

## CHECK OUT THE PARISH LIBRARY

Need something to read? The Parish Library is open after the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses each Sunday. Located at the back of the Parish Hall, the library has received a number of new books from the collection of Fr Brian Freeland.



## HEATING SYSTEM UPDATE

Last Sunday's frigid temperature in the church and hall was the result of a recurring problem with a switch that controls the amount of water going into the boiler. The switch failed to operate properly causing the boiler to shut down. It appears to be a manufacturing problem as this switch has already been replaced, and the man who takes care of our heating system is encountering the same problem at other customers. We are fortunate to have a such an excellent contractor dealing with this problem.

### Do You Have an Announcement that Needs to go in the Notice?

Send it to Christine by e-mail at [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com). The deadline for submissions is **Thursday at noon**.

Please include a title, date, time, a brief description of your event, and, if applicable, information for further contact.

### Updating Saint Thomas's Database

Have you moved recently? Did you change your e-mail address or phone number?

*Did you remember to let us know at Saint Thomas's?*

If you need to update your information, please send an e-mail to Christine, or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

## SEXAGESIMA/VESTRY SUNDAY

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## WELCOME TO ST THOMAS'S

**Nursery Care** is available during the 11:00 am Service.

**Church School** is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

**Coffee Hour:** After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

**Need Assistance?** The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website at: [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca).

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

**SEXAGESIMA / VESTRY SUNDAY** - Service at 10:30 am  
12:30 pm **Lunch followed by Vestry Meeting**

**Evensong Prelude** with Matthew Whitfield - 6:30 pm

Sat. Mar. 2 6:00 pm - **Pancake Supper** (*see article*)

Sun. Mar. 3 **QUINQUAGESIMA**

Wed. Mar. 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY** - Services at 7:30 am, 12:15 & 6:15 pm

Sun. Mar. 10 **LENT I**  
Daylight Savings Time begins

Mon. Mar. 11 **Bishop MacDonald Lecture** (*see article*)

Wed. Mar. 13 **Society of Mary** - 6:15 – 8:30 pm

Sun. Mar. 17 **LENT II**

Mon. Mar. 18 **Bishop MacDonald Lecture**

Sun. Mar. 24 **LENT III**



Time to  
Spring Ahead  
March 10

## TODAY—EVENSONG PRELUDE at 6:30 pm

Evensong Preludes showcase the many talented musicians in our parish and extended parish family while offering a time of quiet reflection before the service. Thank you to all the artists for their volunteer musical offerings.

Matthew Whitfield's program will be comprised of two Psalm Preludes by Herbert Howells and excerpts from J.S. Bach's Neumeister Chorales.

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### *Pre-Lenten Celebration* **Pancake Supper**

Saturday, March 2, in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm

Come fill your belly and stay to sing some rousing rounds.

All ages and abilities welcome.

Real maple syrup will be served.

Tickets: \$10 (no charge for children)

Please buy your tickets in advance  
from either Anna or Rob Kennedy, or Crystal Sayler.

Otherwise, reserve your tickets by calling  
Christine Cover at 416 979 2323 x 4  
or emailing [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com)

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## LENTEN SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP



As a continuation of events to mark our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald, will be joining us to lead a two-part Lenten series on Christian Discipleship on the Monday evenings of March 11 and March 18. A light supper will be served at 6:30 pm (by donation), with the presentation beginning at 7:00 pm.

Please register with the office at 416 979 2323 x 4  
or [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com).

The Right Rev. Mark MacDonald became the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in 2007, after serving as bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Diocese of Alaska for 10 years. Bishop MacDonald holds a B.A. in religious studies and psychology from the College of St Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., an M.A. in divinity from Wycliffe College, and did post-graduate work at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in Minneapolis.

## "MAKE THE WORDS YOUR OWN": A Lenten Bible Study on the Psalms

Save the Date: A three-part Bible Study on the Psalms will be offered this Lent. Meeting times are scheduled for the following Thursdays at 1:00 pm: March 28, April 4 and April 11. Anyone who would like to come, but will be unable to attend because of the weekday timeslot, are encouraged to speak to Fr D'Angelo.



## THE PURPOSE OF THE 'GESIMA' SUNDAYS

The 'gesima' Sundays (Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima) provide a needed opportunity to *prepare to prepare* for the forty day journey of Lent to Easter. Long before the actual effort of Lent is set to begin, the traditional practice of the Church calls us to consider the seriousness of Lent and to meditate on its significance. Over the course of these next weeks, all are encouraged to take the time needed to prayerfully discern how to observe a Holy Lent this year.



## LAST WEEK'S BABY SHOWER

Thank you to all who were able to be with us to celebrate last Sunday including those who organized the event and contributed to the impressive collection of books that our children will be able to enjoy for many years to come. We were overwhelmed by your generosity!

The Whitfields and D'Angelos

## PARKING AT SAINT THOMAS'

As we all know, parking at St Thomas's is limited. This has led to some people parking their vehicles on the area in front of the Church, between the sidewalk and the street. **These are not legal parking spaces, and we have had complaints** about this habit. If you want a paid parking space nearby, arrangements can be made. Please contact Marilyn Ramsingh.