

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

## CHRISTMAS DAY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 45; Isaiah 9.2-7; Te Deum; Matthew 1.18-25; Psalm 100

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 107, Introit: Psalm 98.1-4; Gradual: Psalm 98.5-7

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 7:30 am Mattins 8:00 am Low Mass (no music) 9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS) 11:00 am High Mass (BCP) No Church School or Evensong
Mon. Dec 26	<b>Office Closed</b>
Sun. Jan 1	<b>THE NAMING OF JESUS</b> No Church School or Evensong
Fri. Jan 6	<b>THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b> - 6:30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene
Sun. Jan 8	<b>THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b> Epiphany Carols at Evensong
Wed. Jan 11	<b>Advisory Board Meeting</b> – 7:00 pm
Sun. Jan 15	<b>EPIPHANY II</b>
Tues. Jan 17	<b>SOCIETY OF MARY</b> – 6:15 pm
Sat. Jan 21	<b>HIGH MASS OF REQUIEM FOR FR. BRIAN FREELAND</b> – 4:00 pm
Sun. Jan 22	<b>EPIPHANY III</b>

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## 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 Devotions 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.

## **PLEASE GET YOUR 2022 DONATIONS IN THIS WEEK!**

If you would like to make a donation to St Thomas's, but want to claim it on your 2022 tax return, please be sure to have any mailed cheques postmarked by December 30, 2022. If you prefer, you can bring it to the office personally. Christine will be in from Tuesday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

## **OMICRON VACCINE CLINICS**

at St Stephen's in-the-Fields - 103 Bellevue Avenue at College Street, west of Spadina  
The next community vaccine clinic is scheduled for **Friday, December 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. This is a walk-in clinic, so no appointment is necessary.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

As in years past, the congregation has donated money to purchase flowers to decorate the High Altar and church at Christmas. There are dedicated donation envelopes in the Narthex, but if you prefer, you can also donate through the website. Please go to [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca) and click on 'Donate' from the drop-down list.

## **ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!**

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

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

Dates available prior to Lent include January 22 and 29 (both Lady Altar). There are five more 'holes' in the schedule after Easter, and several over the summer.

Please contact Christine at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto: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.

## VACATION NOTICE

Fathers Humphrey and Shire are both taking some well-deserved time off during Christmastide. They are each leaving town on December 26, with Fr. Nathan returning on January 5, and Fr. James back in the office on January 9.

### **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - 6:30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene**

This year the congregations of Saint Thomas's and Saint Mary Magdalene are combining to celebrate Epiphany. The service will take place at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, at 477 Manning Avenue, near Bloor and Christie Street.

### **MEMORIAL HIGH MASS OF REQUIEM FOR FR. BRIAN FREELAND**

January 21, at 4:00 pm

Saint Thomas's will be holding a Memorial High Mass of Requiem for the repose of the soul of Brian Freeland, priest, on Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews will be the preacher, and the Music of the Mass will be the Requiem in D minor, Op. 48, by Gabriel Fauré.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Christine Cover at [office@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:office@stthomas.on.ca) so that we have a rough number to give to the caterers.

### **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](http://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/smokytoms](http://qrco.de/smokytoms). 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, 107, Christmas Day, Yr 1A)  
Ordinary Weekday Introit: Isaiah 9: Ps 98  
(Antiphon) Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given / and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called, Angel of mighty counsel. (Psalm) O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Glory be... (Repeat Antiphon)

MONDAY (26) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 12:15 pm  
*Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*  
BCP Propers, page 108  
Introit: Ps 119.17-24 (BCP 486);  
Gradual: Ps 119.161-168 (BCP 496)

TUESDAY (27) **HOLY DAY** (White) 5:30 pm  
*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
BCP Propers, page 110  
Introit: Ps 92.1-4 (BCP 449);  
Gradual: Ps 92.12-15 (BCP 450)

WED. (28) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 12:15 pm  
*The Holy Innocents*  
BCP Propers, page 111  
Introit: Ps 8.1-2 (BCP 337);  
Gradual: Ps 124.5-7 (BCP 499)

THURSDAY (29) *Commem.* (White) 5:30 pm  
*Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170*  
1 John 2.7-11; Ps 96.1-9 (BCP 453);  
Luke 2.22-35

FRIDAY (30) *Commem.* (White) 12:15 pm  
*John Wycliffe of Oxford, Scholar, Translator of the Scriptures into English, 1384*  
1 John 2.12-17; Ps 96.7-10 (BCP 454);  
Luke 2.36-40

SAT. (31) *Commem.* (White) 10:00 am  
*John West, Missionary, the Red River, 1845*  
1 John 2.18-21; Ps 96.1-2, 11-13 (BCP 453);  
John 1.1-18

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