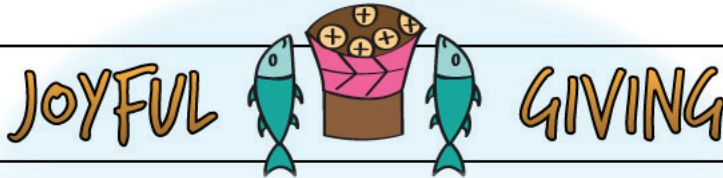


PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of Sunday 3 December 2023

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME



“Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” - PROVERBS 3:9-10

Our parish is now coming to the end of its run of the diocesan *Joyful Giving Programme* — the results of which are to be announced next week!

While this initial passage from the Book of Proverbs might suggest some kind of material gain, we hope that the ‘plenty’ that we experience may not merely be financial, but may be the “bringing forth the fruit of good works” (BCP, p. 259). Furthermore, we hope that the ‘new wine’ will be the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all the members of our parish (Acts 2:13-17). We hope that in the weeks and months ahead you will be able to see the growth in the evangelism and the mission of S. Bart’s made possible by your present and future givings.

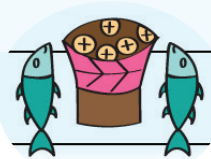
If you have any further questions about how to give, what it means to say that giving is a ‘spiritual discipline,’ or why we undertook this campaign, please feel free to email us at stbartstoronto@outlook.com.

Joyful Giving Target

for the year of our Lord 2024

The Financial Stewardship Committee has set an objective for calendar 2024 of \$160,000 in Parish Givings throughout the year, representing an increase of 6.5% over the 2023 target of \$150,000. If you are able to match this increase with your Covenant for 2024, it will go a long way in making sure St. Bartholomew's continues to successfully contribute to the communities and ministries we serve. And, we want to underpin our 2024 target with committed Covenants of 75% of the value — \$120,000 — as we **enter** calendar 2024.

If this is your first Joyful Giving Covenant, make a commitment to contribute in the Sunday Offertory as you are able... in gratitude to God and in support of our parish.



*The Advent Wreath has been given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Marlene McCaskill.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FATHER HANNAM requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR following the 11 o'clock Parish Mass! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM IN CONCERT: "Hymns to the Virgin: Marian Chants and Devotional Songs for the Advent Season." The group features soprano Katherine Hill and is directed by Christina Labriola. The concert will take place on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph Street). *Admission is free, donations are welcome.*

SPECIAL SUNG MASSES WITH MUSIC:

Rorate Mass - Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 a.m.

S. Lucy - Wednesday, December 13 at 6:15 p.m.

THE RORATE CAELI MASS: An Advent tradition honouring Our Lady on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 a.m. As the sun rises on the Saturday before the Second Sunday in Advent, we will offer a Votive Mass of Our Lady at S. Bart's. Illuminated by candlelight, and accompanied by Gregorian chant and medieval polyphony, this mass offers us an hour of devotion, contemplation and beauty, as we prepare for the coming of the Light that is our Saviour, our Emmanuel. The tradition of the Rorate Mass stretches back to at least the eighth century (and possibly earlier), and its name is taken from the first words of the Introit: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness (*Rorate caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum*).

CHILDREN'S CENTRE FUNDRAISING CONCERT: SBCC will host a fundraising concert here at the church. It will feature Denise Williams and

take place on Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to come and support the children's centre and the young artists who will be performing (students of Denise Williams). Suggested donation is \$20.

MYSTAGOGY (CONFIRMATION CLASSES) - Our parish mystagogy (learning about the Christian Mystery/Mysteries) meets following the Saturday Mass (noon). This is a continuation of the Catechesis (baptism preparation) class that was held during Lent, and is part of the usual preparation for Baptism. It does not, however, presuppose that one has taken the earlier course.

THE FOOD BANK: Our doors are open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. *Please note that the Food Bank will be closed for the holiday season from Friday, December 22, 2023 through Sunday, January 21, 2024.*

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME continues to be open each Thursday with the doors opening at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food being served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *Please note that the Breakfast Ministry will be closed for the holiday season from Friday, December 29, 2023 through Wednesday, January 24, 2024.*

YOUTH AT S. BART'S: Have fun, learn about the Faith, learn to serve one another! Visit: stbartstoronto.ca/youth, or contact Louis Harris at lhdlouis.harris@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS AT S. BART'S: Learn more about ongoing/upcoming events at stbartstoronto.ca/parish-life/young-adults.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO S. BART'S:

- Regular Givers are encouraged to take **tithing envelopes** for the coming year. This simplifies our parish counting and helps us to monitor our growth.
- Please consider using **pre-authorized debit** to make your contributions. This helps us in budgeting as well as keeping our cash flow consistent. Email stbartstoronto@outlook.com to request a fillable PDF.
- You may also send a donation via **E-transfer**. Here's how:

1. Login to your financial institution online or via mobile, and navigate to Interac e-Transfer.
 2. Select the account that you would like funds transferred from.
 3. Enter the amount that you would like to send.
 4. Add recipient, St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church.
 5. Add email address, stbartstoronto@outlook.com.
- You may also send a donation via **PayPal**. Here's how:
 1. Login to your PayPal account.
 2. Select "Send."
 3. Insert the email address: stbartstoronto@outlook.com
 4. Enter the amount that you would like to send.
 5. Confirm the details.
 6. Select "Send Money Now."

INTERCESSIONS

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 3 December:** *The Church of North India (United)*
- **Monday, 4 December:** *The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies*
- **Tuesday, 5 December:** *The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Wednesday, 6 December:** *The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya*
- **Thursday, 7 December:** *The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh*
- **Friday, 8 December:** *The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United)*
- **Saturday, 9 December:** *The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England*

INDIGENOUS CHURCH: For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for the youth of Northern Saskatchewan.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 3 December:** *S. James Cathedral*
- **Monday, 4 December:** *The Oratory of the Good Shepherd*
- **Tuesday, 5 December:** *Christ Church, Campbellford*
- **Wednesday, 6 December:** *FaithWorks shelters for women and children at risk*
- **Thursday, 7 December:** *Parish of Belmont*
- **Friday, 8 December:** *S. George-the-Martyr, Apsley*
- **Saturday, 9 December:** *S. George, Hastings*

CONFIRMANDS: Jean Giroux, Kenny Risk, Robert Thompson

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED: Alison, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Florence Britain; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Jenni; | **SAT:** Catherine LaFond, Marlyn, Patrick, Todd

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Andrea, Walter Banks, Sr Barbara SLSM, Ben, Bruce, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, Grace, Debbie Hartley, Scott Hunter, Greg Irvine, Jae, Katherine, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Larry, Laura, Marilyn, Margaret McQuillan, Marguerite, Peter; Samantha, Rachel & Nickson; Sarah, Heekyung Song, Stephen, Stuart, Augustine Thompson, O.P. (*priest*), Mark Weymouth

DEPARTED: Gerdie, Mary Nyborg

THOSE WHO MOURN: Alison, Jae and family; Paula, Lynn, Jon, Paul, Eugene

REPORT ON PARISH GIVING

FINANCIAL:

2023 Actual to 30 November: \$123,323
2023 Budget to 30 November: \$137,500
(2022 Actual to 30 November: \$107,780)

*To date for 2023 we have a shortfall of \$14,177.
As we near the end of this year, please consider making
an additional gift to our parish to help meet this year's
budget goal.*

POETRY CORNER

ADVENT AGAIN

by Caryl Porter

Advent again,
and the very stones are silent.

In the east, no star;
only shadows
and the threat of darkness.

We have run out of light,
and we wait in fear.

Still,

from the cosmic distance,
tentacles of brilliance probe,
seek us out, look for a dwelling place
among us.

THROUGH THE WEEK

*Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list
to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

Sunday, 3 December	<i>THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (com. S. Francis Xavier, Confessor)</i> 9:00 a.m. Low Mass 11:00 a.m. Litany & Sung Mass 10:00 a.m. Mattins
Monday, 4 December	<i>S. Clement of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church (com. Feria)</i> 10:00 a.m. Food Bank (till 11:30 a.m.)
Tuesday, 5 December	<i>Advent Feria</i>
Wednesday, 6 December	<i>S. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor (com. Feria)</i> 7:30 a.m. Low Mass 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thursday, 7 December	<i>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i> 6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.) 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Food Bank (till 11:30 a.m.)
Friday, 8 December	<i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i> 7:30 a.m. Low Mass 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Saturday, 9 December	<i>In the Octave of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i> 7:30 a.m. Rorate Caeli Mass 12:00 p.m. Mystagogy
Sunday, 10 December	<i>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (com. the Octave of the Immaculate Conception)</i> 9:00 a.m. Low Mass 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass 10:00 a.m. Mattins