

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 96 (BCP 453) & 97 (BCP 454); Isaiah 11.1-10 & Revelation 2.18 – 3.6. During Advent, Surge, Illuminare (BCP 28), replaces Te Deum; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Introit Psalm 80.1-7 (BCP 433); Decalogue (BCP 68); Collects & Propers (BCP 97 & 95); Gradual Psalm 50.1-6 (BCP 392)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

ADVENT II

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. Dec 12 **Society of Mary** – 6:45 pm (*see article*)

Wed. Dec 13 **Advent Bible Study** – 6:00 pm, Fr. Freeland Room
(*contact Fr. Shire for more information – frshire@stthomas.on.ca*)

Sun. Dec 17 **ADVENT III**

5:00 pm **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

followed by a reception in the Parish Hall (*see article*)

Sun. Dec 24 **ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS EVE**

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 Christmas Eve Family Mass

9:30 pm Recital

10:00 pm Christmas Eve High Mass (BCP)

Mon. Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Services in the morning only – no Evensong

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 7:30, 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.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall follows the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.

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

HEALING MASS ON TUESDAY

Anointing for healing is available at Low Mass on Tuesday; if you wish to be anointed, simply remain at the communion rail after all have received and the Celebrant will lay hands on you and anoint you. Anyone who wishes to stand in solidarity with you may also surround you and place their hands on your shoulders or pray for you from the pews. If you wish to be anointed privately after the Mass, please indicate this to the Celebrant by visiting the Vestry prior to the Mass, if possible, or inform the Celebrant of your desire when you come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing.

SOCIETY OF MARY MEETING

The Society of Mary's next Monthly Devotion will be held this coming **Tuesday, December 12** at St. Thomas's. We will gather in the church at 6:45 pm to go over the music we sing at our services each month, followed by Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

We will be holding a reception following our Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 17. We are looking for people to contribute appetizers, baked goods, and other items to help make it a joyous and festive occasion. We are also in need of volunteers to help set up for the reception and clean up afterwards. If you are able to assist, please speak to Michelle Mayers-Van Herk.

FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Friday Food Ministry Christmas Dinner is on December 22 and it is fast approaching and we are looking forward to making a big feast to celebrate with our neighbours in need. As with Thanksgiving we will need a great deal of assistance to make this meal a success.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer including:

- Shopping for the occasion
- Making and delivering items and home and bringing them to be served
- Helping with meal prep with the Thursday Bee on December 21 at 6:00 pm
- Helping with meal prep and/or service on December 22

Shopping and Making Items at Home

We will need many items to make this meal a success, so we will need shoppers and people to make items at home. For shoppers, please mark that you are available and if you have a car or not.

If you would like to make items at home (or purchase additional things that we need), here are some items that we will need.

- 60 hardboiled eggs
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- 40 bags of nuts
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- 40 bags of cookies or other baked item
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- 120 pairs of socks (70 men, 50 women)
- 120 toothbrushes and toothpastes

We are aiming for 120 portions of everything, so if you would like to help, but cannot do 120 eggs all at once, you can do 60 (or we can adjust further).

Thursday Bee on Dec 21

On Thursday Dec 21 we will have our usual Thursday Bee to do advance meal prep. This is a great way to spend some time with friends doing some work to make the Friday meal service go more smoothly.

Friday Dec 22 Meal Service

This is the main event. We will be starting at 2:00PM, a bit earlier from our usual time, but it will give us the time we need to put together the whole meal. We will be operating in different shifts.

- Food Prep Shift (2:00 -5:00 pm)
- Drink and Meal Service (5:00-7:00 pm):
- Cleaning Up (7:00 pm-end): MAX 10 volunteers (excluding team captains)

As you can see, there is a lot to do, but together we can make for a joyous and wonderful Christmas Dinner for our guests! If you are interested in helping, you can speak to Fr Shire or email him at *fridayfoodministry@gmail.com*

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. 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*, or by emailing Manuel Piazza at *mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca*.

CARING FOR OURSELVES AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

Now that we are spending more time indoors, we are seeing a rise in respiratory illnesses such as colds, influenza, RSV, and COVID-19. As in years past, maintaining good hand hygiene and masking are effective tools in limiting the spread of these viruses and infections, and of course when we are feeling ill, it is important to remain at home.

St. Thomas's is happy to provide surgical masks and N95 masks in the Narthex. Additionally, we have a limited supply of rapid antigen-tests for COVID-19 available upon request. If you would like one, please speak to Fr. Humphrey, Fr. Shire, or a sidesperson.

Navigating the various seasonal illnesses and treatments can be difficult, so be sure to ask your family doctor if you have medical questions or concerns. Should you find yourself feeling isolated during this period and, please let Fr. Humphrey or Fr. Shire know; they are always happy to be in touch.

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).

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



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, 95 & 97, Advent II, Yr 2B)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Isaiah 30 &

Psalm 80.1

(*Antiphon*) People of Zion behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations / and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. (*Psalm*) Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock. Glory be...

(*Repeat Antiphon.*)

MONDAY (11) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 85.8-13 (BCP 439);
Luke 5.17-26

TUESDAY (12) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96 (BCP 453);
Matthew 18.12-14

See note on Healing Mass on page 2.

WEDNESDAY (13) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm 103.1-10 (BCP 460);
Matthew 11.28-30

THURSDAY (14) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Isaiah 41.13-20; Psalm 145.1-4,8-13 (BCP
516); Matthew 11.7-15

FRIDAY (15) *Commem.* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Simon Gibbons, First Priest of the Inuit, 1896
Isaiah 48.17-19; Psalm 1 (BCP 331);
Matthew 11.16-19

SATURDAY (16) *Feria* (Violet) 10:00 am
Sirach 48.1-11; Psalm 80.1-3,15-19 (BCP
433); Matthew 17.9-13

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