



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. (Said) Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. (Sung) Holy Eucharist



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***"To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons"***

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Music Director & Organist: Mr. David Braund
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Today at St. Matthew

Holy Eucharist (8:00 a.m.)

Holy Eucharist (10.00)

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service
on our YouTube channel
at [StMatthew.ca/YouTube](https://www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

Everything you will need for the service is found in this leaflet, with the exception of hymns which are found in the blue book, Common Praise. We invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Masks are now optional. We have Hearing-Assist devices available for those with hearing difficulty.

Children are very welcome here! There are activity packages for children to use in church during the service - available from the Sidespeople in the narthex (the entrance area).

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: "Ave Maris Stella" Marcel Dupré
Sentence: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.
(Luke 1.38)

Processional Hymn: 155 (verses 1-4) "From east to west, from shore to shore" WILLOWDALE

Lighting of the Advent Wreath* Fourth Sunday of Advent... Love

Reader 1: During cold days and long nights, we wait for the coming of love.
Reader 2: Love that binds all creation together, love that God made us to know.
Reader 1: God is love, and he so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, and in that love He allowed Mary and Joseph to be carriers of Love.
Reader 2: In Jesus Christ, God's gift of love can be known.
(the candle of Love is lit)

Reader 1: Let us pray:
All: Light of the world, God who is love, be in our lives, and in our hearts, show us your unfailing love, and lead us to love our neighbours as ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Greeting

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Almighty God,
All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison David Hurd

**Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant: Let us pray (*a moment of silence is taken*)
Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book Of Samuel
Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut

off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. *(2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16)*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Magnificat Chant: Turler

My soul doth | magnify · the | Lord :
And my spirit hath re | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.
For he | hath · re | garded :
the | lowli · ness | of his | hand-maiden.

For be | hold from | henceforth :
all gene | rations · shall | call me | blessèd.
For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.

And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | all | gene | rations.
He hath showed | strength · with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagi | nation | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
He hath filled the | hungry · with | good things :
and the rich he | hath sent | empty · a | way.

He re | membering · his | mercy :
hath | holpen · his | servant | Israel :
As he promised | to our | forefathers :
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. A |___| men.

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. *(Romans 16:25-27)*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 267 "The God whom earth and sea and sky"BRAMALEA w

The Holy Gospel

Archdeacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Archdeacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Archdeacon: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and

the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(Luke 1:26-38)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Canon John Wilton

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(Please stand, sit, or kneel as is most comfortable and prayerful for you.)

Litany for Advent**

Leader: Lord, we wait with eager expectation for the coming of your kingdom when the humble will be exalted and the hungry fed.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we prepare for your advent with searching minds and contrite hearts, trusting in your healing spirit and redemptive love.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we watch with those who wait and weep, longing to see the rule of justice and the reign of peace.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we seek you amongst the despised and rejected, knowing that there we will find your light shining in the dark.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we proclaim sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed, trusting in your tender mercy and passion for justice.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we work with you to proclaim your truth, challenging the mighty and raising the meek.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Leader: Lord, we wrestle with our hopes and our fears, our struggles and our joys, labouring with creation to come to new birth.

All: Your kingdom come, your will be done

Leader: Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(silence).

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share a word of peace with others in the congregation.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: 320 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took

bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

THE COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei *(Sung)*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Please wait for the direction of the Sidespeople.

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by
crossing your hands over your chest as you approach the priest.*

*If you would like to receive the bread only, simply touch the base of the chalice as the
wine is offered.*

Gluten free-hosts are available.

Communion: "An Advent Prose"

**Refrain: Drop down ye heavens from above:
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Motet: "Heavenly Message" Basque, arr. Patrick Wedd

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May
we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the
Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 99 "Break, day of God, O break"CHRISTCHURCH

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Followers of Jesus: inspired by the Holy Spirit.. serve the world God loves.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fuga sopra il Magnificat" J. S. Bach

Next Week's Readings ~ The First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Anglican Church of Canada: The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous

Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of

Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator

Diocese: Children's ministry in the Diocese

Deanery: Advent Lutheran

Parish: Families of Chandalala, Chee-A-Tow & Cleverdon

ASSISTING TODAY

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Preacher and Presider: | The Rev. Canon John Wilton |
| Sidespersons: | The Nigel Jansz Team |
| Readers: | Jeff Rowell, Ulrina Gamalial |
| Intercessor: | The Venerable Kyn Barker |
| Chalice: | Janice Sanders |
| Altar Guild: | All |
| Livestreaming | Emma Braund |

Liturgical texts:

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**Advent litany sourced from: Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/advent-your-kingdom-come>

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

In today's reading from 2 Samuel we hear the account of how David became king and was accepted by all the tribes of Israel, he decided to build a temple. But Nathan, one of his court prophets, comes and intervenes with a message from God. Does a God who travelled with the people all the way from Egypt need a special house? Does David imagine he can tame this God and keep him in a "house of cedar?" What follows is sometimes termed the Davidic Covenant. It turns of a play of words in Hebrew. The verb banah means 'to build', and is the root of the word bayith, 'a house'. But it is also similar in sound and related to the terms for offspring, son, or a family or clan or group, ben. God tells David that David is the one for whom a house will be built, a family who will sit on the throne of Judah for ever. This promise became a central element in the various theologies surrounding the ruling house of Judah for the next four centuries, and also what came to be interpreted as a promise of the sanctity and inviolability of Jerusalem where David's throne sat. (See Psalm 89 for another statement of this promise, and also from the exilic point of view the reality of the sense that the promise had been broken and shattered.). Christians hear in this promise to God's anointed one (the mashiach), David, of the establishment of an eternal throne and a new family of hope and promise, the future promise of Jesus Christ who will be anointed by the Holy Spirit and will establish a new family of hope and promise for all time. [Dr. Walter Deller/2023]



**THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY AND PLANTS
are given to the glory of God by:**

The Barker Family	In memory of Jack, Elva and Grant Edmiston
Claudette Blake	Blessings for family and loved one
Laurel Bresnahan	In memory of Jack and Kaye Bresnahan
Maurice and Victoria Charles	In memory of John and Letitia Teague, Edgar and Gwendolyn Charles and Sheldon Teague
Jane Couchman & Bill Found	In memory of loved ones
Karen and Robert Danelesko	In memory of loved ones
Veronica Edwards-Williams	In memory of loved ones
Donna Lam, Diana Ewert-Lam, Philip, Rebekah and Matthew Lam	In loving memory of Barbara and Alfred Lam, Gertrude and Arthur Van Ryck deGroot, and Eunice and Neville Luck
Judy Jackson	In living memory of my husband Ted, our parents and friends
Delores Lawrence	In memory of loved ones
Margaret, David, Kim, Tommy and Maddy McQuiston	In memory of Tom and Ella McQuiston
Janice Sanders	In memory of George and Audrey Sanders, Robert and Wendy Blatchford
Steve & Jane O'Keefe	In memory of our parents and brother-in-law Bill.
Ann Padmore	In loving memory of Winnie Padmore and Barry Padmore

Val and Elan Seales	In memory of loved ones
Sylvia Sutherland	In memory of loved ones
Joy Walker	In memory of the Walker Family
John & Diane Wilton	In memory of loved ones

Parish News

TUESDAY COMPLINE ~ NOTE: There will be no Compline on December 26th or January 2nd. It will resume on January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE ~ Our next Family Service will be on Sunday, **January 14th** at the **10:00 a.m.**



MESSY CHURCH ~ We will have an Epiphany Party on **Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m.** Expect activities, songs and prayers and an entirely new way to express your faith (eg. Lord’s Prayer bean bag toss). Please register by the Tuesday, January 16th at office@stmatthew.ca. Adults must remain with children.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. via the main South door. Please ring the Bell outside the East wing door (on the left side of the door frame) for entry.

INTERCESSIONS ~ Each week as a church, we lift up our prayers for one another, presenting our requests to God. If you wish for us to be praying for someone you know, please add their name to the “Blue Binder” found in the narthex, or speak to Reverend Sherri or Archdeacon Kyn.

PASTORAL CARE ~ If in need of pastoral support, please contact Reverend Sherri priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211. Sherri’s day off is Mondays.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be on Sunday February 25th, 2024 following the 10:00 a.m. service

Parish Calendar

December 2023	
Sunday, 3rd	Family Service 10:00 a.m. and First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, 5th	Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m. / Advent Study 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Messy Church 11:00 a.m. Gingerbread Nativity and Hot Chocolate Cafe
Tuesday, 12th	Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m. / Advent Study 7:45 p.m. on Zoom or stay in person at the church after the service
Wednesday, 13th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Pageant Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, Fourth Sunday of Advent
	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant
	9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service (<i>livestreamed</i>)
Monday, 25th	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service (<i>livestreamed</i>)
Tuesday, 26th	<i>Please note there is no Compline this evening.</i>
January 2024	
Tuesday, 2nd	<i>Please note there is no Compline this evening.</i>
Wednesday, 3rd	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, 6th	Epiphany Open House 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 14th	Family Service 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 17th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.
Saturday January 20th	Messy Church: Epiphany Party 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 21st	Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 24th	Choir practice 7:15 p.m.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Family Service with Pageant

9:00 p.m. Traditional Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

NOTE: Sunday, Dec. 24th: regular 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Your Churchwardens
wish you a
**BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
SEASON!**



Val Seales
Steve O'Keefe
Norma Roberts
Nigel Jansz



**A Very Special
THANK YOU!**

To all who have helped make Christmas 2023 such a joyful celebration at St. Matthew:

The Altar Guild for preparing our special services; the Liturgical Team and Sidespeople; Kyn and Gwynne Barker for Mooreland's Adopt A Family and Advent Food Drive, Diane Wilton for Messy Church; David Braund and the Choir for Advent and Christmas music; Emma Braund for help with livestreaming our Services; Donna, our Office Assistant; Elan Seales for his hands-on support, the Churchwardens and all who so generously supported those in need in our community this Christmas.

EPIPHANY

OPEN HOUSE AND NEWCOMERS TOAST

**Saturday January 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Rectory, 70 George Henry Blvd.**



All are welcome! Let us kick off the Epiphany season with some festive fun!
With a special toast to all the newcomers to St. Matthew around 4:30 p.m.

Gentle Fitness Classes Return in February, 2024!

Keep your eyes on this spot, details to come!



PARISH FINANCIALS

JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2023

	ACTUALS	2023 Budget to Date	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	\$203,644.05	\$202,698.34	\$945.71
Envelopes	78,022.00	79,385.00	-\$1363.00
Pre-Authorized Remittance	29,054.48	30,000.00	-\$945.52
Fundraising	7,265.00	10,000.00	-\$2735.00
Licensing	62,581.16	59,585.00	\$2996.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$213,382.47	\$206,631.15	\$6751.32
Personnel Costs	107,605.84	107,433.00	172.84
Church Utilities	16,034.79	15,349.33	685.46
Rectory Maintenance	5,957.25	1000.00	4957.25
Church Maintenance	15,484.43	13,500.00	1984.43
NET INCOME	-\$9,738.42	-\$3,932.81	-\$5805.61
Interfund transfers*	-3,871.60		

End of Year Givings - Update from Reverend Sherri and your Churchwardens

Thank you to all our parishioners for your wonderful generosity in supporting the ministry and mission of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole.

We had some unexpected expenses including a new furnace needed at the rectory, as the 17-year-old furnace broke down in the month of November.

We are confident, however, as in years past, that with your generosity and following the historic trend of seeing an up-tick in givings at the end of year, that we can successfully close the gap.

To help us end the year in a strong financial position, we encourage those who may not be up to date and current in their givings to please consider catching up before the end of December, and thank you to all for considering an end of year gift. All donations will receive a charitable tax donation receipt.

If you'd like more information on becoming a Regular Giver and supporting the ministries of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, either through regular Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Remittance, please contact Rev Sherri, or one of the Wardens or Sandra Lumb, our Envelope Secretary, at treasurer@stmatthew.ca



We have reached and surpassed our goal!

Total funds received to date: **\$262,063.82** with pledges remaining of **\$21,660.00**.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generosity! The Capital Campaign will conclude in Spring 2024.

Projects completed to date include:

- ✓ Sanctuary window cladding (2019)
- ✓ Landscaping enhancements (2019)
- ✓ Accessibility renovation of education wing washrooms (2022)
- ✓ Parging/repairs of cement/bricks on north side of building (2023)
- ✓ Roof replacement fellowship hall (2023)
- ✓ Ongoing electrical upgrades and repairs including upgrade of fire alarm system (2023)... with more exciting projects to come!

Five Ways to Give!

1. Pre-Authorized Giving

Ask a Sidesperson for the form

Contact Rev Sherri, or one of the Wardens or Sandra Lumb, our Envelope Secretary, at treasurer@stmatthew.ca

Also, available from our [Website](#)

2. eTransfer

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The question is "What is the Name of Rev. Sherri's dog?" Answer: Toby.

3. Cheque

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Put in the Black Mail box (locked) at the George Henry entrance.

Your weekly/monthly envelope

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*"Thank you for your generosity and help this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas.
With love thefamily"*

Anti-Racism Committee Monthly Column

Results of Systemic Racism: A Reflection

by Anne Creighton

If I ask you if you have heard of Jamal McNeil, you might answer that you might not have heard of him, but if I ask you if you have heard of "Marilyn Denis and Jamar", you might answer that you have heard of the CHUM-FM Morning Radio Team. When Jamal McNeil (a famous DJ and radio personality in New York) joined CHUM-FM on July 16, 2018, the morning show was renamed "Roger and Marilyn with Jamar". This way, the Toronto audience could get to know Jamal McNeil before Roger Ashby retired in December 2018.

In the fall of 2018, after being in Toronto for only a few months, Jamal McNeil explained on air to Roger Ashby and Marilyn Denis that he had recently been stopped by the police on the way to work. Both Marilyn and Roger, who are white radio hosts, were surprised and stated that they had never been stopped by the police while driving. Jamal, who is of African-American descent, explained that this was not his first time being stopped by police. Studies of various police forces across North America show that black drivers are more likely to be pulled over by police than white drivers for no apparent reason. The phenomenon of being pulled over by police in search of an offence has been called "Driving While Black".

Masai Ujiri became General Manager of the Denver Nuggets in 2010 and then General Manager of the Toronto Raptors in 2013. This made him one of a very small group of N.B.A. General Managers who were of African descent. In 2019, he won the N.B.A. championship with the Toronto Raptors when they beat the Golden State Warriors in California. Sadly, on the most important day of his career, he was stopped from joining his team by a deputy sheriff who refused to let him pass and pushed him back despite what Ujiri was explaining. Ujiri was only allowed to join his team when one of the Raptors, who witnessed the altercation, came and escorted him past the deputy sheriff.

Luckily, the whole episode was captured by the news media. Ujari explained later, "The video sadly demonstrates how horribly I was treated by a law enforcement officer last year in the midst of my team, the Toronto Raptors, winning its first world championship." He also said, "... Yet, unfortunately, I was reminded in that moment that despite all of my hard work and success, there are some people, including those who are supposed to protect us, who will always and only see me as something that is unworthy of respectful engagement. And there's only one indisputable reason why that is the case — because I am Black."

Studies of various police forces across North America have also shown that black and white people cannot always expect the same treatment by the police. On the Statistics Canada website, there is an interesting document called "Perceptions of and experiences with police and the justice system among the Black and Indigenous populations in Canada". It cites the 2021 Canadian Legal Problems Survey which aimed to "identify the kinds of serious problems people face, how they attempt to resolve them, and how these experiences may impact their lives".

The 2021 Canadian Legal Problems Survey involved tens of thousands of Canadians across the country and it found that when dealing with the police, "Black people (8%) were more likely than non-Indigenous, non-visible minority people (2%) to have encountered a serious problem or dispute related to discrimination. Indigenous people were more likely than non-Indigenous, non-visible minority people to have had a serious dispute or problem with the criminal justice system in the past 3 years (5% versus 3%). This was the case even after controlling for other factors, such as age, gender, and income." Many other examples of racism and their impacts were found in this report.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2022001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Studies, such as the 2021 Canadian Legal Problems Survey, are helping Canadians to become more aware of the systemic and structural racism in the criminal justice system so that changes can be made. (Systemic and structural racism are forms of racism that are deeply embedded in "systems, laws, written or unwritten policies, entrenched practices, and established beliefs and attitudes that produce, condone, and perpetuate widespread unfair treatment" of people of colour.) Learning about the results of systemic and structural racism helps Canadians to make sure that recommendations are made and issues are addressed not only in the criminal justice system, but also in government settings, in medical settings, in educational settings, in religious settings, and in business settings.

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