



DECEMBER FOCUS 2019



➤ We have received a loan of \$100,000 from the Diocese. In order to meet our loan repayment obligation, we need an extra \$1,042

every month, for 96 months. As we have about 100 families who give regularly to the Ascension, an additional \$11 per family at least, ensures that the roof is paid for. Thank you for ensuring that the Ascension can continue to shelter our community and do good works in Don Mills for many years.

➤ **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Sunday, December 8th – 10:30 am Potluck lunch following the pageant, sign up in the Red Book for casserole or salad to feed 10 people. * **Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 7th, 9 am – 12 noon.**



SERVICE SCHEDULE



Advent I - December 1st

BCP Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am

Choral Eucharist with Advent Readings - 10:30 am

Advent II - December 8th

BCP Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am

Christmas Pageant within the Eucharist – 10:30 am
(Pot Luck Lunch follows)

Advent III - December 15th

BCP Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am

Choral Eucharist - 10:30 am

ADVENT IV – December 22nd

BCP Holy Communion 8 am

Festal Choral Eucharist

with Carols and Readings for Christmas - 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS EVE

BCP Holy Eucharist - 4:00pm

Carol Sing – 7 pm

Family Christmas Service – 7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25th

BCP Holy Eucharist– 10:00 am

Christmas 1 – December 29th

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am & 10:30 am



➤ **ANGEL TREE OUTREACH** – Christmas Hamper for a family of 5. Mom, Dad, Daughter 8, & two sons, 6 & 2. Deadline to donate is Saturday December 15th, 12 noon. See Information Table.

➤ **HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT** – We are phasing out the use of plastic bottles, and to reduce the use of paper cups please bring your own cup and take it home. Paper handouts following Sunday services can also be left in the blue recycling bin under the Information Table. If you notice that the bin is filled, please take the paper home and recycle it in your blue bin disposal. Thank you.



➤ **MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - To make a donation of flowers complete a "Christmas Flower Envelope" and place it on the offering plate or contact the Office by Sunday, December 15th

➤ **SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS REVEALED** – Sunday, December 1st. Speak to Sylvia Wood for more info.

➤ **PARISH COUNCIL** – Tuesday, December 3 at 7 pm

➤ **FORWARD DAY BY DAY** –available at the Information Table. Please place \$2 in Offering Plate. Thank you.

➤ **PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)**

- Eliminates the cost of offertory envelopes;
- Offerings are still received during inclement weather;
- Reduces the task of weekly count.
- *PAR forms are available at each entrance.*

➤ **#AdventWord** – Join an international community on-line in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent! Virginia Theological Seminary is offering meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, December 1. Go to anglican@toronto.ca for the link.

➤ **THANK YOU - Christmas Décor of Toronto and Paul Gaspar** for lighting our Church this Christmas. LED lights are used, they glow brilliantly, use less energy.

➤ **FUNDSCRIP FUNDRAISER** - Purchase a gift card for a retailer at face value and a percentage is given to the Church. Deadline for orders is Sunday December 1st. Please order your Angel Tree Gift Cards through Fundscrip and your personal Christmas Gift Cards.



➤ **CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION** – Please contact the Office if you know of any one who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion this Christmas.

Café 65 – Together At Christmas Time

With Ruth Ann Onley, Wednesday, December 4th – 12 noon – 2 pm Lunch & Entertainment only \$10

➤ **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS** – The Office will close at noon Christmas Eve, & reopen December 27th, close on New Years Eve at noon & reopen January 2nd.

➤ **SAVE THE DATE – VALENTINES WITH ELVIS** Saturday, February 15th, 2020. More information to follow.

➤ **COOK BOOK Comfort & Joy** - \$10 - An excellent Christmas gift proceeds support the Ascension.

➤ **FOOD BANK SUNDAY DECEMBER FOCUS** - Donations of warm cereals would be most appreciated.

➤ **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** – January 19 – February 23 dates are available if you wish to remember a loved one.

➤ **SERVICE HONOURING UNA CAMBRIDGE** – Thursday, December 5th. Visitation, 10 am, Service 11 am.

➤ **AUMBRY CANDLE** - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one please contact the Office.

Holy Days in December

December 26th - St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

December 27th – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

December 28th – The Holy Innocents