

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 96 & 97; Isaiah 5.1-16 & Matthew 24.29-end
Advent: Surge, Illuminare, *page 28*, replaces Te Deum; second canticle,
Benedictus *page 9*

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Pages 97, 95, Introit: Psalm 80.1-7; Gradual: Psalm 50.1-6

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 & Devotions

Wed. Dec 7

Advent Book Study – 7:00 pm (*see article*)

Young Adult Ministry – 7:30 pm (*see article*)

Sun. Dec 11

ADVENT III

Sun. Dec 18

ADVENT IV

11:00 am – Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School (*see article*)

5:00 pm – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,

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

Sat. Dec 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass with Christmas Carols

9:30 pm Organ Recital, followed by Midnight Mass at 10:00 pm

Sun. Dec 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

No Evensong

Mon. Dec 26

Office Closed

Sun. Jan 1

THE NAMING OF JESUS

No Evensong

Fri. Jan 6

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY at St. Mary Magdalene

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.

LITURGY WALKTHROUGH AND DEMONSTRATION – Today, after the 11 am Mass

Have you ever wanted an up-close look at the high mass? Are you curious about why we do the things that we do? Are you interested in becoming an acolyte but feel confused about what goes on near the altar? Well, you are in luck! The Acolytes' Guild will be doing a walkthrough of the high mass today, after the 11 o'clock Mass. We will be going through the liturgy from start to finish and any and all questions are welcome! A light lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Fr. James Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

A quick but meaningful read, Mark Galli writes about the deeper significance of liturgical worship in his book, *Beyond Smells & Bells: The wonder and power of Christian liturgy*. As we begin this new liturgical year, we invite you to join us on Zoom the first three Wednesdays of December (7, 14, 21) at 7:00 pm to discuss his insights and more deeply explore the meaning of the liturgy. Please email jessica.nee@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in participating.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

We will be holding a reception following our Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 18. 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 contact Fr. James Shire at frshire@stthomas.on.ca.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

With Advent upon us, the Church School begins its preparations for the Christmas Pageant, taking place on Sunday, December 18 after the 11:00 am service. Over the next four Sundays, as we read stories about Caesar Augustus and Joseph & Mary's difficult travels, we will talk about the importance of hospitality and helping others in need, and how the birth of a wee baby had such a huge effect on thousands and now millions. If you've been thinking about sending your child to St. Thomas's Church School, now's a great time, as this project welcomes all ages of children and youth. I invite any tweens and teens who might be interested in helping with narration and/or singing, or 'back stage' helping with props and costumes and all the fun chaos that takes place before Father Humphrey calls out, 'Action!'.

The Church School meets in the Undercroft during the 11:00 am Sunday service. If you have questions, please email me at siobhandungan@rogers.com with 'Pageant' in the subject line.

OMICRON VACCINE CLINICS

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

The next community vaccine clinics are scheduled for **Monday, December 5, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm; Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 to 2:00 pm; and Friday, December 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** These are walk-in clinics, so no appointment is necessary.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY

The Friday Food Ministry will be holding its Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 23, and we are looking for people to join us in making and serving a feast for Toronto's homeless and food insecure community. A great deal of work is needed in the days leading up to it, and on the day of. We are in need of volunteers to help shop, prepare food at home, and volunteer at the church on Dec 22 and 23 to make the dinner happen.

We have the following shifts you can sign up for on Dec 22 and 23 (and you can sign up for as many as you'd like).

December 22 Thursday Bee (6-7:30 pm)

December 23 Food Prep Shift (2-5 pm)

Setting Up (5-6 pm)

Serving (6-7 pm)

Cleaning Up (7 pm-end)

If you are interested and able to help, or have any questions, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS'S UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The University and Young Adult Ministry continues its Bible Study this **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, in the Undercroft**. No prior expertise is needed: we will read as a group and discuss our thoughts freely.

On **Sundays at 6:00 pm, after the Choral Evensong service**, we invite any curious souls to join us at a nearby restaurant. We will gather by the statue of Christ in the Narthex after the service. Friends are welcome too.

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.

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

(BCP pages 67-86, 97, 95, Advent II, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Isaiah 30
& Psalm 80.1

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. (Ps) Hear, O thou Shepherd of
Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a
flock. Glory be... [Repeat antiphon]

MONDAY (5) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 85.8-13;
Luke 5.17-26

TUESDAY (6) *Commem.* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 342
Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96;
Matthew 18.12-14

WEDNESDAY (7) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm 103.1-10;
Matthew 11.28-30

THURSDAY (8) *Memorial* (White)
The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Introit: Ps 45.10-15; Isaiah 49.1b-3
Gradual: Ps 139.1-12; Luke 1.34-38

FRIDAY (9) *Memorial* (White)
Prophets of the Old Testament
Introit: Ps 1.1-4; Hosea 14.1-7
Gradual: Ps 103.6-14; Mark 1.1-11

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

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