

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY & QUINQUAGESIMA

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 84 (BCP 437) & 133 (BCP 504); Genesis 12.1-9;
Te Deum; 1 Corinthians 12.4-end; Psalm 100 (BCP 457)
Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 136; Introit: Psalm 31.1-6 (BCP 364);
Gradual: Psalm 31.22-26 (BCP 366)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	LAST EPIPHANY/QUINQUAGESIMA & VESTRY SUNDAY 10:30 am Combined Mass 11:45 am Light Lunch 12:30 pm Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm Evensong & Devotions (BCP)
Mon. Feb 20	Family Day – Office Closed
Wed. Feb 22	ASH WEDNESDAY – 12:15 & 6:30 pm with imposition of ashes
Sun. Feb 26	LENT I Indigenous Justice Workshop and Discussion – 1:00 pm
Wed. Mar 1	Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Mar 5	LENT II
Wed. Mar 8	Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm
Sat. Mar 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins – clocks go forward 1 hour
Sun. Mar 12	LENT III
Wed. Mar 15	Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm
Sun. Mar 19	LENT IV (Rose Sunday)
Wed. Mar 22	Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm
Sun. Mar 26	LENT V (Passion Sunday)

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

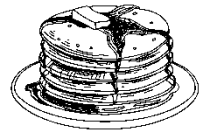
As per Diocesan guidelines, communicants are asked *not* to dip the consecrated host into the chalice with their hand as an alternative to drinking from the chalice. St. Thomas's offers low-gluten communion hosts for those who have gluten allergies, sensitivities, or celiac disease. When approaching for communion, please inform the priest that you require a low-gluten host.

COMPOSER OF THE OPENING VOLUNTARY AT 10:30 AM

Florence Beatrice Price (née Smith; April 9, 1887 – June 3, 1953) was an African-American classical composer and music teacher born in Little Rock, Arkansas, who was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works: four symphonies, four concertos, as well as choral works, plus art songs, and music for chamber and solo instruments.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - February 21

Join us on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 21) at 8:30 am for morning prayer in the church followed by a low-key pancake breakfast in the Fr. Freeland Room. Feel free to bring some indulgent breakfast foods, fruit, or pancake toppings to share... or just come hungry. We'll aim to wrap up around 10:15 am. Please let Jess Nee know if you're thinking of coming at jess.nee@gmail.com.



THURSDAY BEE

The Thursday Bee will be meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 pm to do advanced meal prep for the Friday Food Ministry. The Thursday Bee is a great opportunity to spend time with friends in the parish and to help with the FFM meal service. If interested, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY

The Friday Food Ministry will be meeting this Friday, February 24, from 3:00 - 7:00 pm to prepare and serve a wonderful meal for people experiencing homelessness and poverty. We have a meal prep shift from 3:00 - 5:30 pm and a meal service shift from 5:30 - 7:00pm, and you are invited to sign up for one or both shifts. If interested, please email Fr James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

RESCHEDULED! INDIGENOUS JUSTICE WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION

Sunday February 26, at 1:00 pm, in the Parish Hall (includes a light lunch)

Truth and reconciliation with God and others are central themes of our faith - how much more should learning the truth about and seeking reconciliation with those whom we have specifically and grievously wronged as a Church merit our attention? We hope you will commit to attending this in-person session, wherever your heart and mind may be on the issues, remembering that as a church, we are called to this work not primarily to address political issues, but to honour each other's dignity as human beings created in the image of God. We all stand in need of the grace that comes from honesty about the past and hope for the future.

Please see the Thurible for links to background information, or contact Andrew Gray agray@torys.com or Jess Nee jess.nee@gmail.com.

THE SPIRIT OF MUSIC IN COMMUNITY: LECTURE-RECITAL SERIES
Wednesdays in March, at 7:30 pm

This free series at St Thomas's will feature five Toronto performers, composers, and artistic directors. You can attend one or all of the evenings, by registering through our website at www.stthomas.on.ca. Click on the blue button that says 'To register for the above events, please click here,' and you will have an opportunity to register through Eventbrite. Presenters for each week are:

March 1: Larry Beckwith

March 8: Ian Cusson

March 15: Stephanie Martin

March 22: Waleed Abdulhamid

March 29: John Abberger

AN INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION - The Cloud of Unknowing

A free eight-week course on Saturdays from February 25 to April 22, at 10:00 am Eastern on Zoom.

The Course will introduce Christian Meditation, through the principal themes of "The Cloud of Unknowing," the 14th-century spiritual classic described as the most succinct, practical, and balanced guide to meditation in the English mystical tradition.

To find out more, please speak to Course Coordinator Fr Brian Bartley, or e-mail him at fbrian.bartley@gmail.com.

UNIVERSITY BIBLE STUDY

University students of all levels are welcome to participate in our weekly Bible study. We meet every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Fr. Freeland Room. We are currently reading through Galatians and will begin reading Ecclesiastes in February. Our hope is to offer a place of bonding and support for the shared experiences, questions, and struggles that face in their journey of faith, even as we are enriched by each other's unique paths and by our study.

In addition, we often meet for socials and other activities and events and they will be announced as they are scheduled.

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.

THE TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/TORONTO'S FIRST POST OFFICE

holds a fundraising gala every year on March 6, the anniversary of the Town of York becoming the City of Toronto 189 years ago. This year it takes place in The St. Lawrence Hall at 7:00 pm. The main speaker is Jesse Wentz, a nationally - renowned film critic, broadcaster, Indigenous advocate, author, and pop culture philosopher. He will be joined by the Native Earth Performing Arts group, who will share a piece of their upcoming performance. There will be a silent auction, tickets for food and drink. Tickets are \$50.00 for non-members, \$40.00 for members. Memberships are \$30.00. All available at TOs189th.Eventbrite.ca.

The Historical Society is responsible for the running of Toronto's first post office at 260 Adelaide Street East. There is a museum and gift shop on the site. It is a charitable organization. See Maureen Somerville for more details.

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).



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. 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, 136, Pr 7, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 13

(*Antiphon*) My trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation / I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me. (*Psalm*) How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, forever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me? Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (20) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Sirach 1.1-10; Psalm 93 (BCP 450);
Mark 9.14-29

TUESDAY (21) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Sirach 2.1-11; Psalm 37.3-6, 26-27 (BCP 374); Mark 9.30-37

WEDNESDAY (22) ASH WEDNESDAY
(Violet)
Eucharists with Imposition of Ashes
at 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm.
See Special Orders of Service

THURSDAY (23) *Commem.* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Phillip Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan, 1954
Paul Sasaki,
Bishop of Mid-Japan and Tokyo, 1946
Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1 (BCP 331); Lk 9.18-25

FRIDAY (24) **HOLY DAY** (*Red*) 12:15 pm
Saint Matthias the Apostle
BCP Propers, page 268
Introit: Ps 16.1-7 (BCP 345);
Gradual: Ps 80.8-11 (BCP 433)

SATURDAY (25) *Feria* (Violet) 10:00 am
Isaiah 58.9b-14; Psalm 86.1-6 (BCP 439);
Luke 5.27-32

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