDAY (29) **HOLY DAY** (White) 12:15 pm
Saint Michael and All Angels
BCP Propers, page 294
Introit: Ps 103.19-22 (BCP 461); Gradual:
Ps 148.1-3 (BCP 519)
6:30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene

SAT. (30) *Memorial* (White) 10:00 am
Jerome, Teacher of the Faith, 420
Introit: Ps 1.1-4 (BCP 331);
Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-8
Gradual: Ps 119.105-112 (BCP 492);
Luke 24.44-48

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