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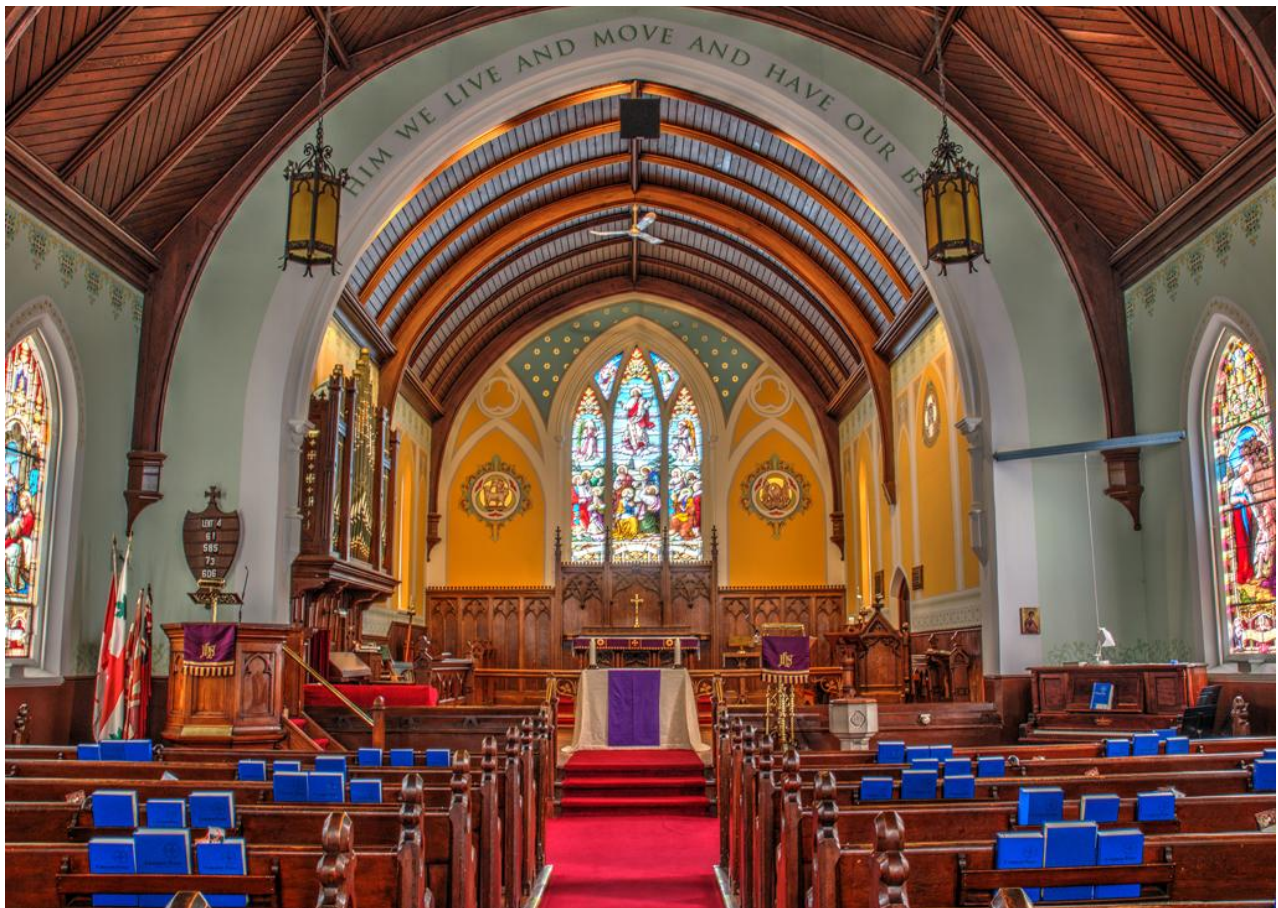


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The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Worship every Sunday at 10.30 am

February 4th (Epiphany 5)	Morning Prayer (Lunch & Advisory Board)
February 11th (Transfiguration)	Sung Eucharist
February 14th (Ash Wednesday)	Said Eucharist at 10.30 am
February 18th (Lent 1)	Liturgy of the Word (P-I-C away)
February 25th (Lent 2)	Sung Eucharist
March 3rd (Lent 3)	Morning Prayer (Lunch & Vestry meeting)
March 10th (Lent 4)	Sung Eucharist
March 17th (Lent 5)	Morning Prayer
March 24th (Palm Sunday)	Sung Eucharist
March 28th (Maundy Thursday)	Said Eucharist (time: TBA)
March 29th (Good Friday)	Solemn Liturgy at 10.30 am
March 31st (Easter Sunday)	Said Eucharist at St Mary's, 7.30 am
March 31st (Easter Sunday)	Sung Eucharist at St Thomas's, 10.30 am
April 7th (Easter Octave)	Sung Eucharist (followed by Brunch)
April 14th (Easter 3)	Sung Eucharist
April 21st (Easter 4)	Morning Prayer
April 28th (Easter 5)	Sung Eucharist
May 5th (Easter 6)	Morning Prayer (Lunch & Advisory Board)
May 12th (Ascension Sunday)	Sung Eucharist
May 19th (Day of Pentecost)	Sung Eucharist

As announced last month, a very brief (i.e., 3 minute) special Vestry meeting will take place immediately before the regular Advisory Board meeting after the soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday, February 4th. The purpose of this special Vestry is simply to approve the churchwardens' appointment of a new auditor. The Advisory Board which will follow has only one agenda item: a pre-Vestry presentation of the churchwardens' proposed parish budget for 2024.

The annual meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of Cavan & Manvers will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Vestry reports are now due!!! Please submit vestry reports (in Word format) by email to the Priest-in-Charge at nate@nexicom.net. These reports will be gathering into one electronic document and then photocopied by the parish secretary for distribution at the annual meeting of Vestry.

The Diocesan Social Justice Vestry Motion for 2024 addresses several key obstacles to the human right to accessing housing in our province. To read the motion, please go to: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/?lang=en>. This motion will be discussed and voted on at our annual Vestry.

Pancake Supper!!!



***In the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th
From 4.30 to 6.30 pm
Adults: \$12.50
Children 6 to 12 years old: \$5
5 and under: free***

A Bible study group meets at St Thomas' after church on the second Sunday of each month. The next session is February 11th. Each session lasts about 40 minutes and is self-contained. Our topic for 2024 is: "An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark". All materials will be provided. No preparation needed. All are welcome!

The next St Thomas' 'Sing-along' is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 28th at 7 pm in the church. Music of Carole King, Joni Mitchell, & Anne Murray. Coffee/tea/conversation to follow in the parish hall. A poster will be sent out later to confirm the event will happen as scheduled. We regret that previously scheduled 'Sing-alongs' have had to be cancelled due to illness or inclement weather.

Diocesan Parish Leaders' workshops will be offered via Zoom. Please register for either March 18th or 20th in the evening, or March 23rd in the morning. All clergy, churchwardens, deputy churchwardens, treasurers, parish secretaries/administrators, etc, are strongly encouraged to attend. Participants will be given a 'tool kit' with a wealth of information on parish administration and diocesan canons & policies. Please register online at: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-administration/parish-leaders-workshops/?lang=en>

Journeys Outreach group normally meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the parish hall. The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. All are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings. For more information, please speak to the Chairperson, Lianne Landry (705-808-1954).

St Thomas' ACW (Anglican Church Women) usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm (except January, July, & August). All women in the congregation are automatically members and are encouraged and welcome to attend ACW meetings. For more information on the work of the ACW in our parish and diocese, and the location of the next meeting, please call Gail Neiman at the parish office.

Men's Breakfast at St John's, Ida: The men of St Thomas' parish have been graciously invited to attend the Men's Breakfasts at St John's, Ida. The breakfasts normally take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please call St John's parish office, or check their website, to get up-to-date information on the exact date of the next breakfast.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in our parish hall every Thursday evening throughout the year. New members are always welcome! For more information, please call the Coordinator, Mrs Lou Bomhof, at 705-944-5422. For more information on TOPS please go to: <https://www.tops.org/tops/tops/canada/home.aspx>

The Parish Office

is normally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am - 11.30 am.

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Telephone messages and emails are answered only during office hours.

For pastoral emergencies or any time-sensitive matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home (705-932-1231) or, if the voicemail is turned off, please call his mobile phone number (705-313-9002).

Financial contributions may be made to St Thomas' in the following ways:

- **By using offering envelopes when you attend Sunday services. Please leave your envelope on the large collection plate near the entrance of the church (a collection is no longer taken up during the service). Please be sure your name and/or envelope number (if you know it) is written on the envelope. If you need offering envelopes, just ask!**
- **By regular mail addressed to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. Please be sure to include the Post Office Box number on the envelope - 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 Neiman during parish office hours (705-932-2233) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange this. It is quick and easy to do!**
- **By Pre-Authorized Remittance from your bank account or credit card. 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. If you are already on PAR, you are encouraged to re-visit your pledged amount on an annual basis and prayerfully reflect on your financial offering to the church.**
- **By using the easy and secure Online Donation link on our parish website. Charitable donation receipts are issued automatically on our behalf by Canada Helps. Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>**
- **Thanks to everyone who supports the ministry of this church through their prayers, and through their gifts of time and/or talent and/or financial offerings. All these gifts are necessary to sustain and enhance our on-going existence, ministry, and witness as a small but vibrant community of faith within the larger community of Millbrook/Cavan Monaghan.**