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An occasional Newsletter for Parishioners and Friends of Saint Thomas's Church, Toronto

CHRIS HARPER MADE DEACON

Bishop Burton of Saskatchewan Ordains Parish Seminarian

**"Affection, respect
and encouragement"**

*based on a background report by Ann Welsh
with supplemental material courtesy Diocese
of Saskatchewan web site*

Sunday evening, February 6th, saw a full Church as The Rt Revd. Anthony Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan, made Chris Harper a Deacon. Saint Thomas's Seminarian since 2003, Chris, 43, was ordained for future service in the Diocese of Saskatchewan; he was born and has lived most of his life on the Onion Lake First Nations Reserve.

Bishop Burton presided from the



A Deacon is Made: Bishop Tony Burton ordains Christopher Harper

Throne during the Pontifical High Mass celebrated by the Rector, in the context of which the Ordination took place. The Bishop was attended by Deacons of Honour Frs David Harrison and Bill Little, while John Gardham and David O'Rourke bore in vimpas the Episcopal instruments

of Mitre and Crozier. Jean-Paul Napier acted as Master of Ceremonies to coordinate faultlessly the actions of clergy and servers throughout the complex ritual. The sermon was delivered by Fr Merv Mercer, Assistant Professor of Anglican *continued on page two*

HOLY WEEK & EASTERTIDE SERVICES

Special Observances *(with musical highlights in italics)*

PALM SUNDAY: March 20

- 9:30 am Palm Sunday Procession and Sung Eucharist (BAS)
- 11:00 am Palm Sunday Procession and Solemn High Mass (BCP) *(Langlais, Bach, Gibbons & Vaughan Williams)*
- 7:00 pm Solemn Evensong, Way of the Cross, Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament *(Poulenc & Langlais)*

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: March 21, 22 & 23

- 7:30 am, 12:15 noon & 5:30 pm – Low Mass
- 6:30 pm Confessions
- 7:30 pm Way of the Cross & Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament

MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 24

- 8:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, including Washing of the Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars, followed by all night Gethemane Watch at the Altar of Repose *(Ubi caritas et amor: Duruflé; des Prez & Byrd)*
- 11:30 pm Candlelight Way of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY: March 25

- 10:30 am Liturgy of the Passion, including the Solemn Prayers, the Veneration of the Cross and the Passion Gospel *(The Reproaches: John Sanders)*
- 7:30 pm Candlelight Way of the Cross

EASTER EVEN: March 26

- 10:00 am Mattins & Ante-Communion
- 9:00 pm The Easter Vigil, including the Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Pascal Candle, the Proclamation of Easter, Reading of the Prophecies, Blessing of the Baptismal Water and first Solemn High Mass of Easter. **The Most Reverend Andrew Hutchison, Primate of All Canada, presiding.** *(Wood, Langlais & Lassus)*

EASTER DAY: March 27

- The usual Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 *(Aston & Arcadelt)* & 11:00 am *(Langlais & Byrd)*
- 7:00 pm Solemn Evensong, Procession, Solemn Te Deum & Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament *(Howells, Rheinberger & Te Deum: Britten)*

THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER: April 3

- The usual Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
- 7:00 pm Solemn Evensong, Easter Carols, Procession & Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Reception *(Traditional carols, Tavener, Gabrieli)*

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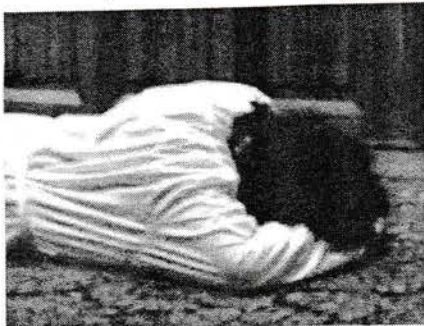
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Formation at Wycliffe College where Chris undertook his theological studies. Fr Ross, Deacon of the Mass, sang the Litany during which Chris lay prostrate before the High Altar.

The Ordination was followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall, arranged by Social Committee Chairmen Susan Clarke and Charis Kelso together with the help of many volunteers. Special guests included Chris and Tracy's two adult children, Nathan and Brandy-Lynn. Together with Chris's mother, Florence, they traveled to Toronto to share in Chris's Ordination. For Chris's mother, it was her first plane trip. Until recently, Florence ran a 100 (!)-member Sunday School out of her home in Onion Lake.

During the festivities, the Rector announced that the evening's collection would be devoted to assisting Chris as he begins his ministry in Saskatchewan. A further presentation was made by Jean-Paul Napier on behalf of Chris' fellow members of the Acolytes' Guild, while the Bishop spoke briefly to thank the Parish for providing the new Deacon with



The candidate for Holy Orders prostrates himself during singing of the Litany

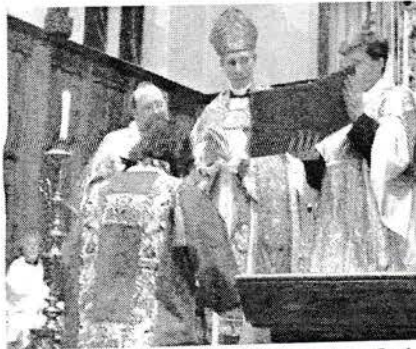
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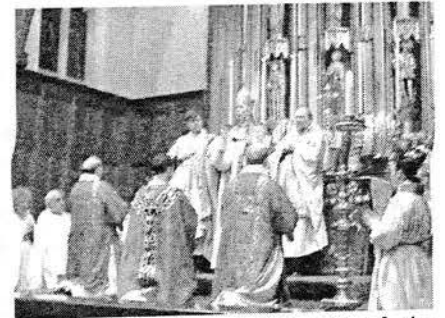
Attended by Deacons of Honour Frs Craig (!) and Harrison, the Bishop clothes the newly-made Deacon with the Dalmatic

so important a part of his priestly formation, and also, and also for providing Chris and his wife Tracy with a parish family to anchor their lives during their time in Toronto. Mr Harper, as a Deacon is formally addressed until ordained Priest, concluded the formal part of the evening by thanking all those who had made his experience at Saint Thomas's, culminating in the Ordination observances, such a rewarding and welcoming one.

In the Anglican Church, a Deacon (from the Greek word for "servant") is one of the three orders of Sacred Ministry. The Sacrament of Ordination is received by the Laying on of Hands by a Bishop who is understood to stand in a succession dating back to the Apostles. A Deacon wears a clerical collar, is styled as "the Reverend", and may preach, and conduct Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals when a priest is unavailable. The particular liturgical function of a Deacon is reading the Gospel in services and helping to distribute the Eucharist.

"Two lives, one path," Chris Harper reflected in describing his faith and ministry journey during a pre-Ordination interview. "To live in two worlds – off and on the Reserve – and to walk the one path of the Creator God."

Onion Lake First Nations Reserve is one of the largest Treaty Land Entitlement reserves in Saskatchewan. Chris's decision to answer his call to the priesthood – the first vocation from Onion Lake – came after more than 19 years of leadership in his community, comprising secular work as an Emergency Responder running the local ambulance service, as well as increasing lay involvement in the Anglican Church in Saskatchewan. Their children now young adults, Chris and Tracy left family, friends and job in 2002 so that he could pursue his studies at Wycliffe College, Toronto, there funding



Pontifical Blessing: at the end of the joyous Ordination liturgy, Bishop Burton blesses the congregation, the Sacred Ministers of the Mass kneeling before him

his education with the Harpers' life savings, supplemented by Tracy's work as a College receptionist.

During his Wycliffe studies, Chris and Tracy travelled to Kenya to minister and to teach about health, including talking with women's groups about AIDS prevention and treatment. Chris hopes to return to Africa in the future. He sees many parallels between Native people in Canada and the people of Kenya, both historically and in the present.

On his ordination to the Priesthood, anticipated to occur in 2006, Chris hopes to return to the Onion Lake Reserve. He says, "I feel a calling to go back to the Reserves and to minister to Native people, to give back, and to reflect back to them the peace, love, hope and promise that is in the Christian faith." He acknowledges that "it won't be easy." He has already faced antagonism and hostility from some Native people, who find it difficult to understand his decision to enter the Anglican Church, given recent controversy surrounding the Residential Schools' experience. He says, "I see an opportunity for healing, an opportunity to rebuild and reinforce a bridge between the Anglican faith and Native people."



Acolytes Guild Secretary Jean-Paul Napier makes a presentation to the Reverend Mr Harper during the post-Ordination Reception in the Parish Hall

Fr Andrews, as Rector, Chris's friend, mentor and placement supervisor sees Chris's ministry "as a really positive move, for the church and for society, a move beyond the hurt and antagonism that has been felt. That had to be acknowledged and faced but for the national church and the local communities, it's a painful thing to have to confront. Here, we are seeing a move beyond that state to a person whose ministry is going to enable the Church and the community to move to a better place. It's a healing journey between two worlds."

Cree people in what is present-day Saskatchewan started to be organized in Anglican parishes with clergy from 1840. The Diocese of Saskatchewan, created in 1873, boasts one of the Church's largest proportion of indigenous clergy. Serving the northern two-thirds of the civil Province, approximately sixty percent of the Diocesan membership is comprised of Cree, while its Suffragan Bishop, Rt Rev'd Charles Arthurson, was consecrated the first Native Bishop in Canada in 1989.

Returning to the airport following the Ordination, Bishop Burton reflected on his associations with Saint Thomas's. He had discovered the Parish by attending Evensong and Benediction during his studies at Wycliffe College in the late 60's and early 70's. This experience drew him to the beauty and spirituality of St T's Catholic liturgy. Later, while he was Dean of St Alban's Cathedral, Prince Albert, the Bishop came to know the present Rector, as Fr Andrews was serving as Priest Vicar.

In a web site message, Bishop Burton reported to his Diocese that the Ordination was "magnificent. It made the coronation of a Byzantine emperor look like an Amish funeral. But chiefly I was moved by the obvious affection, respect and encouragement the parish showed to Christopher. It's a wonderful Christian community."

At the time of his election in 1993, Bishop Anthony Burton was the youngest bishop in the world-wide Anglican Communion, and the youngest Canadian bishop that century. He is still the youngest of the Canadian bishops, though now one of the most senior of them. He currently serves as Chair of the Council of the North (representing a third of Canada's dioceses and 85% of its geography), Episcopal Visitor to the South American Missionary Society, as well as patron or officer of a variety of institutions, societies and organizations. Bishop Burton was born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario.

Kitchen Blessing Honours Outstanding Leadership and Tireless Devotion

by Charis Kelso

"Graciously hear us, O Lord God, Holy Father Almighty; and send thy holy angels from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all who work in this place. Let this kitchen be hallowed; let every unclean spirit fly hence, by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who livest and reignest, throughout the ages, world without end. Amen." Thus the Rector, assisted by acolyte Jean-Paul Napier, blessed the newly renovated kitchen with Holy Water and prayer.

And then what a party we all enjoyed! At the reception following the Lessons

and Ronwen Guest, was an opportunity for well over one hundred parishioners to applaud the efforts of Kitchen Renovation Project Co-Chairs Marion Dorosh and Carol Kysela, and to acknowledge the rest of the core team of Committee members. It was also a time for the parish to join in prayers of thanksgiving for those who made the project a success, and prayers of joy for the talents that will be put to work in the new kitchen.

Marion expressed her gratitude to Margaret Hardacre for getting the fund-raising ball rolling with her personal



Liz & Bill Thoms join Fr Ross and Carol Kysela in 'hands-on' appreciation of the newly renovated Parish Kitchen

and Carols Service on Sunday, December 19, 2004, the St. Thomas's community was able to pay fitting tribute to the incredible contribution of all involved in the renovation project and, through the blessing of the space, to launch a new era of activity in the kitchen.

Already in 2005 the freshly renovated kitchen has been the scene of the preparation of fabulous food; a place where parishioners, perhaps formerly relative strangers, have bonded while washing dishes; and a bright, cheery space in which volunteer cleaners and gardeners gather to share lunch during hectic and productive Benedictine Days.

The December reception, complete with scrumptious food prepared and served by Susan Clarke and the rest of the Social Committee, and delicious sherry poured with flair by Father Ross

donation and her unwavering belief that the project would come to fruition, as well as to her Co-Chair Carol for daily support, advice and efforts.

Deputy Rector's Warden Charis Kelso, on behalf of Corporation, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the project with gifts of time and financial donations and also presented co-chairs Marion and Carol with roses – symbols of affection and friendship – to mark their wonderful contribution, noting that the renovation project would not have been possible without "the determination and commitment of these two invincible women".

The St. Thomas's family is capable of accomplishing anything, and the completion of the kitchen renovation project stands as testimony to this fact. So think of what it will be able to do in 2005!

Vestry Accepts 2005 Fundraising Challenge, Greets New Wardens

Hails Service Of Marilyn Ramsingh & Nigel Wright

by Charis Kelso, Rector's Warden

2005 Income Challenge Accepted With Enthusiasm

At the Vestry meeting held after a combined 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 20th, the 2005 Operating Budget was passed unanimously and enthusiastically. In doing so, Vestry endorsed an achievable income and fundraising challenge to ensure that St. Thomas's finishes 2005 in a deficit-free position. About 100 parishioners in attendance said yes to the projected congregational givings increase of \$14,715 as well as the specific fundraising challenge of \$11,299. There was a lively and positive discussion about our collective ability to rise to this opportunity if all commit to increasing our individual givings to the extent that each is able.

The discussion included commentary about the special issues faced by parishioners on fixed incomes. John Aimers suggested members of the congregation think about giving an extra \$75, while Suan Seh Foo and David O'Rourke spoke about a \$100 giving opportunity so that the Parish might meet the budget challenge as early as possible in the calendar year. A thermometer will be posted in the parish hall so that weekly progress can be monitored and celebrated as extra givings marked for the 2005 Fundraising Operating Fund Challenge come in. All present joined in expressing thanks to Treasurer Anna Kennedy for all of her efforts on the 2005 Budget.



Marlene Fader,
elected Deputy
People's Warden

Rector's Report

Father Andrews reviewed our many parish accomplishments in 2004 and indicated his areas of particular focus for 2005. "In reviewing 2004 there have been a few frustrations and many joys. Finances have been a challenge this year. There was a decrease in identifiable givings to the general operating fund, which caused anxiety throughout the year. The surprising and



The Officers of and Retirees from Corporation: (l-r) Jim MacMillan, Marilyn Ramsingh, Gene Stewart, the Rector, Charis Kelso, Anna Kennedy, Nigel Wright. Newly-elected Deputy People's Warden Marlene Fader was unavoidably absent.

encouraging news is that total givings to the parish have increased significantly over the same period."

As he reviewed the three areas that he had identified as priorities for 2004 – increasing outreach initiatives, spending more time on pastoral concern and helping the parish celebrate its 130th Anniversary – The Rector noted that "these areas bore fruit in splendid ways, but each area also had frustrations."

While praising "marvelous development in the sense of community among participants in our food programs" Fr Andrews observed that there had not been much growth in the promotion of other outreach initiatives. Happily in 2005 the Outreach Committee, viewing its mission as a means not only of serving others but also of building up the Parish community, will work with him to expand its efforts in this direction.

Similarly while some progress was made in addressing pastoral care concerns in 2004, Fr Andrews expressed concern that because of limited resources much of the work was in reaction to needs of which the clergy were informed. Grateful for the work in this area of the Parish's clergy and honorary clergy, especially of the special assistance

of Fr Jim Hunt, the Rector went on to state that a long-term goal of the parish must be to increase the number of priests assigned to pastoral concerns while enhancing volunteer efforts in this area.

The 130th Anniversary was a joyous opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for St. Thomas's. Too many events may have been planned and much of the \$60,000 generated thus far for the Foundation Stones Campaign has been dedicated in ways not originally envisioned; however the events were enjoyable and the donations extremely generous.

Father Andrews stated that in 2005 he plans to direct his energies particularly toward helping the Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees achieve their goals as well as improving administrative efficiency through the use of volunteers, increasing connections with the university, expanding opportunities for parishioners to be involved in all areas of St. Thomas's life and expanding and planning more effectively a variety of fundraising initiatives and stewardship programs.

He noted that "in all aspects of our common life new opportunities for involvement and making a valuable contribution to this

parish are opening up," and he expressed the hope that "people will listen to God's call, and respond in ways that will feed their souls and build up our parish."

The 2005 Volunteer Form, included in this newsletter is a way to indicate your interest in continuing and expanding individual volunteer efforts.

Fr Andrews concluded his remarks by expressing gratitude to all who make the parish the extraordinary place that it is. "Without the faithful, dedicated service of everyone, cleric and lay, workers visible and invisible, employee and volunteer, this place would be a faint shadow of what it is... thanks to the Wardens and Treasurer for their enormous labours on behalf of the parish... I continue to be in awe of the people here, and count it an honour to serve our Lord with you in this parish."

Bittersweet Farewell

One of the bittersweet moments at Vestry meetings involved acknowledging the contributions of outgoing Wardens. This year marked the departure of Nigel Wright and Marilyn Ramsingh who have given invaluable service to St. Thomas's as members of Corporation for the last six and five years respectively.

Familiar to all as a dedicated member of the Acolyte Guild for over 10 years, Nigel expanded his contribution to St. Thomas's when he was elected to Corporation as People's Warden in February 1999. His thoughtful wisdom and razor sharp wit will be missed at future Corporation meetings along with his superior business and legal acumen. When Nigel was asked why he has given so much time and energy to St. Thomas's, he referenced the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 as a way of expressing his belief that we all have a duty to contribute to the Church and the building of the Kingdom. Nigel's many talents were pivotal to the success of Corporation's endeavours over the last six years. His deep and abiding faith and strong sense of duty shape his contributions to discussions and decision making and that too will be missed at Corporation. His amazing problem solving skills and his ability to respect a diversity of opinion while working through contentious issues were of particular importance to Corporation in meeting critical challenges during his term as Warden. Nigel indicated that he also has loved the day-

Vestry Appointment / Election Results

Rector's Warden: Charis Kelso

Deputy Rector's Warden: Jim MacMillan

People's Warden: Gene Stewart

Deputy People's Warden: Marlene Fader

Parish representatives at Synod: Members: Jeff Creighton, Suan Seh Foo, Phyllis Garden, & Carolynn Lund-Mead; Alternates: Ronwen Guest & Willem Hart

Co-ordinator of Sidesmen and Sideswomen: Suan Seh Foo

Vestry's Elected Representatives to Advisory Board: Charles Laver, Wendy Woodworth & Tim Wright

by-day manner in which we have overcome successive challenges, as a downtown parish and as Anglo-Catholics. In his words, "I think that we are stronger today in our worship, social ministry, and community than we were six years ago, and continued on page two

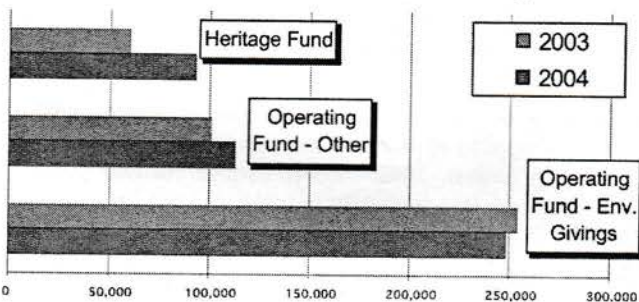
Healthy Finances Reported at Vestry

St Thomas's financial position continues sound. The capital of the Larkin Fund (the Parish's principal endowment) has reached \$1.43 million, and achieved a 7.6% growth rate. Three-quarters of the \$406,000 balance of the Heritage Fund (designed to finance special capital projects) is unrestricted. The Parish continues to face financial challenges, but is also realistically within sight of achieving a long-cherished goal: to eliminate its structural operating deficit.

Notes to Financial Statements

by Anna Kennedy, Parish Treasurer

2004 vs 2003 Income: Operating & Heritage Funds



2004 saw a small reduction in envelope giving to the Operating Fund, most probably due to the substantial generous donations made to two special appeals, especially reflected in the significant rise in Heritage Fund receipts. These included Foundation Stones (for the 130th Anniversary of the Parish) and the completion of the Kitchen Renovation project.

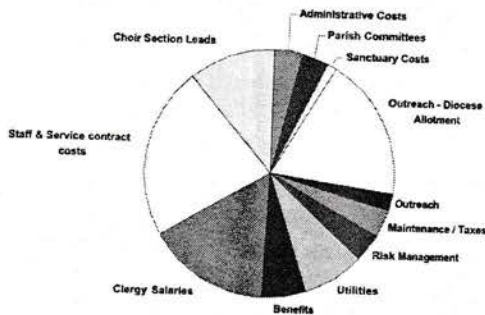
Operating Fund

2004	Actual	Budget
Revenue:	329,289	341,355
Transfer from Larkin Fund:	50,463	55,000
Total Income:	379,752	396,355
Less Expenditures:	398,263	414,192
Surplus (Deficit):	(18,511)	(17,836)

The Operating Fund, including transfers from the Larkin Fund, probably gives parishioners the most accurate overview of the relatively small but persistent structural deficit in St Thomas's day-to-day operations. In recent years, Corporation has succeeded in reducing significantly the annual amount drawn down from capital. In addition to the revenue of \$329,000, the Church also received and paid out donations of \$10,781 to other non-profit organizations such as the Primate's World Development Relief Fund.

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2004 Operating Fund Expenses



Total Expenses: \$398,263

Approximately one-half of the Parish's Operating Fund expenses relate to personnel.

2004 Capital Expenditures (financed from Heritage Fund)

Capital Expenditures		
Bldg Improvements	Roofing & Eavestroughs	232.87
Bldg Improvements	Boiler	1,527.94
Bldg Improvements	Interior Church Improvements	4,657.50
Bldg Improvements	Parish Hall Furniture	1,007.85
Sub-Total		7,426.16
Kitchen Renovation	Kitchen Exhaust System	30,035.70
Kitchen Renovation	Kitchen Renovation	63,812.56
Organ	Organ Repairs	1,138.50
Plumbing Upgrades	Plumbing Replacement	2,602.53
Sub-Total		97,589.29
TOTAL:		105,015.45

This chart reveals both extraordinary (kitchen completion) and typical (plumbing, organ) expenditures from the Heritage Fund during 2004.

Vestry...

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that makes me feel good."

Marilyn became a parishioner at St. Thomas's in 1996 and joined Corporation in 2000 with the same enthusiasm and boundless energy that has contributed to the success of almost every parish committee and important event at St. Thomas's in the last five years. She single-handedly brought St. Thomas's into the Doors Open fold. Whether organizing fundraising events for the Kitchen Renovation Project and the Choir Trip or chairing the 130th Anniversary Celebration Committee, St. Thomas's has

benefited greatly from her tireless dedication and superb organizational skills. What a blessing that Marilyn chose to devote so much of her time in retirement to playing a leadership role at St. Thomas's. Her ability to put issues into a big picture context using her hands-on knowledge of the needs of parish committees and to speak plainly and persuasively on behalf of these parish organizations were of great benefit at Corporation meetings. Marilyn also knew how important the care and feeding of volunteers is and so could always be counted on to make sure that there was appropriate sustenance at these sometimes-lengthy proceedings. Her warmth and

graciousness will be missed.

Both served on the Selection Committee that recommended Father Mark as Rector – Nigel as Chair and Marilyn as one of the Warden representatives – and both point to this experience as truly satisfying, and one of the highlights of their time on Corporation.

In a standing ovation, Parishioners joined in honouring and celebrating the excellent leadership they provided during a critical time in the history of the parish; in thanking them for their outstanding service on Corporation; and in wishing them every blessing as they continue to enjoy the spiritual richness of membership in the St. Thomas's family.

2005 Budget

Operating Fund Income / Expense		2004 Actuals	2005 Budget	'04 vs '05	
Income	Congregational Givings	285,703	280,418	14,715	
	Memorials & Bequests	7,689	7,717	28	
	Miscellaneous Income	4,565	3,520	(1,045)	
	Parish Committees	11,612	14,470	2,858	
	Fundraising Events	8,958	3,000	(3,958)	
	Rental Income	32,762	34,600	1,838	
Total Income		329,289	343,726	14,438	
Expense	Administrative Costs	14,844	14,869	25	
	Parish Committees	15,016	8,965	(6,051)	
	Sanctuary Costs	4,455	4,320	(135)	
	Outreach	83,661	82,356	(1,305)	
	Maintenance / Taxes	14,220	28,940	14,720	
	Risk Management	14,601	15,242	641	
	Utilities	29,872	34,060	4,188	
	Benefits	22,839	24,042	1,204	
	Clergy Salaries	63,485	65,105	1,620	
	Staff & Service contract costs	90,535	90,765	230	
	Choir Section Leads	44,735	46,360	1,625	
	Total Expense		398,263	415,024	16,762
	Transfers from Trust & Endowment:		50,463	60,000	9,537
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit):		(18,510)	(11,299)	7,211	
2005 Fundraising Challenge:			11,299		
Projected Balanced Budget:			0		

At the recommendation of the Advisory Board and Finance Committee, the 2005 Budget projects a zero deficit for the first time in many years. Achievement of this goal is contingent on two factors: first, that the Parish responds enthusiastically to Vestry's special challenge for one-time gifts totalling \$11,300. Second, a combination of continued Parish growth, prayerful consideration of existing members' patterns of giving and a possible fund-raising project results in the budgeted increase in

2004 Heritage Fund Givings

Organ Completion Fund	4,950
Choir Travel Fund	27,712
Kitchen Reno Fund	11,740
Foundation Stones	34,920
General / Undesignated	18,230
TOTAL:	\$ 97,552

The Foundation Stones Appeal has reached almost \$60,000 given or pledged as of February 20th. The Choir Travel item will be spent by August, 2005. Neither current nor past Budgets have supported this tremendous undertaking: income represents the fruits of the Choir's fund-raising efforts, which are supplementing the participants' substantial personal expenditure commitment.

congregational givings from \$266,000 to \$280,000. (In fact, Corporation had budgeted \$280,000 for 2004 givings, but fell short; so it decided to set the same target again for 2005.) The regular fruits from a pension bequest resulting in annual receipts of \$7700 expires in 2012 – an additional future contingency to be kept in mind.

Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation

by Fr Robert Ross

Every Friday evening, during Lent, a priest will be available in or near the Lady Chapel following the 5.30 pm Mass, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Priests are also available for this sacrament by arrangement at any mutually convenient time; simply call one of the parish clergy to make an appointment.

If you have never made your confession before, but wish to do so, simply tell the priest on duty that this is your first confession. He will guide you through the process. It is not necessary to confess every wrong you have done since you were “knee-high to a grasshopper”; rather, it is sufficient to mention the acts or omissions that have troubled your conscience – both recently or over the years.

When I made my first confession, many years ago, my confessor suggested that I write



down my sins on a piece of paper as part of my examination of conscience and then read the sins during my confession. After my confessor pronounced the absolution of the Church, he took my “laundry list” of sins and tore them up! It was a very liberating experience!

Anglicans sometimes ask “Why can't I just confess my sins directly to God?” The answer is “Of

course, you can! In fact, you should!” In fact, for most of our sins, that is the most common method. Moreover, we experience God's reconciling grace through the Eucharist and in a variety of other ways.

But the Sacrament of Reconciliation still has a special role to play in our spiritual development. To this end, let me share some insights on this sacrament from one of my favourite overviews of the Christian faith:

“What is the reason for confessing? Why not just prayer to God in the silence of the heart? The reason is that we are reconciled to God by means of reconciliation with the church, the fountain of forgiveness... The whole rite of confession is meaningless where there is no contrition, where there is no inward conversion... Contrition or sorrow is more than a moral hang-over, more than fear, remorse or disgust, more than the feeling of having done something despicable. Contrition includes the feeling of having offended against the love of God. I have violated something that is not entirely my own. I have offended someone – God – who loves me. People can have regrets without faith. But contrition demands faith. Contrition includes confidence in forgiveness, the realization of God's mercy, and a desire to be reconciled through the signs (sacraments) of God's church.” (A New Catechism: Herder, 1967)

The Rite of Private Confession is found in the *Book of Common Prayer* on pages 581 ff, and in the *Book of Alternative Services* on pages 167 ff. As part of your renewal of life during this Lenten season, you may wish consider making use of this means of sacramental grace.

“The survival of Christianity has been a close-run thing. If Paul had not fallen from his horse, his energy might have succeeded in exterminating the nascent Church. If Constantine had been a fierce persecutor, then it might have been the end. If the Muslim invasions had not stopped at Poitiers in 732, why should all Europe not have become an Islamic empire?”

From AD: 2000 Years of Christianity, commissioned by The Daily Telegraph

80th Birthday



Fr Brian Freeland celebrated his 80th birthday with the Parish on February 13th upon his return from a Winter vacation in Tunisia. Willem Hart regaled the Coffee Hour crowd with some limericks appropriate to the occasion. An absent celebrant was Walter Hardacre's son, Gordon, who also contributed verse for the happy event:

Father Freeland (the one Brian D)
Of the famed Anglo-Catholic Saint T,
Deserves now at eighty
Citations quite weighty,
All parishioners surely agree.
All his decades at Huron Street prove
Once one settles down into a “groove”
That hard work and devotion,
Dedication, emotion,
Surpass any “career-making” move...
Spanning organists Clark through John Tuttle,
Is his influence, huge and yet subtle;
Cecil, Roy and now Mark,
Rectors back to the Ark
Give him thanks; we'll accept no rebuttal!

“This varied scenario of celebrations of the Eucharist has given me a powerful experience of its universal and, so to speak, cosmic character. Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a county church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites Heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation. The Son of God became man in order to restore all creation, in one supreme act of praise, to the One who made it from nothing. He, the Eternal High Priest who by the Blood of his Cross entered the eternal sanctuary, thus gives back to the Creator and Father all creation redeemed. He does so through the priestly ministry of the Church... Truly this is the *mysterium fidei* which is accomplished in the Eucharist: the world which came forth from the hands of God the Creator now returns to Him redeemed by Christ.” *HH Pope John Paul II, from his Encyclical Letter “Ecclesia De Eucharistia,” April 17, 2003.*

Church School Takes on Outreach Project for Advent

by Diana Verseghy

The international Christian charity World Vision runs a number of creative programs designed to assist needy people in developing countries. One of the most popular is their annual Christmas gift catalogue. In lieu of exchanging gifts with family and friends at Christmas time, interested donors are invited to choose a gift or gifts for a needy Third World family or village instead. A wide selection is offered, including livestock, clothing, medical supplies, farm tools and water supply projects. Costs run from \$25 to several thousand dollars, so there are options to suit every pocket-book.

At the suggestion of Liz and Mark Manore, the St. Thomas's church school took on the Advent project of raising enough money to buy one or more gifts from the World Vision catalogue. The Corporation supported this project by inviting the participation of the parish as a whole, and by Christmas Day a total of \$455 had been raised. The children took their responsibility seriously, and spent quite some time poring over the catalogue and deciding what they thought would be the best selections. In the end they collectively chose a goat at \$150, three piglets at \$105, a rooster and two hens at \$50, and access to fresh water for a family at \$150.

Many thanks to all parents and parishioners who contributed to making this project a success!



In cooperation with the Education Committee, the Society of Mary presented Dinner followed by post-meal readings from "Mary of Canada." This aperçu of Joan Skogan's new work was shared by (l-r) Carolyn Lund-Mead, John Aimers, Andrew Brack and Jeffrey Creighton. Carolyn subsequently gave a fascinating brief talk on the imagery of the Black Madonna.

Outreach Activities

by Maggie Helwig

Maggie Helwig and Natasha Klukach have agreed to chair jointly St Thomas's burgeoning Outreach Committee. The Parish salutes the dedication, organizational abilities and energy of outgoing Chairman Andrea Budgey, whose efforts have borne such good fruit in the re-energizing of this work so fundamental to the life and ministry of an Anglo-Catholic Parish. – Ed.

St. Thomas's continues to participate in the Out of the Cold meal program at St. Stephen-in-the-Fields from December to April. On the last Friday of the month our volunteers arrive with a great variety of delicious and nutritious dishes, which are heartily enjoyed and much appreciated by the guests. There were at least 75 guests at the January dinner (one person estimated as many as 107!). The evening is hard work and a lot of fun for the guests and fellow-helpers. Our thanks go to everyone who contributes to make the meals possible.

We hosted three special dinners over the last few months. There was a Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings, a Christmas Eve Dinner and another on New Years' Eve. They were all highly successful and well attended.

In May we will start offering the weekly summer sandwich program on Friday evenings for the third year. The program has grown steadily, and we are now well-known as a parish which offers not only food, but a safe and friendly environment for our guests. St. Thomas's is developing a reputation with the marginal population of our neighbourhood as a welcoming place which can help to meet their needs.

Many of our guests have a real sense of ownership of the program and are taking responsibility for particular tasks themselves; a strength of the program has been the development of ongoing relationships between regular volunteers and regular guests. This is something we hope to develop even further – among other things, by finding ways to support activities like the Street to Trail program which our guests are already involved in.

The Outreach Committee met at the end of January to plan future activities and a number of people have taken on new roles enthusiastically:

- Maggie Helwig is coordinating the preparation for the Friday meals.
- Natasha Klukach is building contacts with other churches and groups in the area to identify area needs and the resources available to assist them.
- Martin Reinink and Laurie Holmes are seeking out ways to obtain socks, toiletries and basic first aid supplies, and to distribute them regularly to our guests. Our long-term aim is to have a standing small dispensary as a permanent part of the Friday program – this has been identified as an important need among Out of the Cold clients in our area.
- Jeff Creighton and Laurie will compile a directory of community services available in the area for our OOTC guests and others.
- Geoffrey Little is building connections with Trinity College Chaplaincy and students in the parish to encourage them to become involved in the parish and its outreach activities.
- Bill & Liz Thoms are working on improving communications.

In terms of outreach beyond the parish, Father Mark will liaise with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and with Faithworks. Natasha will liaise with Social Justice and Advocacy, and Maggie will network with refugee groups. In recent years St Thomas's has supported a number of the partners of Faithworks, a programme of the Diocese of Toronto to raise funds for specific outreach projects, but without participating in Faithworks itself. Last year, however, the congregation contributed specifically to Faithworks, and the Committee hopes to build upon that initial contribution. "Faithworks partners" include the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, LOFT (formerly Anglican Houses), Flemingdon Park, and various street ministries, some directed specifically towards youth.

We are still actively seeking volunteers for the Outreach Committee's fundraising activities, keeping track of the finances, and telephone liaison with volunteers who cannot be reached by email. Please talk to any of the committee members – Maggie Helwig, Natasha Klukach, Andrea Budgey, Laurie Holmes, Martin Reinink, Geoffrey Little, Bill or Liz Thoms, or to Fr Andrews.

DO YOU KNOW... by Earl Barnsley

The Story of the Wooden Cross in the Parish Hall?

Have you ever wondered about the plain wooden cross that hangs on the south wall of the Parish Hall? It was hand made by my father Harry Barnsley in 1978, and was designed to be carried by children of the Church School during a "Stations of the Cross" for children on Good Friday that year. As Church School Co-ordinator at the time I thought it a good idea that while the solemn Good Friday Liturgy was taking place in the Church there should be a special observance for the children of the Parish at the same time (in those days the liturgy took place at 9:30 or 10:00 am.) So, together with the teachers we placed some lovely water colour pictures depicting the various stations at intervals around the Parish Hall. A thoughtfully reverent adaptation of that Rite had been found at the Anglican Book Centre. As well, the traditional *Stabat Mater* hymn was adapted slightly by one of our teachers who was also a musician to be sung by the youngsters during the Stations. We thought it appropriate to end the Stations in front of a large Christus Rex which of course depicts Our Lord in priestly vestments crowned with glory. The children were thereby encouraged to look beyond the Crucifixion to the Resurrection. After the Stations we all gathered in the kitchen and set out hot cross buns, milk and juice. The teachers prepared tea and coffee so that when the parents came in from the Solemn Liturgy in the Church the families shared these simple refreshments together.

By the way, the beautiful Christus Rex we used has a story as well. For many years it had hung in the office of Canon Edward Tucker, Rector of St. Mark's West Toronto on Blackthorn Ave. near St. Clair. Fr. Tucker had been the much loved Pastor of that Parish for over 25 years. He was an extraordinary Priest whose ministry was a guiding light for me and my family from my early days in Sunday School in the mid 1940s. I stayed at St. Marks' until he retired in the mid to late 1960s. Incidentally in 1960 a young Theological student from Trinity College did two terms of fieldwork at St. Marks - his name, Jim Hunt. In the mid 1960s I began to visit St. Thomas's on a somewhat regular basis, then after Fr. Tucker's retirement I became a member of St. T's. Shortly afterwards, Canon Tucker died and left me some cherished mementoes including the Christus Rex I had so admired along with some stoles, one or two of which I gave to Fr. Hunt.

So that old wooden cross in the Parish Hall has many fond memories for Elizabeth and me as well as for our daughters who were in the Church School here during my tenure as Co-ordinator. Lissa was six and Stephanie, who later became a Church School teacher at St. T's, was four when their grandfather's cross was first carried on that Good Friday in 1978. And Fr. Hunt, who shared our love and admiration for Canon Tucker, is now, as you know, an Honorary Assistant at St. Thomas'.

Just thought you might like to know!

Rummage Sales to Move to Once a Year

by Mary Suddon

For many years, this Parish has had two rummage sales a year, and for 24 years I have organized them. I have enjoyed doing this but now it is time for a change. If a new organizer were to come forward, I should be glad to work with that individual. Otherwise, I think we should begin a new era of sales once a year, beginning this fall.

Unfortunately, there is no secure storage space in the church and we have to ask you to bring your donations just before each sale only. Some alternate places to dispose of your unwanted belongings for a good cause include the Scott Mission (416 923-8872) daily, weekends 9-1; the Thrift Shop at St Mary Magdalene's, Saturdays; or the Anishnawbe Street Patrol, which answers calls quickly (416 360-0486)

I am most grateful for the many helpers I have had over the years and especially grateful to Rob Kennedy, who has helped to solve the deadly problem of leftovers, by loading them himself into his trailer and driving them to Good Will.

Thanks to all of you. Mary Suddon
(416) 924-6179.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Marion Dorosh, Parish Librarian
(416) 482-2243

Many thanks to parishioners for the following recent gifts to the Library:

Emotional Wisdom, by Robert MacLennan

God Against the Gods: the History of the War between Monotheism and Polytheism, by Jonathan Kirsch

God's Secretaries, by Adam Nicolson

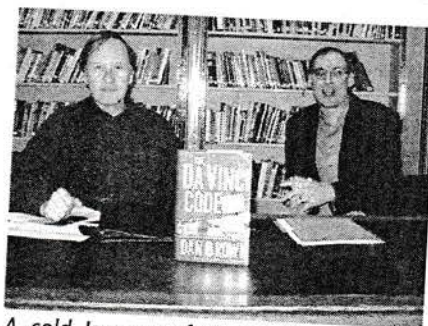
Introduction to the New Testament, by Raymond Brown

In the Beginning: the story of the King James Bible, by Alister McGrath

Mary of Canada: the Virgin Mary in Canadian Culture and Spirituality, by Joan Skogon



Fr Andrews' second Anniversary as Rector was marked with a special cake during the Candlemas Dinner after Mass on February 2nd



A cold January afternoon found parishioners and guests gathered to discuss the controversial novel "The Da Vinci Code," led by Greig Dunn and Ed McDonough

Property Committee Sets Priorities, Assessment Criteria

This innovative Report was approved by Advisory Board in January; please consider how you can assist in the process of conserving the physical treasures of which all parishioners are stewards.

Objective:

- To create a Vision Master Plan which delineates how the spiritual and programmatic objective of the Church and its environs might physically manifest itself over the longer term.

Activities:

- Investigate present uses & their enrichment or re-purposing, existing programs and new initiatives that build on our potential.
- Adopt a new Means of Classification for all property-related expenditures, and Selection Criteria for rating their impact to Corporation. Initiatives will be classified in three ways as Maintenance/Repair, Small Improvements and Large Capital Works.
- Establish a set of Design Guidelines that will preserve and promote the unique architectural spirit of St. Thomas's. This will ensure that appropriate choices are made in the restoration and replacement of materials and fittings. Consideration will be given to standardizing interior finishes, and common building elements. Consideration will also be given to favouring restoration over replacement, and, where replacement is more cost effective, employing natural materials that enhance the existing, are beautiful, eco-friendly, durable, and easily maintained.

Visioning

Objective:

- To provide routine, scheduled maintenance of the Church, the Church Hall & Rectory and to increase the efficiency and life of mechanical systems, fixtures and related amenities within the buildings and properties.

Activities:

- Create a Maintenance Manual that will contain complete information pertaining to exterior and interior maintenance, operating systems and procedures, security and communications systems, warranties, supply and maintenance contracts, and project records. In addition, a weekly, monthly and

yearly calendar of routine maintenance and replacement procedures be implemented and documented.

- Enlist the help of our utilities suppliers to identify strategies to reduce energy costs.
- Undertake a detailed Inventory of Property that will include the recording of the particulars and condition of all loose furnishings, fixtures, and equipment.

The Maintenance/Repair Imperative Tackling Small Improvements

Objective:

- To provide direction, labour & material for small improvements.

Activities:

- Maintain a schedule of Benedictine Days for small improvements.
- Erect a permanent billboard for posting of advertisements soliciting skilled help from the congregation. The billboard will aid in the community's awareness of the efforts to maintain and enhance St. Thomas's, promote a pride-of-place spirit, and reach out to those many individuals who are unlikely to donate major funding or join a committee but are aching to showcase their talents.
- Review & seek endorsement from Advisory Board for the prioritization of small improvements.

Selection Criteria

DRAFT prioritization of Small Improvements

Large Capital Works

Objective:

- To launch projects consistent with the Vision Master Plan which will be funded by designated donations, Foundations Stones and/or the Heritage Fund.

Activities:

- Review & seek endorsement from Advisory Board for the prioritization of Large Capital Works.

Candidates are:

- Meeting room improvements
- Washroom improvements
- Accessibility improvements (includes lighting, sound, wheel-chair access)
- Leverage project management and project execution best practices from the Kitchen Renovation project and other Large Capital Works.

“What incredible patience we ought to learn for each other. Who of us is without flaws? We are all, without exception, in the Lord's grinding polisher. Every one of us has flaws, and we all have need of having pieces whacked away.” *Fr John T. Zuhlsdorf, writing in "The Wanderer," October 16, 2003.*

“The Vatican is right to try to move the Eucharist back to being an encounter with God. We've moved strongly to make the Eucharist an encounter with each other. My experience in the parishes is that people want a more mystical approach to the Eucharist.” *The Rt Revd James Broadbent, Bishop of Fulham, writing in The Times, quoted in Michaelmas 2004 "Anglican Digest."*

John Stott tells the story of W.E. Sangster's interviewing in London a young man applying for the Methodist ministry. The candidate said he was rather shy, and not the sort of person who would ever set the Thames on fire. “My dear young brother,” replied Sangster with insightful wit and wisdom, “I'm not interested to know if you can set the Thames on fire. What I want to know is this: if I picked you up by the scruff of your neck and dropped you into the Thames, would it sizzle?” *Adapted from The Anglican Digest, Lent AD 2004 edition.*

“We are compassed about by a cloud of witnesses, whose hearts throb in sympathy with every effort and struggle, and who thrill with joy at every success...They have overcome – have risen...but still they remain to us, our assistants, our comforters, and in every hour of darkness their voice speaks to us: 'So we grieved, so we struggled, so we fainted, so we doubted; but we have overcome, we have obtained, we have seen, we have found – and in our victory behold the certainty of thy own'.” *Harriet Beecher Stowe, quoted in 'Daily Strength for Daily Needs.'*

2005 Saint Thomas's Volunteer Form

Our collective time, energy and talents make St. Thomas's a stronger community devoted to the glory of Christ. Together we can accomplish anything!

Whether you are interested in bringing your talents to bear within the church walls, as a sidesperson, a reader, an acolyte, or a member of the Altar Guild; or in the Parish Hall and congregation as a member of one of the parish's committees, helping at social gatherings, or in designing fundraising events and activities; or beyond the parish in outreach, diocesan and ecumenical activities, we need your involvement in the life and work of the parish.

Because everyone is busy, and people have different schedules, this form is designed to take an inventory of interests, abilities, and availabilities. The best volunteer experience for the volunteer and the organization matches skills and interests to needs. St. Thomas's participates in the diocesan screening policy and volunteers are interviewed and in some cases require police checks to meet the requirements of the policy. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Name: _____ Preferred Communication Method:
 Telephone Email

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____ Preferred Time of Contact:
 Morning Afternoon Evening Weekend

Email: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

- Church School**
- Teacher Volunteer – six or seven Sundays a year.
 - Teaching Assistant.

- Coffee Hour Volunteer**
- 9:30 a.m. service
 - 11:00 a.m. service

- Communications Committee:**
- Committee Member
 - Contributor to Parish Newsletter.
 - Larkin-Stuart Lecture Series Support.
 - Writing Materials for Newcomers, Brochures, PR Materials.
 - Website Support

- Education Committee:**
- Committee Member / Program Planning
 - Set Up Team for Seminars / Programs.
 - Clean Up Team for Seminars / Programs.

- Financial / Fundraising Committee:**
- Finance Committee Member
 - Communicating Financial Needs and Opportunities.
 - Fundraising Committee Member .
 - Helping With Fundraising Events.

- Outreach Committee:**
- Committee Member
 - Out of the Heat Events at St. Thomas's May – November (Friday nights):
 - Food Donations
 - Assisting at the Event
 - Monthly Out of the Cold Dinners at St. Stephen's December-April: . . .
 - Food Donations
 - Assisting at the Event
 - Telephone Contact
 - Person for Donations.
 - Special Drives – e.g. food bank, socks etc.
 - Student Outreach
 - Community Networking: Inter-Church, Social Agencies, Business Sponsors.
 - Outreach Publications, Writing Articles and PR Materials.
 - Faithworks – Diocesan, National and International Outreach

- Pastoral Care Committee:**
- Committee Member
 - Telephone Calling
 - Coffee Hour Greeter
 - Pastoral Visiting
 - Driving Parishioners to Church . .
 - Seniors' Care: Helping with Shopping, Visiting

- Property Committee:**
- Committee Member
 - Helping with Minor Repair Work in the Church and Parish Hall. . .

- Helping at Benedictine Days
- Maintaining the Gardens at the Church and Rectory.
- Sidesperson Team**
- Sundays 9:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Weekday Services Holy Days

- Social Committee:**
- Committee Member / Event Planning
 - Food Donations for Receptions / Dinners
 - Set Up Team for Receptions / Dinners / Events
 - Clean Up Team for Receptions / Dinners / Events

- I would like to speak to the Rector about involvement with:**
- The Altar Guild:**
 - Caring for and making ready linens, sacramental vessels, and vestments for all Sunday and weekday services and adorning the altars with flowers.
 - The Acolytes' Guild and The Contemporary Server Team:** . . .
 - Assisting during services
 - Sundays 9:30 a.m.
 - 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
 - Weekday Services
 - The Lesson Readers / Intercessors.**
 - 9:30 a.m. Service – Lesson Reader/Intercessor
 - 11:00 a.m. Service – Lesson Reader.

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WORSHIP AT SAINT THOMAS'S

SUNDAYS

Masses: 8:00 am (BCP, plain celebration);
9:30 am (BAS, Sung); 11:00 am (BCP,
Solemn High)

Mattins (said) 10:30 am – Solemn
Evensong & Devotions 7:00 pm

WEEKDAYS

Masses: 5:30 pm Monday & Friday –
12:15 noon Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Wednesday, 10:00 am Saturday

Morning Prayer is said daily 8:30 am,
Saturday 9:30 am

Evening Prayer is said daily at 5:00 pm,
except Tuesday and Wednesday at
5:15 pm. Candelight Meditation follows
Evening Prayer on Wednesday.

Confessions: At times announced or by
appointment with any of the Parish Clergy



MUSIC NOTES

Choir Produces New CD

The Parish Choirs have recorded a Compact Disc featuring choral music sung at the liturgy.

Repertoire includes music by Palestrina, William Byrd, Orlandus Lassus, Peter Phillips, Anton Bruckner, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Zoltán Kodály, George Oldroyd, Charles Villiers Stanford, Richard Lloyd, Charles Wood, Derek Holman, Healey Willan, and Andrew Ager. Organ solos by Simon Preston and Jehan Alain are played by Elizabeth Anderson, Organ Scholar and John Tuttle, Organist and Choirmaster.

The cost is \$20.00 in Canadian funds (It can be shipped for an additional \$5.00) – on sale in the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses, or via the Church Office. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the upcoming tour the Choir will make this August to the United Kingdom, where it will sing the daily services at York Minster and Gloucester Cathedral.

50 Set To Participate in UK Choir Tour

Coordinator David Montgomery reports that as of press time, some 50 from the Parish were committed to join the Choir's summer tour to the UK, including 35 singers and Frs Andrews & Nichols. Plans call for departure to Manchester on Friday, August 12, with residence at York Minster August 13-22, and at Gloucester Cathedral August 22-29. At both locations the Choir will sing daily services, with one day off at each venue when Evensong will be said rather than sung.

Choir Trip Fundraising Concert April 23

The Parish Choirs will present a concert of liturgical music on Saturday, April 23rd, 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Church. Repertoire will be similar to that contained on the Choirs' newly-released CD, and will also reflect service music it will sing this August during its time in residence at York Minster and Gloucester Cathedral. This includes Zoltán Kodály's *Missa Brevis*, along with motets and anthems by masters of choral music ranging from William Byrd and Orlandus Lassus to

Healey Willan, Charles Villiers Stanford and Richard Lloyd. Organ works by Simon Preston and Jehan Alain will be played by Elizabeth Anderson, Organ Scholar and John Tuttle, Organist and Choirmaster.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students/seniors) and are available from the Parish Office (416 979-2323), or at the doors on the night of the Concert. Proceeds will be used to support the upcoming tour.

Organ Recital by John Tuttle "Naughty Bach and the Politically Incorrect Franck"

John Tuttle, the Parish's Organist and Choirmaster, will present an organ concert on Friday, April 8th, 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Church. A well-known recitalist, John's repertoire will include music by Bach, Franck, Widor and Vierne.

Tuttle, who has served as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas's since 1989, and is Organist to the University of Toronto, will play using techniques which have lately been shunned by contemporary scholars and organists, in an attempt to show that these works can have integrity beyond the confines of what has increasingly become narrowly defined styles.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students/seniors), and are available from the Parish Office (416.979-2323), or at the doors on the night of the Concert. Proceeds will be used to support the upcoming Choir tour to the UK.

“In three parishes now, I have come to know the long list of faithful departed intimately, even though I never met them in this life. As the cycle of the year goes on, and we pray for each in turn it gives a vivid sense not only of the fabric of Catholic worship and witness going on through the years in a parish church, but also of the very real truth that we are all one Christian family.” *From his message in the November, 2003 Parish Newsletter "Pascha Nostrum", the Rev Canon Barry Swain, Rector, Church of the Resurrection, New York City*
