

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Announcements for December 15, 2019

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

SINCERE THANKS to Martha Riddell, Janice Douglas, their helpers, and everyone who has been involved in the presentation of our 36th Annual Nativity Play today!

ST OLAVE'S JUNIOR CHURCH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE will be held until today, **December 15**. We are asking that members of the parish who wish to participate donate new, unwrapped toys that will be delivered to our local firehall and given to children in our city who might not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. Please leave your gift on the pew in the parish hall to be collected.

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

GIFT BASKET: The ACW is selling raffle tickets for a lovely gift basket. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Draw will take place during today's coffee hour.

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 9 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

ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

MARY & MARTHA GROUP: Tuesday December 17 at **1:00** p.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study in the Ethel Brown Room. This fall, we are studying the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, including Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel follows at 11:15 am.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday
December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be purchasing our poinsettias from Westminster Classical Christian Academy (westminsterclassical.ca), located near the intersection of Dundas Street and Roncesvalles Avenue. WCCA seeks to provide students with a comprehensive and exemplary education through the Classical method's approach of an integrated and engaging curriculum that is applicable in all spheres of life and thought. The school is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for bursaries, to enable students to attend their school who may not otherwise be able to afford tuition. The cost of each poinsettia is \$15. If you would like to donate one or more poinsettias, please make cheque (or cash) payable to St. Olave's, clearly marked "Poinsettia" **and** record your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. They will be delivered to the church and will be set-up in the Sanctuary and Chancel for Lessons and Carols and Christmas services. You are also welcome to purchase your own poinsettia and deliver it to the church prior to Dec 22.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday December 22 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday December 17	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr</i>
Wednesday December 18	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>Ember Day</i>
Thursday December 19	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Friday December 20	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 noon ORA 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>Ember Day</i>
Sunday December 22	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:30 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols <i>The Fourth Sunday in Advent</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. She will be ordained by Bishop Jenny here at St. Olave's on a date yet to be confirmed. Congratulations Alexandra!

HELP DECORATE THE TREES IN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

For \$5.00 the ACW will put an ornament on the tree as a gift for a friend or family member, or in memory of a loved one.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Family service at 4:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

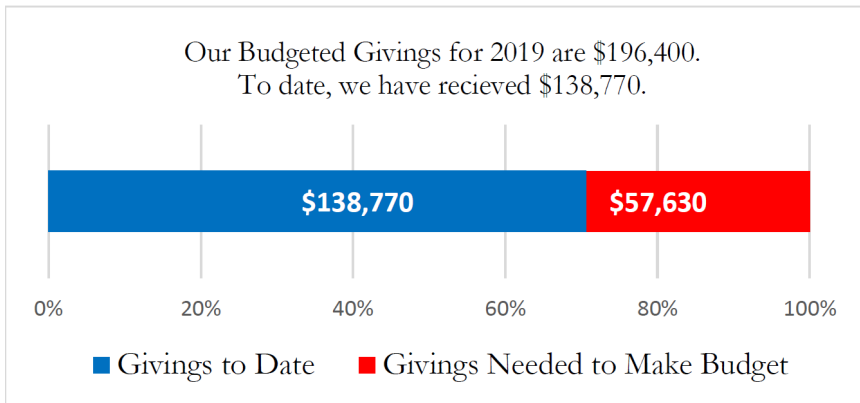
PRAYER READING GROUP: Friday December 27 The Assistant Curate, Alexandra, will be leading a monthly reading group with a focus on prayer. The group will meet in the Ethel Brown Room from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. For more information or to receive emails about the group, please contact Alexandra at curate@stolaves.ca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

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: Choral Evensong for Epiphany Eve at 4 p.m., followed by Epiphany Tea. At 5 p.m., founder **Lana Chou Hoyt** directs **City Flutes** in another sequence of glorious classical, popular and contemporary flute pieces for the season.

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 SSSC.

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 weeks 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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