

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalms 52 (BCP 395) & 54 (BCP 397); Genesis 18.16-end
& Luke 18.1-14

Canticles in Lent: Benedicite (BCP 26) replaces Te Deum;

Benedictus (BCP 9) replaces Psalm 100

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Pages 145 & 138, Introit: Psalm 25.8-15 (BCP 358);

Tract: Psalm 25.16-22 (BCP 359)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

LENT III

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 (BCP)

Wed. Mar 15 **Young Adult and University Bible Study** – 6:00 pm

Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 18 **Altar Guild Brass Polishing Day** – 10:30 am

Sun. Mar 19 **LENT IV** (Rose Sunday)

Tues. Mar 21 **Society of Mary** – 6:15 pm

Wed. Mar 22 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sat. Mar 25 **HIGH MASS OF THE ANNUNCIATION** – 11:00 am (*see article*)

Sun. Mar 26 **LENT V** (Passion Sunday)

Tues. Mar 28 **Advisory Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Wed. Mar 29 **Lenten Lecture Recital Series** – 7:30 pm

Sun. April 2 **PALM 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.

EXCITING NEWS AT ST THOMAS'S

The Rector and Wardens of St. Thomas's Anglican Church, Huron Street, Toronto are delighted to announce that we have unanimously called Elizabeth Anderson as our Director of Music and Manuel Piazza as our Assistant Director of Music. Both positions will be full-time effective July 1, 2023.

The "Interim" has been dropped from Elizabeth's title with immediate effect, though she will remain at three quarters time through the end of June.

Manuel is a Toronto native and graduate of St. Michael's Choir School, a former student of John Tuttle and familiar with the inner workings of chorister programs for girls and boys.

For the full announcement, see the Thurible email or visit our website at www.stthomas.on.ca.

TAX RECEIPTS

All 2022 donation receipts have been sent out. If you have not received either an email or a letter containing your receipt, please contact Kevin Blagrove envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca or call the office.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES AT SUNDAY EVENSONGS

Running through the course of Lent we will be having guest preachers at our 5:00 pm Sunday Evensongs. These preachers will be giving short homilies on the appointed lessons to provide deeper reflection on the scriptures during this season. The roster of guest preachers includes:

March 12: The Venerable Cheryl Palmer: Archdeacon for the South Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Toronto and Incumbent of Christ Church Deer Park.

March 19: The Reverend Doctor Geoffrey Ready: Director of the Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College and Priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission.

March 26: The Right Reverend Doctor Stephen Andrews: Principal of Wycliffe College and Helliwell Professor of Biblical Interpretation.

Each preacher will bring their own experiences, education, and insight to help us understand and reflect on the various readings this season. We welcome our guest preachers and hope you will join us at Evensong this Lent.

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

This free series at St Thomas's features weekly Toronto performers, composers, and artistic directors throughout March. 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 15: Stephanie Martin – Sacred Music in Worship and Community

March 22: Waleed Abdulhamid – Sharing Our Voices: Everyone Can Sing!

March 29: John Abberger – J.S. Bach at the "Other" St. Thomas's (Leipzig)

JOINT HIGH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am

We will welcome parishioners, clergy, and musicians from St. Mary Magdalene's for a joint High Mass for the Annunciation on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 am. Fr. Eric Beresford will be our preacher that day.

CONFIRMATIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Fr. Humphrey is pleased to announce that The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Bishop Suffragan of Toronto, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 pm. As of this writing, we have nine potential candidates for confirmation!

If you have not already received an email with confirmation preparation instructions and you wish to be confirmed (or formally received from the Roman Catholic or an Orthodox church in which you have previously been confirmed), please let Fr. Humphrey know as soon as possible via frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca so that you can be added to the list of candidates and begin the preparation process.

YOUNG ADULT AND UNIVERSITY BIBLE STUDY

Young adults (20s-30s) and 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 Ecclesiastes. 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.

PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS

To submit prayer requests, please email prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca or call Christine at 416-979-2323 x 4 to provide details. Please let us know whether you want the person included (1) on the weekly intercessions list to be prayed for daily at Mass and/or (2) in the private prayers of our prayer and care team. Let us know also if a follow-up might be required, or if you or someone you know would benefit from a clergy call or visit.

PARKING FOR ST. THOMAS'S PARISHIONERS

As some of you will remember, before the University of Toronto Schools began their renovations, St. Thomas's had an arrangement in place for parishioners to park in the lot behind the school (now accessible from Spadina) on Sundays and selected holy days.

We are now revisiting this arrangement, but there are certain changes. The rate (formerly \$50 per half year) is now \$3 per time (discounted rate). In addition, U of T Transportation has gone electronic. To access this offer, you register your account and email with the transportation department, and then forward your email to me through the church office (within the next two weeks would be appreciated). I will arrange with U of T to verify your account. At that point you will be able to begin claiming passes when you need them, and paying for them online. This must be done before each Sunday that you wish to park and before the two holy days we have asked for – Maundy Thursday (April 6) and the Easter Vigil (April 8). The second half of the year will become available as we proceed.

Please see the Thurible for the guide as to how you can register your accounts and claim your passes (the guide will require you to send your emails to the City of Toronto), or if you don't get the Thurible, send an e-mail asking Christine to forward the guide to you at office@stthomas.on.ca.

Pat Kennedy

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS

During the season of Lent, it is fitting for us to slow our pace and spend time quieting ourselves, that we may more fully turn our attention toward Christ. We encourage you to begin this time of worship with a few moments of recollection and stillness, preparing yourself – body and mind – for participation in this holy mystery.

You may choose to sit in silence, engage in your own personal devotion, or privately say the prayers below.

PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ¹

Almighty, everlasting God, I, I draw nigh to the Sacrament of thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I draw nigh as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore, therefore, the abundance of thine exceeding bounty, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness; and that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, and with such purpose and intention, as shall be expedient for the health of my soul. Grant me, I beseech thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the substance and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the body of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into his mystical Body and accounted among his members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold for ever face to face. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

¹ Loren Gavitt, ed., *The Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*. Rev. ed. (West Park: Holy Cross Publication, 2005), 96–97

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE MASS ²

In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O great and good God, I have come into thy presence to share in offering to thee the great Sacrifice of thy Blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ (and to receive the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the same Jesus Christ) in remembrance of his life, death and Passion, and in thanksgiving for all thy blessings bestowed upon thy whole Church and on me a most unworthy sinner. I desire to offer (and to receive) with all the love and contrition of which I am capable, in conformity with those sacred intentions wherewith our Saviour instituted and our holy Mother the Church ever offers it. I wish, then, to offer (and to receive) it:

- 1) For thy greater glory;
- 2) For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of Christ;
- 3) To give thee thanks for all the blessings thou has bestowed, especially...
- 4) To ask thy help in any matter I have in hand, especially...
- 5) To ask thee to bless all my friends and relations, especially...
- 6) For the dead, especially...

Bless the Priest who is to preside at this oblation. Bless all the people who are here to participate in this glorious action, and all who would like to be here. Convert all sinners. Heal the anguish of the world. And have mercy upon all the faithful departed. O God accept all my prayers during this holy service of our bounden duty, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

² Ibid., 55–56.

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/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, 145, 138, Lent III, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 25

(*Antiphon*) Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord / for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and in misery. (*Psalm*) 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. Glory be... (*Repeat Antiphon*)

MONDAY (13) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
2 Kings 5.1-15a; Ps 42.1-2 (BCP 383), 11-14; Luke 4.24-30

TUESDAY (14) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Song of the Three Young Men 1.2, 11-20 (BCP 26); Ps 25.4-9 (BCP 358); Matthew 18.21-35

WEDNESDAY (15) *Feria* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-10; Ps 147.12-20 (BCP 519); Matthew 5.17-20

THURSDAY (16) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Jeremiah 7.21-28; Ps 95.1-9 (BCP 452); Luke 11.14-23

FRIDAY (17) *Memorial* (Violet) 12:15 pm
Patrick, Missionary Bishop in Ireland, 461
Introit: Ps 96.1-9 (BCP 453); 2 Corinthians 12.14-16, 19; Gradual: Ps 131.1-4 (BCP 503); Matthew 5.43-48

SAT. (18) **HOLY DAY** (White) 10:00 am
Saint Joseph of Nazareth
Introit: Ps 145.8-13 (BCP 516); Romans 4.13-18; Gradual: Ps 89.1-4 (BCP 443), 26-29 (BCP 445); Luke 2.41-52

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