

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 77 (BCP 425); Exodus 2.23-3.20 & Mark 10.32-45

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

Benedictus (BCP 9) replaces Psalm 100

Low Mass at 8:00 am: 148 & 138, Introit: Psalm 43 (BCP 384);

Tract: Psalm 143.1-10 (BCP 513)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

LENT V

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)

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

Wed. Mar 29 **Young Adult and University Bible Study** – 6:00 pm

Lenten Lecture Recital Series – 7:30 pm

Sun. April 2 **PALM SUNDAY**

Mon. April 3 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS** – 5:30 pm

Baroque by Candlelight – 8:00 pm

Tues. April 4 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS** – 6:00 pm

Rehearsal for Good Friday – 6:30 pm

Wed. April 5 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS** – 5:30 pm

Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm

Thurs. April 6 Walk-Through for Maundy Thursday – 5:30 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7:00 pm

THE WATCH – 9:00 pm to 10:30 am

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – 11:30 pm

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.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES AT SUNDAY EVENSONGS

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

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

We hope you will join us at Evensong this Sunday.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

The Advisory Board is holding an in-person meeting in the Parish Hall on March 28. Please contact Andrew Gray at agray@torys.com if you have any questions.

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. The final presenter is:

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

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS & COORDINATOR NEEDED

A festive reception will follow the Easter Vigil and we need one or two people to assist in its coordination, supported by the newly reconstituted Friar's Guild. Contributions toward the reception are most welcome. To volunteer, please e-mail Fr. Humphrey at frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca.

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.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Spring Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers during the spring season.

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

Dates available following Easter include April 30 (Easter III - Lady Altar), June 4 (Trinity Sunday – Lady Altar), and June 11 (Corpus Christi – both the High Altar and Lady Altar). There are also several more ‘holes’ in the schedule over the summer, including the High Altar on the Feast of the Patronal (July 2, this year).

Please contact Christine at 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.

STILL FEELING THE NEED TO DO PENANCE IN LENT?

Saint Thomas’s can help!

The oven and stove in the kitchen are in desperate need of cleaning, and it’s too big and awful a job to give to any one person. We are seeking a team of helpers willing to scrub grungy pieces of the oven/stove in the early part of this week. Everything will be taken apart ahead of time, and the bits coated with oven cleaner. Your job will be to scrub those pieces clean. Protective gloves, rags, and SOS pads will be provided.

Please let Fr. Shire know if you are available, and willing to help with this important, but arduous task - frshire@stthomas.on.ca.

LOOKING TO BUILD COMMUNITY? JOIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE!

Are you looking to deepen your faith and live the call to love deeply and serve others in our community? Come be part of Saint Thomas's Social Justice Committee as we look to discern and develop our future work. St. Thomas's has a long, rich history of service to our community, including the Friday Food Ministry and refugee sponsorship.

We are about to pilot a health program connected with the Friday Food Ministry. There, guests could receive basic health care including wound care, foot care, blood sugar and blood pressure testing and basic addiction and overdose prevention treatment. We will be working with other partners in the community such as Community Health Clinics and possibly academic family health teams to support our guests. The Social Justice Committee has also been involved in issues like Indigenous reconciliation, Black History Month, and developing educational and discussion resources around diocesan social justice motions presented at Vestry.

If you feel stirred by these or other social issues and would like to join us as we work to grow these programs that transform lives, we are eager to welcome you. Please reach out to agray@torys.com.

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/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, 148, 138, Lent V, Yr 1A)
Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 43
(Antiphons) Give sentence for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly
people / O deliver me from the deceitful
and wicked man, for thou art the God of
my strength. *(Psalm)* O send out thy light
and thy truth, that they may lead me, and
bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy
dwelling. Glory be... *(Repeat Antiphon)*

MONDAY (27) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm
*Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines,
and of Western New York, 1929*
Susanna 1.1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62;
Ps 23 (BCP 356); John 8.1-11

TUESDAY (28) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Numbers 21.4-9; Ps 102.1-2, 15-22 (BCP
458); Jn 8.21-30

WEDNESDAY (29) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm
John Keble, Priest, 1866
Daniel 3.13-28; Ps 24.1-6 (BCP 357);
John 8.31-47

THURSDAY (30) *Feria* (Violet) 5:30 pm
Genesis 17.3-9; Ps 105.1-9 (BCP 464);
John 8.51-59

FRIDAY (31) *Comm.* (Violet) 12:15 pm
John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631
Jeremiah 20.7-13; Ps 18.1-7 (BCP 347);
John 10.31-42

SATURDAY (1) *Comm.* (Violet) 10:00 am
Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872
Ezekiel 37.21b-28; Ps 121 (BCP 497);
John 11.45-57

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