

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 72 (BCP 418); Hosea 14; Te Deum; Romans 12;  
Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 237; Introit: Psalm 90.1-13 (BCP 446);  
Gradual: Psalm 90.14-18 (BCP 447)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>TRINITY XIII</b> 7:30 am Mattins 8:00 am Low Mass (no music) 10:30 am Sung Mass (BCP) 5:00 pm Evensong & Adoration (BCP)
Mon. Sept 4	<b>Labour Day</b> – Office Closed; normal service schedule
Sun. Sept 10	<b>TRINITY XIV</b> – normal Sunday Service schedule resumes: 7:30 am Mattins 8:00 am Low Mass (no music) 9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS) 11:00 am High Mass (BCP) 5:00 pm Evensong & Adoration (BCP)
Tues. Sept 12	<b>Holy Land Zoom Session</b> – 3:00 to 4:00 pm ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Sept 17	<b>TRINITY XV</b>
Tues. Sept 19	<b>Society of Mary</b> – 6:45 pm in the Undercroft ( <i>article to come</i> )
Sun. Sept 24	<b>TRINITY XVI</b> <b>FIRST EVENSONG OF MICHAELMAS</b>
Fri. Sept 29	<b>MICHAELMAS</b> at St Mary Magdalene at 6:30 pm
Sun. Oct 1	<b>DEDICATION FESTIVAL</b> Combined BAS Mass at 10:30 am
Sun. Oct 8	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>
Mon. Oct 9	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> – Office Closed; normal service schedule

**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.

**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** will be resuming on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with our Church School Coordinator, Siobhán Dungan. 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](mailto:siobhandungan@rogers.com).

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Zoom Information Session**

Join Bishop Jenny Andison, Father Humphrey, and their associates at The Living Church on **September 12, 3:00–4:00 pm**, for a live Q&A with Faith Journeys about the April 2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage. Bring these questions, and more:

- *Why should I go on pilgrimage?*
- *How much does it cost with taxes and fees?*
- *How is a pilgrimage different from a vacation?*
- *What kind of experience can I expect?*
- *How can I prepare now for travel in the Middle East?*
- *How does travel cancellation work?*
- *What's included in the pilgrimage package?*
- *Who else is going to be there?*

The itinerary for this trip includes Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Cana, Mount Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Bethany, the Dead Sea, and Masada.

If you're interested in joining the Zoom Meeting, please send an e-mail to Fr. Humphrey at [frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca) to request a link.

For a brochure or to register, please see [portal.myfaithjourneys.com](http://portal.myfaithjourneys.com) and use the group code 24026, or send an e-mail to [info@myfaithjourneys.com](mailto:info@myfaithjourneys.com), again referencing group code 24026. Space is limited.

## **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, beginning on September 7. There will also be a Chorister day camp on Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 am to 3:30 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](http://stthomas.on.ca/choristers), or by emailing Manuel Piazza at [mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca).

## **UPDATING SAINT THOMAS'S DATABASE**

Have you moved in the last year or two? Did you change your e-mail address or phone number? *Did you remember to let us know at Saint Thomas's?*

If you need to update your information, please send an e-mail to Christine, or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

## **ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!**

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers through the end of the year.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00. You will get a charitable receipt for memorial flower donations.

Dates available include **September 27** (Trinity XVI – Lady Altar); **October 15** (Trinity XIX, Lady Altar); **November 12** (Trinity XXIII – High Altar); **November 19** (Trinity XXIV – both the High Altar and Lady Altar); **November 26** (The Sunday Next Before Advent –the Lady Altar); and **December 31** (Christmas I – both the High Altar and Lady Altar)

Please contact Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) if you are interested in one of the dates listed above, or are looking for a specific date at another time of the year.

## **FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED**

We have all admired the beautiful flower arrangements on the altars on Sunday mornings, but have you ever wanted to learn how to do this yourself? This is your big chance!

The Flower Guild needs some enthusiastic people to help with flower arranging, once or twice a month. What's more, we are willing to train you (if necessary) on the various techniques florists use to display flowers at their best.

Please send an e-mail to Christine Cover in the office, if you are interested – [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca).

## **PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS**

To submit prayer requests, please email [prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca) or call Christine at 416-979-2323 x 4 to provide details. Please let us know whether you want the person included (1) on the weekly intercessions list to be prayed for daily at Mass and/or (2) in the private prayers of our prayer and care team. Let us know also if a follow-up might be required, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a clergy call or visit.

St. Thomas's also wants to share in your good news. Do you have a birthday, anniversary, or other thanksgiving you would like included in the prayers on Sunday? Please send requests to [prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca); both one-off and annual thanksgivings are welcome. We want to share your joys as well as support you in times of trial.

## **PLANNING AN EVENT AT ST. THOMAS'S?**

For most of the year, from Monday to Friday our Parish Hall is in use in the evenings. We also have groups that regularly meet in some of our smaller rooms, and there are special or seasonal events that require the use of our space less often, but are no less important.

The point is, our meeting space is at a premium, and sometimes people assume that they can inform the office that they will be in the space they want on such and such a date and all will be fine; or that because they mentioned it to Fr. Humphrey (or someone else in authority) it's a done deal.

This is **NOT** the case.

Those wanting to use rooms at St Thomas's need to contact Christine Cover at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) with a list of possible dates, times, and preferred meeting spaces and she will check the calendar to see when you can be accommodated. Please do not advertise your event until you have cleared the meeting space availability with Christine.

A related subject is that of livestreaming. Right now, this is only available inside the Church, and it has to be set up well in advance because there are very few people who know how to operate the equipment, and they are not always available on short notice. If you are considering livestreaming an event in the Church, please contact our Director of Livestreaming, Rigzin Tute, at [livestreaming@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:livestreaming@stthomas.on.ca) to make arrangements.

## 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*.

September 17 — Bloor-Danforth: subway closure between Warden and Kennedy Stations

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 three runs in September and October that might affect people coming to church.

Sep 10—**Yorkville 5K** will close Bay Street to Dundas, Dundas between Bay and University, University Avenue and Avenue Road between Dundas and Davenport Road, and Davenport eastbound to Bay Street. It is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am, and finish at 11:00 am.

Oct 1—**CIBC Run for the Cure**. Unfortunately, they have not yet put the route map on the website, but in past years this relatively short run started at 10:00 am and ended at approximately 11:30 pm. Streets affected were Queen's Park Circle, University Avenue to Dundas (both directions), Bloor to St George, St George to College Street, College between St George and King's College, and a short stretch of Hoskin Avenue.

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](http://www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions) and click on the tab marked "list." This site changes constantly, so check it often.

## SECURITY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

Our parish hall is used Monday through Friday every week, and the church is often occupied as well. Sometimes groups meet in the St Agnes Chapel, the Fr Freeland Room, and St Elmo's Room above the Parish Hall.

With all these comings and goings, we need to be very careful about security. Before you leave for the evening, please take a few moments to ensure that entry points are secure in the area you've occupied - check the windows and doors, and close and lock them accordingly. Most important, when you go outside at the end of your event, please be certain any door that you pass through is properly closed and locked behind you.

**If your event is cancelled, please let the office know immediately.** Our rooms are in high demand sometimes, and we would rather not turn people away who could use the space. The other reason we need to know is if the building is going to stand empty, we can lock up early, thus eliminating the need for someone to wait around, or worse, make a special trip to St. Thomas's in order to check security.

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## 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](http://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/smokytops](http://qrco.de/smokytops). 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, 237, Tr XIII, Pr 22, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit Psalm: 86

(*Antiphon*) Be merciful unto me, O Lord; for all the day long do I call upon thee / For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee. (*Psalm*) Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; for I am poor and needy. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (4) *Labour Day* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Pr 245; Introit 113.1-9 (BCP 479),  
Gradual 127.1-6 (BCP 500)

TUESDAY (5) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Psalm 27.1-4,15-16  
(BCP 360); Luke 4.31-37

WEDNESDAY (6) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
Colossians 1.1-8; Psalm 34.9-22 (BCP 369);  
Luke 4.38-44

THURSDAY (7) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm  
Colossians 1.9-14; Psalm 98 (BCP 455);  
Luke 5.1-11

FRIDAY (8) **HOLY DAY** (White) 12:15 pm  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Introit: Ps 85.8-13 (BCP 438); Isaiah 61.9-11  
Gradual: Ps 132.6-8 (BCP 503), 14-18;  
Luke 1.26-33

SATURDAY (9) *Feria* (Green) 10:00 am  
Colossians 1.21-23; Psalm 54 (BCP 397);  
Luke 6.1-5

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