

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023

EASTER III

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Mattins at 7:30 am Psalms 121 & 122 (BCP 497); Exodus 32.1-14; Te Deum;
1 Corinthians 15.35-end; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 193 Introit: Psalm 66.1-6 (BCP 408);
Gradual: Psalm 66.7-8 (BCP 408)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

EASTER III

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 & Benediction (BCP)

Newcomers Welcome Luncheon at 1:00 pm (*see article*)

Sun. May 7

EASTER IV

Sat. May 13

MAY FESTIVAL – 10:00 am

Sun. May 14

EASTER V

Thurs. May 18

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION – 6:30 pm

Sun. May 21

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Mon. May 22

Victoria Day – Office Closed

Thurs. May 25

CROUSE SEMINAR SUNG MASS – 5:30 pm (*see article*)

Sat. May 27

EVENSONG OF PENTECOST EVE – 5:30 pm

Sun. May 28

PENTECOST – 10:30 am Combined Mass & Baptism

Wed. May 31

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 6:30 pm

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Manning Avenue

SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

All morning Masses are in-person. The 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists are livestreamed on YouTube, as is Evensong and Benediction at 5:00 pm.

THE COMMON CUP & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

NEWCOMERS' WELCOME LUNCHEON – Today!

St. Thomas's Prayer and Care Team is hosting a Newcomers' Lunch for this afternoon at 1:00 pm to formally welcome those who have joined the St. Thomas's community over the last several years. If you arrived at St. Thomas's after 2019 and have not yet heard from us, please join us in the Parish Hall.

CROUSE SEMINAR

St. Thomas's is again hosting a continuing education event for clergy, seminarians, and academics from May 25 to 27. Parishioners are encouraged to attend all of the scheduled services as usual, and are especially welcome to attend the Sung Mass on Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 pm, and a special Choral Evensong on Saturday, May 27 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Han Boersma of Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin will be the preacher at the combined 10:30 am BAS service on Pentecost Sunday on May 28.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers in the next few weeks.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00.

Upcoming dates available include June 4 (Trinity Sunday – Lady Altar), June 11 (Corpus Christi – both the High Altar and Lady Altar), July 2 (Feast of the Patronal – High Altar), and July 30 (Trinity VIII – Lady Altar). There are several more ‘holes’ in August and one in September.

Please contact Christine at 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.

THANKSGIVINGS

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; both one-off and annual thanksgivings are welcome. We want to share your joys as well as support you in times of trial.

YOUNG ADULT AND UNIVERSITY BIBLE STUDY

Young adults (20s-30s) and university students of all levels are welcome to participate in our weekly Bible study. We meet every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Fr. Freeland Room. Our hope is to offer a place of bonding and support for the shared experiences, questions, and struggles that face in their journey of faith, even as we are enriched by each other’s unique paths and by our study.

In addition, we often meet for socials and other activities and events and they will be announced as they are scheduled.

If you’re interested, feel free simply to drop in to our social or Bible Study night, or e-mail Fr. Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

OMICRON VACCINE CLINICS at St Stephen's in-the-Fields - 103 Bellevue Avenue at College Street, west of Spadina

The next community Covid vaccine and bivalent booster clinics are scheduled for the Tuesdays of:

May 9; May 23; June 13; and June 27. The clinics will run from **1:00 to 6:00 pm.**

These are walk-in clinics, available to anyone that is eligible. Infant and pediatric doses will also be available. No appointment is necessary.

SHOPPERS AND DRIVERS FOR THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY

Do you have a car? Do you like to go fast? Would you like to use your car for a good cause and drive the proper and safe speed limit in Toronto? Well you are in luck, the Friday Food Ministry is looking for people with cars to assist with shopping for our meals!

The Friday Food Ministry makes everything in-house for our meals, and so we need shoppers to go to places like Costco, No Frills, Fresh Co, Food Basics, and other grocery stores to get the supplies we need to make each meal possible. During the summer months we serve between 70-100 guests, and so we need help to get groceries to St. Thomas's. Shoppers would be given a list on the Monday prior to a Friday meal service, and they can do the shopping anytime between Monday and Thursday (though Friday drop-offs can be accepted as well). Grocery expenses can be reimbursed from the Friday Food Ministry budget.

Shopping for the Friday Food Ministry is a great way to assist the ministry if you are otherwise unavailable on Fridays.

If you are available, please email Fr Shire at *fridayfoodministry@gmail.com*.

CALLING ALL GRILLERS. . .

Grilling is one of the oldest forms of cooking, likely beginning shortly after humans domesticated fire 650,000 years ago. This ancient and noble form of cooking, one that is at home amongst our rich liturgical life at St. Thomas's, is the cornerstone of the Friday Food Ministry's summer program. On the Fridays of the summer long weekends, the Friday Food Ministry holds barbecues where we grill burgers and hotdogs for our guests. These barbecues are among the most popular events we hold, we often get over 100 people coming to them, and they allow people experiencing poverty and food insecurity a chance to celebrate the long weekends just as anyone else would.

The Friday Food Ministry needs grillers to help make these meals possible. Grillers would be asked to come to the Friday Food Ministry on the Fridays of long weekends from 3:00-5:00 pm to operate the barbecues. We would like to have at least two volunteers per Friday, and we need assistance on the following dates:

May 19	Aug 4
June 30	Sept 1

If you are available, please email Fr Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

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.

UPDATING SAINT THOMAS'S DATABASE

Have you moved recently? 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.

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*.

May 14 — Bloor-Danforth: subway closure between Kennedy and Victoria Park Stations

May 21 — Yonge-University: subway closure between St Clair West and St Andrew Stations

Runs and Marathons

According to the Run Guides calendar (<https://www.runguides.com/toronto/runs>) there are no runs or marathons that will affect travel to St Thomas's taking place on Sundays in April, but there will be two in May, on May 7 and 14 respectively. More information will be posted next month.

May 7 – Toronto Marathon. Many streets are affected, including Yonge from Mel Lastman Square, Rosedale Valley Road, the Bayview Extension, Wellington Street, Front Street, and Lakeshore Blvd. Please see <http://www.torontomarathon.com/race-info/road-closure-info> for details. Some people will start running at 7:30 am, and the event is supposed to end at 3:00 pm.

May 14 – Sporting Life 10K Run. Streets affected include Yonge Street from Davisville to Richmond, Richmond to York Street, York Street south to Bremmer Blvd past Roundhouse Park, south to Lakeshore, and ending at the bandshell in Exhibition Park. The race runs between 7:30 and 11:30 am. It is suggested that crossing Yonge Street is to be avoided in the early morning.

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.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NOTICES?

Please send it to Christine at office@stthomas.on.ca. The deadline for submissions is **Thursday at noon**.

Please include a title, date, time, a brief description of your event, and, if applicable, information for further contact. If you expect your article to be more than 100 words long, or to contain large graphics, please let Christine know so that she can plan accordingly.

The printing of leaflets and booklets is always in multiples of four pages, so we try to keep the printed Notice down to four, but sometimes it's just not possible, and we need various 'fillers' (like today).

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/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, 193, Easter III, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 33
(*Antiphon*) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, alleluia / By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, alleluia, alleluia. (*Psalm*) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (1) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 12:15 pm

Saint Philip & Saint James

BCP Propers, page 274

Introit: Ps 33.1-6 (BCP 367);

Gradual: Ps 89.5-8 (BCP 443)

TUESDAY (2) *Memorial* (White) 5:30 pm

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria,

Teacher of the Faith, 373

Introit: Ps 1.1-4 (BCP 331); Sirach 51.13-22

Gradual: Ps 71.1-8 (BCP 416); John 1.1-18

WEDNESDAY (3) *Feria* (White) 12:15 pm

Acts 12.24 - 13.5a; Ps 67 (BCP 409);

John 12.44-50

THURSDAY (4) *Commem.* (White) 5:30 pm

Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Acts 13.13-25; Ps 89.1-2,19-26 (BCP 443);

John 13.16-20

FRIDAY (5) *Feria* (White) 12:15 pm

Acts 13.26-33; Ps 2 (BCP 331); John 14.1-7

SATURDAY (6) *Coronation* (White) 10 am

Is 40.12-17 & 25-31; Ps 21.1-7;

Luke 22.24-30

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