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Dear Friend of St. Olave's,

When we launched the *What St. Olave's Means to Me* testimonial project in 2018, we had no idea what was in store for the world, little more than a year down the road. But in hindsight, we could not have picked a better time. As we now slowly begin to move toward a semblance of normal church life, we can read this wonderful collection of reflections, knowing the pain of being separated from our beautiful church home and each other. I am especially grateful to Jim Shapland, Aden Shapland and all those who contributed to this magnificent endeavour.

I cannot say enough good things about the booklet enclosed in this mailer. It is a unique and touching collection of personal anecdotes and thoughtful remarks on the irreplaceable role St. Olave's plays in the lives of many of our parishioners. I truly hope you will read it, and read it again, and perhaps bring it out every few months to read again. I think you will find it moving and inspiring.

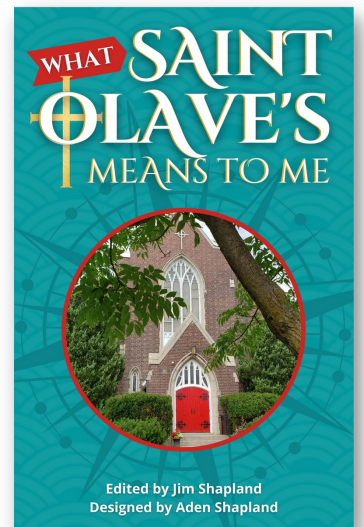
As we approach Christmas, the publication of *What St. Olave's Means to Me* is timely. Last year, almost certainly for the first time in the history of 360 Windermere Avenue, our doors were closed for Christmas. But this year, God willing, we will once again welcome parishioners and visitors alike to celebrate the birth of our Lord within the walls of our church. I suspect our Christmas services will have special meaning for each of us as we give thanks for the chance to worship together again.

As is always the case at this time of year, we are inviting you to consider how you might support the parish in the closing weeks of the calendar year. Despite great generosity from our parishioners this year, we are currently facing the likelihood of a significant financial deficit at the end of 2021. If you are able to make a special gift this Christmas, you would be helping us close that gap.

Whether you can support us financially or in other ways (see "The 12 Ways of Christmas" below and the calendar of events on the reverse), we invite everyone to use the detachable card below to jot down what St. Olave's means to you. We will use some select quotes from these cards in future communications and we would be delighted to hear how our parish has made a difference in your life.

Caroline and I wish you a blessed Christmas and continue to pray regularly for you and for our community.

The Reverend Rob Mitchell, Rector



What does St. Olave's mean to you? Please fill out the form below and return it in the enclosed giving envelope.



WHAT DOES ST. OLAVE'S MEAN TO YOU?

Name

THE 12 WAYS OF CHRISTMAS

I will support St. Olave's ministries by:

- ☐ making a **financial gift** (see below)
 - ☐ shopping at the online **Christmas Emporium**
 - ☐ donating to the **toy drive** ☐ **food drive** or ☐ **mitten tree**
 - ☐ honouring a loved one with an altar **poinsettia**
 - ☐ joining **in-person worship**
 - ☐ joining **live streamed worship**
 - ☐ watching and sharing the **nativity play** video
 - ☐ participating in **Morning Prayer for Christmastide on Zoom**
 - ☐ **praying** for our parish
 - ☐ **All of the above!**
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Please find my gift enclosed, or I will make my Christmas gift at stolaves.ca/giveonline

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ other \$

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021

Outreach, fundraisers, events
and services to celebrate
the season *together*.

SAINT OLAVE'S SWANSEA

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOV 28 ADVENT I 4 p.m. Evensong followed by "The Mystic Voice of a Violin" concert with Paulina Derbez		30  Toy Drive begins	1  Honour a loved one with an altar poinsettia	2	3	4  Help fill our mitten tree!
5  ADVENT II	6	7	8	9	10	11
Shop our Christmas Emporium at stolaves.ca/onlinemarket						
12  ADVENT III 4 p.m. Nativity video premieres on YouTube	13	14	15  Final day to order an altar poinsettia	17 	18	
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19  ADVENT IV 7:30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	21  DEC 19 Children take toys to Fire Hall	22	24	CHRISTMAS EVE 4 p.m. - Family service 7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion by candlelight (in-person and live streamed)	25	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (in-person and live streamed)
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Morning Prayer for Christmastide – Join us on Zoom at 8:30 a.m.						
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, 3rd Day of Christmas	The Innocents, 4th Day of Christmas	Thomas Beckett, 5th Day of Christmas	John Wycliffe, 6th Day of Christmas	John West, Missionary in Canada, 7th Day of Christmas	Octave Day of Christmas and New Year's Day, 8th Day of Christmas
2	3	4	5	For details about any of these programs or events visit stolaves.ca or contact the office at 416-769-5686. 		
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion	10th Day of Christmas	11th Day of Christmas	12th Day of Christmas			

