

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 9; Isaiah 1.1-20 & Revelation 2.1-17. During Advent, Surge, Illuminare (BCP 28), replaces Te Deum; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 95, Introit: Psalm 25.1-7 (BCP 358);
Gradual: Psalm 85.4-7 (BCP 438)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| TODAY | ADVENT I
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 Advent Carols at Evensong with Reception following |
| Wed. Nov 29 | Advent Bible Study – 6:00 pm, Fr. Freeland Room
<i>(contact Fr. Shire for more information – frshire@stthomas.on.ca)</i> |
| Mon. Dec 4 | Mass for Nicholas Ferrar – 6:00 pm <i>(see article)</i> |
| Sun. Dec 10 | ADVENT II |
| Tues. Dec 12 | Society of Mary – 6:45 pm |
| Sun. Dec 17 | ADVENT III
5:00 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols |
| Sun. Dec 24 | ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS EVE
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 |
| Tues. Dec 26 | Office Closed – Low Mass at 5:30 pm |

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 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.

MASS FOR NICHOLAS FERRAR – Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Fr. Brinton and the Oratory of the Good Shepherd will celebrate mass on the Feast of Nicholas Ferrar and the Community of Little Gidding in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome.

CARING FOR OURSELVES AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

Now that we are fully in autumn and 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.

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.

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, Advent I, Yr 2B)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Psalm 25.1-4 (BCP 358)

(*Antiphon*) Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee. / O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed. (*Psalm*) Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (4) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

Isaiah 2.1-5); Ps 122 (BCP 498);

Matthew 8.5-13

(also at 6:00 pm - see note on page 2)

TUESDAY (5) *Comm.* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210

Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 72.1-8 (BCP 418);

Luke 10.21-24

See note on Healing Mass on page 2.

WEDNESDAY (6) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 342

Isaiah 25.6-9; Ps 23 (BCP 356);

Matthew 15.29-39

THURSDAY (7) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm

Isaiah 26.1-6; Ps 118.19-24 (BCP 484);

Matthew 7.21-27

FRIDAY (8) **HOLY DAY** (White) 12:15 pm

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Introit: Ps 45.10-15 (BCP 387);

Isaiah 49.1b-3; Gradual: Ps 139.1-12 (BCP 509); Luke 1.34-38

SATURDAY (9) *Mem.* (White) 10:00 am

Prophets of the Old Testament

Introit: Ps 1.1-4 (BCP 331); Hosea 14.1-7

Gradual: Ps 103.6-14 (BCP 460);

Mark 1.1-11

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