

WELCOME
to our
FAMILY SERVICE
and
THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023
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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Lay Anointer:	Mr. Clifford Wong

Today at St. Matthew

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist | 10:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Eucharist

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service on our YouTube channel
at www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube

The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Family Service with 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: "Now come, thou Saviour of the Gentiles" J. S. Bach

Territorial Acknowledgment (*please stand*)

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish-With-One-Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free

Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,
In ancient time didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

First Sunday of Advent... The Candle of Hope

- Reader 1: During cold days and long nights, we wait for the coming of hope.
Reader 2: Hope for a kingdom of justice and peace, hope for life to the full, like the hope that drove The Magi to seek it.
Reader 1: Hope is offered to us again this day in the message of the Law, in the teaching of the prophets.
Reader 2: Hope is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.
(the candle of hope is lit)
Reader 1: Let us pray:
All: Light of the world, hope of the nations, be in our lives, and in our hearts, and may our hope in you bring hope to others. 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.

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)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have

hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. *(Isaiah 64:1-9)*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-18

Leader: Listen to us, O Shepherd of Israel; hear us, leader of your flock.

All: Seated on your throne above the winged creatures, reveal yourself to the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh.

Leader: Show us your strength; come and save us!

All: Bring us back, O God! Show us your mercy, and we will be saved!

Leader: How much longer, LORD God Almighty, will you be angry with your people's prayers?

All: You have given us sorrow to eat, a large cup of tears to drink.

Leader: You let the surrounding nations fight over our land; our enemies insult us.

All: Bring us back, Almighty God! Show us your mercy, and we will be saved!

Leader: Preserve and protect the people you have chosen, the nation you made so strong.

All: We will never turn away from you again; keep us alive, and we will praise you.

Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *(1 Corinthians 1:3-9)*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 110 "Sleepers wake! a voice astounds us" (*verse 1 only*). WACHET AUF

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 Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Archdeacon: Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

(Mark 13:24-37)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Ages Teaching and Reflection: The Rev. Sherri Golisky

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.

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: 95 “O come, divine Messiah” VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

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 praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **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.

Hymn: 96 "Creator of the stars of night" CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Motet: People, look east" Besançon, arr. M. Shaw

Prayer after Communion (*Please stand*)

Celebrant: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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

Hymn: 114 “Lo, he comes with clouds descending” HELMSLEY

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Zion hears the watchman singing” J. S. Bach

► *Join us for our Coffee Hour following the service* ◀

Next Week's Readings ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11 *Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*
2 Peter 3:8-15a *Mark 1:1-8*

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: The Church of North India (United)

Anglican Church of Canada: The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese: Mississauga Deanery

Deanery: St. John, Willowdale

Parish: Families of Bostic, Boyd & Braund

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons:	The Elan Seales Team
Crucifer:	TBD
Lighting of Advent Wreath:	Claudette, Nevaeh, Kaenen
First Reader:	Solar Soley
Psalm leader:	Zora
Second reader:	Shanycia
Intercessors:	Jeff Rowell and Neil
Altar Guild:	Paula Mount
Livestreaming:	Robbie Roberts

Liturgical texts:

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Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer - Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services.

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<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/advent-your-kingdom-come>

Isaiah 64:1–9

Most scholars think that Isaiah came into being over a period of about two and a half centuries—a sort of extended building and gathering project that began with the work of Isaiah of Jerusalem in the late 8th century BCE (ch 1-39), was added to with the poetry of a great Babylonian period prophet (ch 40-55), and brought to completion sometime in the Persian period by a new group of followers of the earlier prophets after the return to the land of Judah during the Persian empire (ch 56-66). So Isaiah is a model of the way God's word

continues to be interpreted and reinterpreted in different times and places through the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit. Today's reading is from the final section of the book, sometimes called Third Isaiah. Isaiah of Babylon brought a message of comfort and hope to exiled people; after the return, the tone of the Third Isaiah material seems once again to address a people who have fallen away from God. Not only was rebuilding Jerusalem and its Temple a daunting task. Even after the return during the Persian period there was interference from neighbouring states and internal dissension. Isaiah 63:17-64:12 seems to be a sequence of ritual communal laments perhaps from a bleak moment in that period. These laments recall God's mighty acts in the past (63:7-9, 11-14), and also recollects past moments of disobedience and abandonment of and by God (63:10, 15-19). In a dramatic turn the lament sequence begs God to rip open the heavens and return to action on Israel's behalf, renewing the people's fervour, removing their propensity to fail in covenant observance, and granting them forgiveness so that they once again would be able to rebuild the destroyed ruins. The oracles that follow in ch 65 may have been the oracles of comfort from the same ritual of lament and repentance.

[Dr. Walter Deller/2023]

Parish News

PAGEANT REHEARSAL: Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. All young people welcome as we rehearse our pageant and get our costumes ready for the special Christmas Eve family service! Adults please remain with children.

ADVENT STUDY ~ Join us on Zoom for scripture study, discussion, and prayer, as we move into the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ. **Tuesday evenings, December 5th, and December 12th, at 7:45 pm.** On Zoom, or stay in person at the church after Compline! Our study will be based on the book, ***“Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark.”*** Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86922288329?pwd=K2MrXbqKN3DReHA8L1SJ3a3EcAiZB7.1>

TUESDAY COMPLINE ~ December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a half-hour reflective service Tuesday evenings using the tradition of Compline (or “Night

Prayer”). Come pray together, and find peace at the end of your day. Through the coming weeks, we will have a special focus on “PRAYERS FOR PEACE.”

ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE ~ Save the date for the next meeting on **Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.** on Zoom. Zoom link to come.



MESSY CHURCH ~**Saturday, December 9th at 11:00 a.m.**

Gingerbread Nativity and Hot Chocolate Café. Please register your spot by Tuesday, December 5th office@stmatthew.ca. All are welcome! Adults must remain with children.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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-smatthewtheapostleoriele@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.

**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.

We Are Looking For Some Help With Coffee Hour!

Sign up in the narthex to join in this ministry of fellowship. You will join a team that works on a rotational basis and helps with light set up and clean up, making coffee and tea, providing a few goodies and other supplies. Many hands make lighter work!

Since we have also switched away from disposable cups to save on dishwashing duties, please consider bringing your own mug.



Parish Calendar

December	
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. on Zoom or stay in person at the church after Compline
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
Monday, 25th	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

CHRISTMAS PLANTS AND GREENERY



**Help us to make the church beautiful and Festive
for the Season!**



If you would like to donate towards the greenery and Christmas plants, there are four ways to do it!

- 1... Please fill out and put your money in the "Season Flowers Donation and Request envelopes (located in the Narthex).
 - 2... You can send it by mail or drop it off in the Black Church mailbox at the south entrance. Mark the envelope '*Christmas Flowers*' and include your name and dedication.
 - 3... We accept e-Transfer at treasurerstmatt@gmail.com
Q: What is the name of Rev. Sherri's dog? A. Toby
- or
4. You can donate online on our website. Just click on the **BLUE GIVE** button on the top right and select "**Give Online.**"

Dedications may be made in the Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving.



Opportunities to serve!

There are many ministry opportunities open at St. Matthew. We need your help! If you would like to learn more, speak to Rev. Sherri or one of the wardens. The opportunities include but are not limited to...

Sidespeople, Greeters, Live-Streaming Support, Counters, Messy Church, Children and Youth, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Readers, Intercessors, Choir Members and Instrumentalists, and more...

Did You Know?

Our church is a popular meeting place for the wider community? We have many local organizations who rent space from us on a regular basis, including:

- ✓ Don Mills Camera Club
- ✓ University Women's Club North York
- ✓ North York Obedience Club (Dog Training)
- ✓ Beulah House of God Church

- ✓ Henry Farm Community Interest Association
- ✓ Good Shepherd Korean Church
- ✓ SOS
- And more!

Christian Giving Made Simple

**An invitation to Grow your Giving:
become a regular giver or consider increasing your gift.
Thank you for generously supporting the life and ministry of St. Matthew the
Apostle Oriole!**

A simple and easy way to give is to sign up to give through Pre-Authorized Remittance. We have sign-up forms available from the Sidespeople.

You can also go on line to our website <https://stmatthew.ca/give/> or email the Treasurer, Sandra, at treasurer@stmatthew.ca.

We also have e-Transfer available.

The email for the eTransfer is treasurerstmatt@gmail.com

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

What is Christian Stewardship?

As Christians we are invited to give back to God out of gratitude for all that God has first given us. Christian giving is:

- Proportional to one's income (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:12)
- Consistent (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- Sacrificial (Mark 12:43-44; 2 Corinthians 8:2-3) 6
- Cheerful/Joyful (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The spirit of Joyful Giving asks that we put God's priorities before our own. It comes from our substance, not our excess. This act can lead us into a closer relationship with God because if we are giving an amount that is truly a sacrifice we are expressing the belief that our security lies not in our material wealth but in God.¹

¹<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/A-Program-to-Encourage-Joyful-Giving-in-Your-Parish.pdf>

If you would like more information please speak to one of our sidespeople at a Sunday service who can direct you to a Churchwarden, or reach out to our treasurer Sandra Lumb directly by email at treasurer@stmatthew.ca

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH ASSISTANT'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only.

Please email the office at stmatthewtheapostleorile@toronto.anglican.ca or office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.

Parish Officers

Rector's Warden	Valerie Seales
Peoples' Warden	Steve O'Keefe
Rector's Deputy Warden	Nigel Jansz
Peoples' Deputy Warden	Norma Walker Roberts
Office/Rentals	Donna Lam
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Sandra Lumb <i>treasurer@stmatthew.ca</i>
Sidespeople 8:00	Trevor Evans
10:00	Valerie Seales
Music Director/Organist	David Braund
Envelope Secretary	Sandra Lumb
Synod Representative	Margaret Gordon Allen
Alternative Synod Member	Norma Walker Roberts
Church School	TBD
Nursery Director and Messy Church Facilitator	Diane Wilton
Altar Guild Chair	Gwynne Barker
Fundraising	Bonnie LaRue Sherry Jansz
Growing Healthy Stewards Chair	Delores Lawrence
Social Justice & Outreach	Anne Creighton
Hospitality	Valerie Seales Margaret Gordon Allen