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“St John the Baptist” (c. 1325), Lippo Memmi (Sienese)

Samuel H. Cress Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., public domain image

Worship at St Thomas' this Sunday, December 12th

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

10.30 am

When attending public worship ...

- Please wear a face mask at all times indoors
- Sanitize your hands upon entering the building
- Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from individuals not in your cohort
- Do not sit in pews or sections of pews that are marked with RED tape on the seat.
- Please sit only in areas with GREEN masking tape on the top-rear and front edge of the pew--maintaining physical distancing if necessary
- TWO individuals per pew or ONE family/cohort per pew, seated in every second pew
- All readers/intercessors/musicians/altar guild members, etc., and any other parish volunteers must have provided evidence of full vaccination against Covid-19 (see below)
- If you are a reader, musicians, or volunteer of any kind in the parish, you must provide proof of full vaccination against Covid-19. Proof of vaccination is not required to simply attend church.

Christmas Services at St Thomas' Millbrook

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th, at 4 pm & 7 pm

Note: Advance reservations are required for both Christmas Eve services. Reservations can be made after church on Sundays in Advent or by calling or emailing the Priest-in-Charge at home.

No service on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th.

Regular services will resume on Sunday, December 26th, at 10.30 am

The National Day of Remembrance & Action Against Violence to Women took place on December 6th. On that day, in 1989, Canadian society was forever changed by the murder of 14 women who were attending classes at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. It will remain a day of shame and deep sadness for our country. We pray for the souls of those young women, and for all who continue to face gender-based violence in Canada and throughout the world. **A brief Service of Remembrance from the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada may be found at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7JBrmk--2g>

The United Nations campaign against gender-based violence has inspired the ecumenical “Churches Beyond Borders” 2021 Advent devotional booklet. To access the Advent booklet, please go to: <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/EIR-CBB-Joint-Devotions-2021-EN-1.pdf>

National Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols online. Join Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of Canada, and Anglicans from coast to coast to coast for this online service which will take place on Friday, December 17th, at 8 pm.

To register and for more information, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/anglican-church-of-canada-national-lessons-carols-registration-200954750067>

Resources for the on-going work of Truth & Reconciliation - from the the Anglican Church of Canada, for prayer, study, and action : <https://www.anglican.ca/orangeshirtday/>

Resources for understanding issues of Diversity and Race -

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/diversity-resources/?lang=en>

**“Reading the Bible from the Margin -
Stories from Below”**

An online Advent course by

Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, New Testament scholar -
with the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto

The Biblical story is unexpectedly shaped by those at the margins:
women, foreigners, the powerless.

What if these stories are actually the centre of the story?

What do they reveal about how we live out of this story today?

**Sunday evenings via Zoom -
November 21, 28, and December 5, 12
7pm-9pm**

All welcome! No charge! Feel free to attend any or all of the sessions.

To register, please go to:

<https://www.bibleremixed.ca/reading-the-bible-from-the-margins>

The cost for this course is being covered by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

The parish office is usually open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9.15 am - 11.15 am. Note: the office will be closed from December 14th, 2021 to January 10th, 2022, inclusive. For any important matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231. If (and only if) his home voicemail is turned off, please call his cell number (705-313-9002) and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely thankful for the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings.

In addition to making a weekly offering at church on Sundays, donations (for those who are not already on PAR) can be made in the following ways:

- ***By regular mail*** - to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. *(Please be sure to use the post office box number - not just the street address - when sending items by mail).* Cheques only please--made out to St Thomas' Church. *Post-dated cheques, for future contribution periods, would be welcome and very much appreciated.*
- ***By e-transfer from your bank account.*** Please call Gail at the parish office at (leave message) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange.
- ***By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the parish office (during office hours) or at the parish hall mail box.*** Note: if you wish to leave your envelope in the box at the back door of the parish hall please telephone the Priest-in-Charge to let him know so that he can collect the envelope in a timely manner. Please *never* leave cash in the mailbox!
- ***By Pre-Authorized Remittance:*** If you wish to enroll in PAR, please call the parish office during office hours. An authorization form will be mailed (or emailed) to you.
- ***By using the secure online donations link on our parish website.*** Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>