

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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**Mattins at 7:30 am:** Psalm 143 (BCP 513); Wisdom 7.15—8.1; Te Deum; James 3;  
Psalm 100 (BCP 457)

**Low Mass at 8:00 am:** Page 257; Introit: Psalm 147.1-11 (BCP 518);  
Gradual: Psalm 147.12-15 (BCP 519)

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### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>TRINITY XXIV</b><br>7:30 am Mattins 8:00 am Low Mass (no music)<br>9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS)<br>11:00 am High Mass (BCP)<br>5:00 pm Evensong & Adoration |
| Sun. Nov 26  | <b>THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT</b><br>10:30 am Combined BCP Mass followed by<br>a gala parish brunch for <i>The Household of God</i>                    |
| Sun. Dec 3   | <b>ADVENT I</b><br>5:00 pm <b>Advent Carols at Evensong</b>   |
| Sun. Dec 10  | <b>ADVENT II</b>  |
| Tues. Dec 12 | <b>Society of Mary</b> – 6:45 pm  |
| Sun. Dec 17  | <b>ADVENT III</b><br>5:00 pm <b>A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>   |
| Sun. Dec 24  | <b>ADVENT IV &amp; CHRISTMAS EVE</b><br>5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass<br>9:30 pm Recital 10:00 pm Christmas Eve High Mass (BCP)                       |
| Mon. Dec 25  | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b><br>Services in the morning only – no Evensong  |
| Dec 26 & 27  | <b>Office Closed.</b> Low Mass at 12:15 both days,<br>no public morning or evening prayers  |

## **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.

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## **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](https://stthomas.on.ca/choristers), or by emailing Manuel Piazza at [mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca).

## 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.

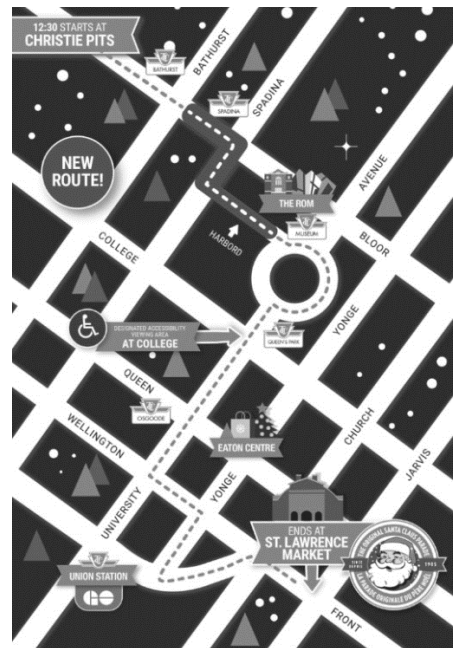
Navigating the various seasonal illnesses and treatments can be difficult, so be sure to ask your family doctor if you have medical questions or concerns. Should you find yourself feeling isolated during this period and, please let Fr. Humphrey or Fr. Shire know; they are always happy to be in touch.

## THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE Sunday, November 26, 2023

The 119<sup>th</sup> Santa Claus Parade officially begins at 12:30 pm, but there will be road closures in the area hours before, and thousands of people lining the route.

Although it will be taking a different route this year due to construction on Bloor Street, parishioners may still be well-advised to leave their vehicles at home next Sunday.

Commuters are advised to walk to Huron Street from St. George Station, rather than Spadina.



## UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The University and Young Adults Ministry meets on Sundays following Evensong. Our hope is to offer a place of bonding and support for the shared experiences, questions, and struggles that they 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.

For more information please contact Fr James Shire at [frshire@stthomas.on.ca](mailto:frshire@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](http://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](http://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, 257, Tr 24, Pr 33, Yr 1A)

Ordinary Weekday Introit:

Jeremiah 29; Psalm 85

(*Antiphon*) Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction / ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation. (*Psalm*) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. Glory be... (*Repeat antiphon*)

MONDAY (20) *Commem.* (Green) 12:15 pm  
*Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr, 870*  
1 Maccabees 1.1-15,54-57,62-64;  
Psalm 79 (BCP 432); Luke 18.35-43

TUESDAY (21) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm  
2 Maccabees 6.18-31;  
Psalm 3 (BCP 332); Luke 19.1-10  
*See note on Healing Mass on page 2.*

WEDNESDAY (22) *Feria* (Red) 12:15 pm  
*St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, Rome*  
2 Maccabees 7.1,20-31,39-42;  
Psalm 17.1-8 (BCP 346); Luke 19.11-28

THURSDAY (23) *Commem.* (Green) 5:30 pm  
*Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100*  
1 Maccabees 2.15-29;  
Psalm 129 (BCP 501); Luke 19.41-44

FRIDAY (24) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm  
1 Maccabees 4.36-37,52-59; Psalm 113  
(BCP 479); Luke 19.45-48

SATURDAY (25) *Commem.* (Red) 10:00 am  
*Catherine, Virgin and Martyr, Alexandria*  
1 Maccabees 6.1-13; Psalm 124 (BCP  
499); Luke 20.27-40

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