

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

THE DORMITION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 113 & 115; 1 Samuel 2.1-10 & John 2.1-12

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 309; Introit: Psalm 85.8-13; Gradual: Psalm 66.15-19

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	THE DORMITION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN 7:30 am Mattins 8:00 am Low Mass 9:30 am Sung Mass 11:00 am High Mass 3:00 pm Evensong and Devotions
Sun. Aug 21	TRINITY X
Sun. Aug 28	TRINITY XI
Sun. Sept 4	TRINITY XII
Mon. Sept 5	Labour Day – Office Closed
Sun. Sept 11	TRINITY XIII
Sun. Sept 18	TRINITY XIV
Sun. Sept 25	TRINITY X

The Rector and Wardens welcome your generous contributions toward a purse to be given to Matthew Whitfield on August 21 (his last day with us) as a small token of our esteem and affection. (Note that any gifts earmarked for this purpose are not tax-deductible.) Please make out any cheques to St. Thomas's Church with "Matthew Whitfield Purse" in the memo line.

SAINT THOMAS'S PUBLIC WORSHIP at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and 3:00 pm

All morning Masses are in-person, and the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists are all livestreamed on YouTube, as is the 3:00 pm Evensong and Devotions.

Masking

The Diocese of Toronto has now entered the Green Stage, leaving all policies to the parishes. Masks, preferably N95 or KN95, are recommended, but optional. Please join in heartily in our congregational singing, following suit with the choir in their masking practices.

Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

The Common Cup

As has always been the case, communicants may choose to receive communion in one kind only (i.e. no one should feel obligated to receive both the bread and the wine).

As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand (the practice known as intinction) as an alternative to drinking from the chalice.

St. Thomas's is now offering low gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac. These hosts are approved for liturgical use in the Catholic Church in the United States Canada and contain less than 20 parts per million of gluten. Hosts like these have been deemed safe for consumption for those with Celiac.

The baking of the low gluten hosts is done in a dedicated bakery using positive air pressure to create a room that is free of contaminants. The equipment used in their production is also dedicated to the low gluten baking and is not used for regular altar bread production.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. If you require one, please inform the sides people prior to the start of the service. The low gluten hosts will be kept in a dedicated pyx in a small bowl to prevent cross-contamination. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low gluten host, and they will present the pyx to the communicant to open and consume.

TEMPORARY ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

Please note that rebuilding the steps to the main (south-west) entrance to the church has begun. During construction, access to the church will be through the doors next to the north driveway, or using the doors to the parish hall. Thank you for your patience and understanding while this much needed work is being done.

FOUNDATION COURSE FOR READING BIBLICAL HEBREW

October–November 2022

This fall we will be offering an introductory program that lays the foundations of a basic competence in reading Biblical Hebrew. The course will consist of eight sessions held on Zoom, beginning on October 5 and continuing Wednesday evenings 7-9 p.m. until November 23.

The course will bring participants to a knowledge of the core elements of Biblical Hebrew grammar through the scrutiny of Genesis, chapters 1-8. While no prior knowledge is necessary, participants who do not know the Hebrew alphabet should contact John Stuart at *john_oh_usa@yahoo.com* for materials that will introduce them to the alphabet and one other critical element of Hebrew, Functors.

John will be our course guide and is happy to field any questions or inquiries from those considering signing up for the program. He is also prepared to help people relate to the alphabet and the material on Functors prior to the program's commencement if necessary.

There is an online form to register for the program. You will find it at *www.stthomas.on.ca/events*.

If you would like to know more about the program before committing yourself, then please send an inquiry note to John Stuart, who will provide more detail.

AN APPEAL FOR PAPER. . .

Many of you will know about supply chain issues affecting the pulp and paper industry. St. Thomas's has been directly affected by this paper shortage when it comes to legal-sized paper. Christine uses approximately two and a half reams (1,250 sheets) weekly to print the booklets for services. For several months ordering cases of legal-sized paper has been spotty, but for the past six weeks or so, the Staples brand paper we normally use has been completely unavailable – we haven't been able to order cases, nor individual reams of this paper at all. We've been purchasing a different brand to keep up with our needs, but this paper is considerably more expensive, and we're only allowed to order three reams at one time. Unfortunately, there is no longer another supplier from whom we can obtain this size of paper, so we're stuck. This is where you may come in.

Most businesses and individuals do not use a lot of legal sized paper. If you can spare St. Thomas's a ream or two in the next few weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note – we *are* able to get letter-sized paper. We are only in need of legal-sized (11 x 14) copy paper.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers over the autumn.

Dates available include August 28 (Lady Altar); September 18 (Lady Altar); and October 23 (High Altar).

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

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.

UPCOMING SUBWAY AND ROAD CLOSURES

The TTC lists one remaining subway shutdown in August that will affect people coming to Church, but sometimes they will unexpectedly cancel a shutdown, or add one – typically they only list shutdowns two weeks in advance. Please check for transit advisories at *ttc.ca*.

Aug 28 — Yonge-University: closure from Finch to St Clair

Upcoming Runs and Marathons

According to the Run Guides calendar (<https://www.runguides.com/toronto/runs>) many fun runs and marathons that normally take place in August and September have been cancelled for 2022, or in such areas that they will not affect people travelling to St Thomas's on a Sunday. However, there are three coming up that should be planned for.

September 11 – Constantine Yorkville 5K Run – This starts at Davenport and Avenue Road, goes down Bay Street to Dundas, up University and Queen's Park, then back to the starting point at Davenport and Avenue Road

September 11 – Journey to Conquer Cancer – Unfortunately the website doesn't give much information about the actual routes (there are several, of varying lengths), but it starts at 10:00 am at Dundas Square, and each route promises to go past Princess Margaret Hospital, so University Avenue near College Street will be affected, too. They should be finished by noon, according to the event website.

October 16 – Toronto Waterfront Marathon – this 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 Beech 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.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 231, Tr 9 Pr 20, Yr 2C)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 84
Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon
the face of thine anointed / For one day in
thy courts is better than a thousand. (Ps) O
how lovely are thy dwellings, thou Lord of
hosts! Glory be... [Repeat Antiphon]

MONDAY (15) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Ezekiel 24.15-24; Psalm 79.1-8;
Matthew 19.16-22

TUESDAY (16) *Memorial* (White) 5:30 pm
Holy Women of the Old Testament
Introit: Ps 145.8-13; 1 Samuel 2.1-10
Gradual: Ps 68.9-13; Luke 2.36-40

WEDNESDAY (17) *Comm.* (Green) 12:15 pm
John Stuart, Priest,
Missionary among the Mohawks, 1811
Ezekiel 34.1-11; Psalm 23;
Matthew 20.1-16a

THURSDAY (18) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Ezekiel 36.22-28; Psalm 51.7-12;
Matthew 22.1-14

FRIDAY (19) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 107.1-8;
Matthew 22.34-40

SATURDAY (20) *Memorial* (White) 10:00 am
Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
Introit: Ps 1.1-4; Romans 5.1-5
Gradual: Ps 37.31-32; John 15.7-11

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