



November 28, 2023

Dear Friend,

This fall marks, for me, the beginning of 22 years living in Canada and 11 years serving at St. Clement's. Providentially, I find myself writing to you on a day with two feasts, significant to both my past and my present: American Thanksgiving and the feast day of our Patron saint, Clement of Rome.

The Prayer after Communion appointed for today reads:

Gracious God,  
who healed the wounds of your Church through the ministry of your servant Clement,  
keep us in the unity of your Spirit  
that our lives may overflow  
with the goodly treasure of your peace.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wounds. Unity. Peace.**

Trace your finger over a map and these three words could be your prayer for a world whose present is marked by violence. Trace your finger across the map of your own skin and these words could tell a story of your past wounds and the scars that signify their healing. But the future? None of us has access to that map.

At St. Clement's, our theme for Advent and Christmas is: "What are you waiting for?"

I cannot know what you and your household are waiting for, but I'd venture that the words of your prayer are not so different from mine:

**Healed. Ministry. Overflow.**

On the feast of our Patron saint, we are reminded that What is but a foretaste compared with Who: Jesus Christ our Lord.

***(Over)***

For only Jesus has the power to bind your wounds, bringing healing and peace. The One whose “power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.” The One who, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, prepares for us a feast, anoints our head with oil, and makes our cup overflow.

This season, I invite you to join me and my house in making a special gift to St. Clement’s Church.

**Treasure.**

A gift overflowing from those whose lives have been touched by the wounded and risen One, who comes to those who wait, with healing in his wings.

Your generosity transforms lives.

Yours in Advent hope,



The Rev. Canon Andrew P. Federle

P.S: Our gap to the end of this year is approximately 12%. Every gift matters.

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# BLESSINGS IN ABUNDANCE

*Unwrapping the Impact of Your Generosity*



## LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS

*IN 2023*

**25 children and teens** welcomed every Sunday

**25% growth** in Sunday attendance

**150 people** deepening their faith through Christian Education

Connected with over **2,300 people** in-person and online during our Holy Week services

Community lunch serves **50 guests** every week, and increasing

## WORSHIPPING FROM NEAR & FAR

**The Worship Experience** at St. Clement's anchors us. It's where we carve out time to gather, pray, reflect and sing together. In addition to Sunday morning worship, **2023 saw the return of Choral Evensong, along with the continuation of newer services such as Quiet Christmas.** The online component of worship remains an essential part of the worship experience, with half of our worshippers connecting virtually.

In May we were thrilled to baptize wee Jack, whose family joins us online from a small town in BC. Jack and his parents Andrea and Grant flew to Toronto for the baptism, with family and friends from all around the world joining both in person and online. **With your support, we look forward to exploring more ways to connect with virtual members of our community** in the new year!

*"Reflecting on the value of connection in our lives that sometimes feels distant and detached, we have chosen to baptize Jack with the community of St. Clement's Church, a community we feel part of in a unique way."*  
*Andrea & Grant*

## EMBRACING CREATION CARE

### **A Year of Discovery and Commitment**

This past year, our exploration of **Creation Care continued as we contemplated the profound call to love all of God's creation**, expanding our focus beyond human neighbors to the intricate balance of nature itself. As we delved deeper, a new paradigm emerged—one where the inherent worth of nature is acknowledged. We realized that **care of creation is not only about preserving its intrinsic value but also safeguarding it for years to come.** Our collective exploration has touched on the personal, the wonders of creation, and the intersection of Creation Care with social justice and we **look forward to continuing to learn and grow in 2024.**



## ST. CLEMENT'S OUTREACH

### Impacting Lives and Building Bridges

St. Clement's Outreach has reached far and wide in 2023, embodying Jesus' call to *"Love our neighbours as ourselves."*

Our commitment to offering **scholarships for Indigenous students** through our partnership with Indspire has doubled, helping to foster post-secondary education for four students! The testimonies of recipients echo the transformative power of your contributions, and the hope of intergenerational healing and reconciliation.

In partnership with **Toronto Urban Native Ministry**, our outreach extends to over 8,000 lives annually, providing counseling, spiritual care, and community service referrals. Together, we walk the path of harmony, respecting traditional Indigenous spiritualities alongside Christian practices.

The arrival of **Maharatab, a sponsored Eritrean newcomer**, marks a poignant chapter. Escaping a military dictatorship, Maharatab's journey to Canada, facilitated by the generosity of O'Shanter Development Company and our St. Clement's community exemplifies the profound impact of extending a helping hand.

Amidst rising food insecurity in Toronto, your generosity has touched lives through supporting agencies like **Flemington Park Ministry, Flemington Food Bank, St Bartholomew's Food Bank, Flemington Public School's nutrition program, and Unity Table**. Your contributions have amplified our mission to alleviate hunger and create a community that shares warmth and nourishment.

As we reflect on these impactful initiatives, **your steadfast support has not only changed lives but also built bridges of compassion, resilience, and hope.**



## GROWING & LEARNING IN FAITH

Imagine a space where over 50 diverse people gather to engage in deep discussion about life's profound questions – this is **OMG Tuesdays**. Guided by our pastoral team, each session **explores the relevance of faith as we navigate the world around us**. This past year, we explored the fruits of the Spirit, journeyed with the first disciples through the book of Acts, and dug deep into the richness of Galatians. Together, we pondered how mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation weave into our everyday lives, a shared exploration that defines our community.

Our inter-generational **Small Groups**, now entering their third year, have become **instruments for personal and communal transformation** – a place to foster trusting relationships with God and one another. Participants describe their experience as a warm, **enlightened space for deepening faith and joyful learning**. There's no formula—just ordinary people, navigating life and learning to follow Jesus together.

As we step into the future, **we're excited to welcome this journey of faith and learning** to continue to shape who we become as a community over the next decade.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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