

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Mattins at 7:30 am: Psalm 78, Pt 1 (BCP 426); Joel 2.1-14; Te Deum;

Romans 14.1-15.3; Ps. 100 (BCP 457)

Low Mass at 8:00 am: Page 239; Introit: Psalm 84 (BCP 437);

Gradual: Psalm 95.1-3 (BCP 452)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY** **TRINITY XIV** – normal Sunday Service schedule has resumed:
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 & Adoration (BCP)
- Tues. Sept 12 **Holy Land Zoom Session** – 3:00 to 4:00 pm (*see article*)
- Sun. Sept 17 **TRINITY XV**
- Tues. Sept 19 **Society of Mary** – 6:45 pm in the undercroft (*see article*)
- Sun. Sept 24 **TRINITY XVI**
FIRST EVENSONG OF MICHAELMAS
- Fri. Sept 29 **MICHAELMAS** at St. Mary Magdalene at 6:30 pm
- Sun. Oct 1 **DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
Combined BAS Mass at 10:30 am with luncheon to follow
Evensong, Te Deum & Benediction at 5:00 pm
with reception to follow
- Sun. Oct 8 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
- Mon. Oct 9 **Thanksgiving Day** – Office Closed; normal service schedule

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

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL resumes today, Sunday, September 10 with our Church School Coordinator, Siobhán Dungan. Children ages 4 to 11 can be taken to the undercroft (which can be accessed from the south entrance) any time after 10:50 am. They will learn about Jesus' birth, life, and teachings by each creating their own Life of Jesus binder. Additionally, they will learn about the Eucharist with their personalized "My Church Book" folder which guides them through activities and exercises.

Today, it's all hands on deck to colour and decorate a new laminated Lord's Prayer for the Church School's pews.

The Church School group will join the service in their designated 2 pews at the back of the church, towards the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, in order to sing the Lord's Prayer with the congregation, receive a blessing, and then return to the undercroft for the ever-important cookies and juice. Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) from the undercroft after the service. If you have any questions, please email Siobhán at siobhandungan@rogers.com.

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, beginning on **September 14**. There will also be a Chorister day camp on **Saturday, September 16**, from 10:00 am to 3:30 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, or by emailing Manuel Piazza at mpiazza@stthomas.on.ca.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Zoom Information Session

Join Bishop Jenny Andison, Father Humphrey, and their associates at The Living Church on **September 12, 3:00–4:00 pm**, for a live Q&A with Faith Journeys about the April 2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage. Bring these questions, and more:

- *Why should I go on pilgrimage?*
- *How much does it cost with taxes and fees?*
- *How is a pilgrimage different from a vacation?*
- *What kind of experience can I expect?*
- *How can I prepare now for travel in the Middle East?*
- *How does travel cancellation work?*
- *What's included in the pilgrimage package?*
- *Who else is going to be there?*

The itinerary for this trip includes Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Cana, Mount Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Bethany, the Dead Sea, and Masada.

If you're interested in joining the Zoom Meeting, please send an e-mail to Fr. Humphrey at frhumphrey@stthomas.on.ca to request a link.

For a brochure or to register, please see portal.myfaithjourneys.com and use the group code 24026, or send an e-mail to info@myfaithjourneys.com, again referencing group code 24026. Space is limited.

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY will be meeting this Friday, September 15 to make and serve sandwiches. You are invited to help prepare and serve our meal this week. We need volunteers for one or more of the following shifts:

3:00-5:30 pm Meal Prep

5:30-7:30 pm Meal Service and clean-up

Please contact Fr. James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com if you would like to join us!

SOCIETY OF MARY MEETING - September 19

The Society of Mary is hosting an upcoming opportunity for communal devotion **on Tuesday, September 19**. The time for fellowship will include a reading and discussion of Mary's importance for St. Francis of Assisi.

The meeting begins with light refreshments in the undercroft at 6:45 pm, followed by Rosary and Benediction in the chancel at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Please get in touch with jess.nee@gmail.com with any questions.

FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

We have all admired the beautiful flower arrangements on the altars on Sunday mornings, but have you ever wanted to learn how to do this yourself? This is your big chance!

The Flower Guild needs some enthusiastic people to help with flower arranging, once or twice a month. What's more, we are willing to train you (if necessary) on the various techniques florists use to display flowers at their best.

Please send an e-mail to Christine Cover in the office, if you are interested – office@stthomas.on.ca.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office if you are interested in having memorial flowers through the end of the year.

The cost for High Altar flowers is \$125.00, and the Lady Altar is \$75.00. You will get a charitable receipt for memorial flower donations.

Dates available include **September 27** (Trinity XVI – Lady Altar); **October 15** (Trinity XIX, Lady Altar); **November 12** (Trinity XXIII – High Altar); **November 19** (Trinity XXIV – both the High Altar and Lady Altar); **November 26** (The Sunday Next Before Advent –the Lady Altar); and **December 31** (Christmas I – both the High Altar and Lady Altar)

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.

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.

St. Thomas's also wants to share in your good news. Do you have a birthday, anniversary, or other thanksgiving you would like included in the prayers on Sunday? Please send requests to prayerandcare@stthomas.on.ca; both one-off and annual thanksgivings are welcome. We want to share your joys as well as support you in times of trial.

PLANNING AN EVENT AT ST. THOMAS'S?

For most of the year, from Monday to Friday our Parish Hall is in use in the evenings. We also have groups that regularly meet in some of our smaller rooms, and there are special or seasonal events that require the use of our space less often, but are no less important.

The point is, our meeting space is at a premium, and sometimes people assume that they can inform the office that they will be in the space they want on such and such a date and all will be fine; or that because they mentioned it to Fr. Humphrey (or someone else in authority) it's a done deal.

This is **NOT** the case.

Those wanting to use rooms at St Thomas's need to contact Christine Cover at office@stthomas.on.ca with a list of possible dates, times, and preferred meeting spaces and she will check the calendar to see when you can be accommodated. Please do not advertise your event until you have cleared the meeting space availability with Christine.

A related subject is that of livestreaming. Right now, this is only available inside the Church, and it has to be set up well in advance because there are very few people who know how to operate the equipment, and they are not always available on short notice. If you are considering livestreaming an event in the Church, please contact our Director of Livestreaming, Rigzin Tute, at livestreaming@stthomas.on.ca to make arrangements.

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, 239, Tr XIV, Pr 23, Yr 1A)
Ordinary Weekday Introit Psalm: 119
(Antiphon) Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true are thy judgements / O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy.
(Psalm) Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be... *(Repeat Antiphon)*

MONDAY (11) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
Colossians 1.24 - 2.3; Psalm 62.1-6 (BCP 404); Luke 6.6-11

TUESDAY (12) *Feria* (Green) 5:30 pm
Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 145.1-9 (BCP 516); Luke 6.12-19

WEDNESDAY (13) *Memorial* (Red) 12:15 pm
Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
Introit: Ps 119.161-168 (BCP 496);
Philippians 3.7-11; Gradual: Ps 116.11-14 (BCP 482); John 10.11-16

THURSDAY (14) **HOLY DAY** (Red) 5:30 pm
Holy Cross Day
Introit: Ps 43.1-6 (BCP 384);
1 Corinthians 1.18-24; Gradual: Ps 98.1-6 (BCP 455); John 3.13-17

FRIDAY (15) *Feria* (Green) 12:15 pm
1 Timothy 1.1-2,12-14; Psalm 16 (BCP 345); Luke 6.39-42

SATURDAY (16) *Mem.* (White) 10:00 am
Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c.430
Introit: Ps 96.1-9 (BCP 453);
Romans 10.14-17; Gradual: Ps 96.10-13 (BCP 454); Matthew 28.16-20

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