

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon. September 7 Labour Day – Office Closed

Sun. September 13 **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** - See Below

RE-OPENING ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Next Sunday Sept 13 we are permitted to celebrate the eucharist in church with the congregation present for the first time since March 14. Deo Gratia! Thank you to all who completed the survey sent last week. The timetable for September 13 with instructions on how to pre-register before coming to church will be announced in an email message this week and on the website. Those unable to access email are asked to call the church at the number above for information. A livestream liturgy without a congregation will be offered at 9:30 am on Youtube.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

In addition to our own social justice programs – the Refugee Sponsorship Committee and the Friday Food Ministry – the Diocese is offering a number of ways for us to get involved in social justice activities and education that may be of interest:

- Online learning about race, racism and the church: Black Anglicans of Canada and Toronto Urban Native Ministries are offering three September Wednesday evening online learning events: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/shared-black-and-indigenous-pathways-series-tickets-118220443529>
- Indigenous justice: starting September 17, there are a series of Indigenous justice events being sponsored by Deacons of the Parkdale-West Toronto Deanery and York-Credit Valley Area under the title Reconciliation Walk, starting with an online dinner and movie event featuring “**Niigaanibatowaad: FrontRunners**”, a film about ten Indigenous youth from residential schools who were chosen as torchbearers for the 1967 Pan-Am games: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eh76rezf4b07268f&llr=zulsehqab>

One of the ways the Diocese supports social justice is through FaithWorks. You can support FaithWorks through St Thomas's. Parishes may retain up to 15% of donations for their own local outreach. You can find out more about FaithWorks at www.faithworks.ca and make donations via the FaithWorks link on the parish's donations page at www.stthomas.on.ca (or by interac, visa or cheque noting that the donation is for FaithWorks).

LARKIN-STUART LECTURE 2020

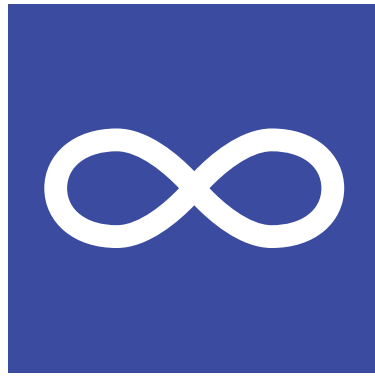
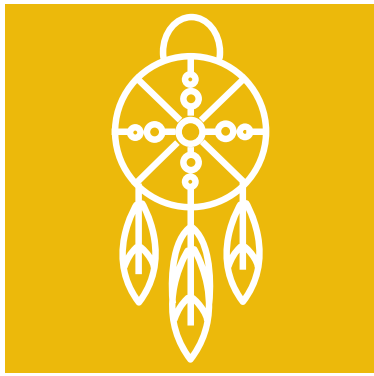
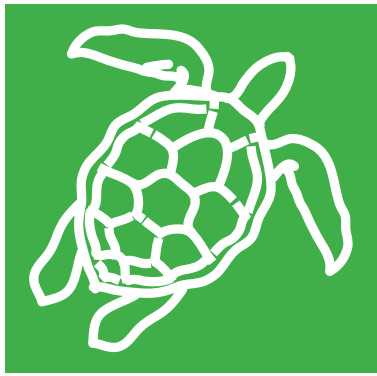
We are delighted to announce that the Lecturer this year is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev'd Michael Curry. The lecture will take place by videoconference on Thursday Nov 12 at 7:00 pm. More details to follow.

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.

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.

SAINT THOMAS'S OFFICE E-MAIL HAS CHANGED

While the old office e-mail will continue to forward information for a time, it will eventually be eliminated. **The new office e-mail is office@stthomas.on.ca**. Please update your contact lists!



“If we are to be a healthy community we need to address and dismantle the vestiges of colonialism in our church at all levels.”

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, former Primate Anglican Church of Canada

Join us on a

RECONCILIATION WALK

**that aims to guide us in our activities
in the parish and in our everyday lives.**

This series of stories, movies and/or exercises, followed by discussion with Indigenous leaders, is sponsored by Deacons of the West Toronto Deanery and the York Credit Valley Area of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

All sessions are on Thursdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom

You are invited to bring your own meal and we will eat together.

**Raising Consciousness
about Racism**

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Niigaanibatowaad:

FrontRunners

Special Guest:

Frontrunner Bill Chippeway

Film: Courtesy of the National

Film Board

**Experiencing
Colonization**

Thursday, October 15, 2020

The Blanket Exercise

workshop developed by Kairos

**Building an understanding
of our colonial past
and present**

Thursday, November 12, 19
and 26, 2020

Doctrine of Discovery:

Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts

produced by The Anglican
Church of Canada

To register, go to

<https://tinyurl.com/recwalkto>

For more information, contact The Rev. Claudette Taylor at initiative201@gmail.com