

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rector: The Rev'd Robert Mitchell
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Announcements for December 22, 2019

T O D A Y A T S T . O L A V E ' S

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are the gift of Jim and Aden Shapland, to the Glory of God, and in memory of the late Nancy Shapland. She continues to be honoured and cherished by many of us.

COFFEE HOUR: Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to Sheila Tait and Margaret Roze for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

TOY DRIVE: Following the 10:30 a.m. service, the Junior Church will be walking to the fire hall to deliver donated toys. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's toy drive.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Tonight at 7:30 p.m. This traditional service of scripture readings, carols and Christmas anthems performed by our choir is a highlight of St. Olave's Advent season. Reception to follow.

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS are available from Judy Beal in the Church Office. St. Olave's is featured as the church for the month of March! **(Only 7 left!)** Cost: \$8.00 each. Cheque or cash – exact change appreciated.

T H I S W E E K A T S T . O L A V E ' S

CHURCH OFFICE: Will be open Monday, Tuesday, and **Friday**.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume in January.

PRAYER READING GROUP: Friday December 27 The Assistant Curate, Alexandra, will be leading a monthly reading group with a focus on prayer. The group will meet in the Ethel Brown Room from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. For more information or to receive emails about the group, please contact Alexandra at curate@stolaves.ca or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday December 24	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:00 p.m. Family Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Wednesday December 25	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion <i>The Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Day</i>
Thursday December 26	No Services
Friday December 27	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 noon ORA 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 8:00 p.m. Compline <i>St. John the Apostle and Evangelist</i>
Sunday December 29	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer <i>The Sunday After Christmas</i>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT: The College of Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto has unanimously concurred with the ordination of Alexandra Pohlod to the priesthood. As a priest, Alexandra will be able to celebrate Holy Communion and officiate at the other sacraments and rites of the Anglican Church. It is still expected that she will complete 2 full years with us as our Curate. She will be ordained by Bishop Jenny here at St. Olave's on a **Sunday January 26 at 4:00 p.m.** Congratulations Alexandra!

GIFT BASKET: The ACW would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the gift basket draw. The lucky winner was Debbie Cowling!

THE MITTEN TREE: As is our custom, the Mitten Tree has now been placed in the narthex as you enter the church and with your help we are hoping by Christmas to have it loaded with all sorts of mittens, scarves, hats, socks, gloves and whatever a person needs to keep warm this winter. All these items are always badly needed by inner-city children, women's shelters, and new immigrants not yet familiar with cold Canadian winters. If you are a knitter – great! But if not, or you don't have the time required, newly purchased items are very acceptable as well. Let's get that tree covered quickly and make a lot of people warm and happy.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: Parishioners are encouraged to donate altar flowers **throughout the year**. It can be a meaningful way to remember someone who has died or to give thanks to God for a special anniversary or blessing in your life. A notice will be placed in the bulletin on that day. You may donate funds or purchase flowers yourself. Please contact the office to arrange a date, a minimum of two weeks in advance. Purchased flowers should be dropped off no later than Sunday morning by 9:30 am, or through mutually convenient arrangement. **Flowers are needed for: Sunday January 5 (Holy Baptism with Archbishop Fred Hiltz and Choral Evensong), Sunday January 12, Sunday January 19 (Confirmation with Bishop Jenny Andison).**

ARCHBISHOP FRED HILTZ TO VISIT ST. OLAVE'S: The former Primate of Canada, Fred Hiltz, will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 5, 2020. He is coming to baptize young Arthur Sorenibe, the son of Andrea Casey and Christian Sorenibe. Arthur's mother, Andrea, works for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and requested that Archbishop Hiltz preside at the baptism.

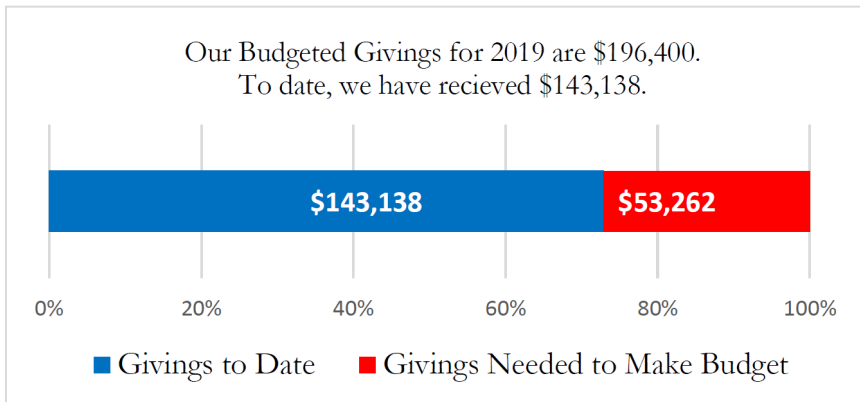
CITY FLUTES IN WINTER – Sunday January 5: The afternoon will open with **Choral Evensong** for Epiphany Eve at 4, with St. Olave's Choir directed by John Stephenson. The service will be followed directly by our annual Epiphany Tea downstairs. The hour-long concert will begin shortly after 5 p.m., when the founding director of City Flutes, Lana Chou Hoyt, will be joined by Alexa Ball, Stéphanie Superle and Mor Shargall-Bisson. All four flautists recently became mothers, so as well as some traditional flute favourites for winter, the quartet has also decided to include some delightful pieces for families, children and the young at heart:

- a couple of Japanese pieces of film music (*My Neighbour Totoro* and *Kiki's Delivery Service*) by Joe Hisaishi;
- a Slovenian *Suite to the Youth* by Blaž Pucihar; and
- the French *Flûtes en Vacances* by Jacques Castérède.

We always appreciate your assistance in getting the word out to the broader community. Please take as many of pale blue flyers as you need for family, friends and neighbours; as well as for bulletin boards and display shelves at your community hall, recreation centre, public library or on street notice boards, etc.

BISHOP JENNY ANDISON TO VISIT ST. OLAVE'S: Bishop Jenny, our Area Bishop, will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 19, 2020. She is coming to the parish for Confirmation, and for our annual combined service with the South Sudanese Community Church. Join us as we celebrate together and share in a wonderful meal cooked by the ladies of the SSCC.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: The graph below compares the amount of givings budgeted for all of 2019 with the amount received to date. We hope to close the gap as much as possible in the remaining days of 2019. Please consider if you can help in any way. These figures do not include additional substantial gifts received this year toward the cost of replacing the boiler (\$47,015) and toward the cost of the curacy (\$8000).



ONLINE GIVING AT ST. OLAVE'S: We have recently enrolled in a stewardship program called tithe.ly which manages online giving for more than 12,000 churches in North America. Go to stolaves.ca/giveonline to make your gift to our general fund, our Second Century Mission Fund or our maintenance fund. During December, you can also pay for memorial poinsettias online if you prefer. (Though please be sure to contact the office with your memorial name.) **You do not need to sign in or create an account to make a donation.** You can also download the tithe.ly app for your phone and give-on-the-go. You will be prompted to set up an account for your first gift, but once you're set up, it's easy to make donations whenever or wherever you like!

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