

THE ANCHOR



Learning
to follow
Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EDITION!

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

St. Clement's Christmas & Epiphany

**FRIDAY
24 DECEMBER**

4PM
OVER ZOOM & KID FRIENDLY
7PM
LIVESTREAMED

**SUNDAY
26 DECEMBER**

10AM
OVER ZOOM

**SUNDAY
2 JANUARY**

9:30AM
OVER ZOOM

**SUNDAY
9 JANUARY**

9:30AM
OVER ZOOM
11AM
LIVESTREAMED

SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

\$95,000 to go! Help us 'mind the gap'

Thank you for your generous 2021 donations. To ensure any 2021 cheque and cash donations are credited to your 2021 tax receipt, please submit them preferably by **December 30th, 2021**, but **no later than January 7, 2022**, ensuring they are dated December 31, 2021. Please feel free to drop any donations off to our mailbox, located at the St. Clement's entrance. A bank deposit will be made on December 30th.

Any other types of donation (eg. e-transfers) must be received by December 31, 2021 in order to receive credit on your 2021 tax receipt. Many thanks for your support!

We've got another \$95,000 to go to meet our budget for year-end. We look forward to and appreciate your Christmas donations and thank you so much for partnering with us to transform lives!



CHRISTMAS GIVING

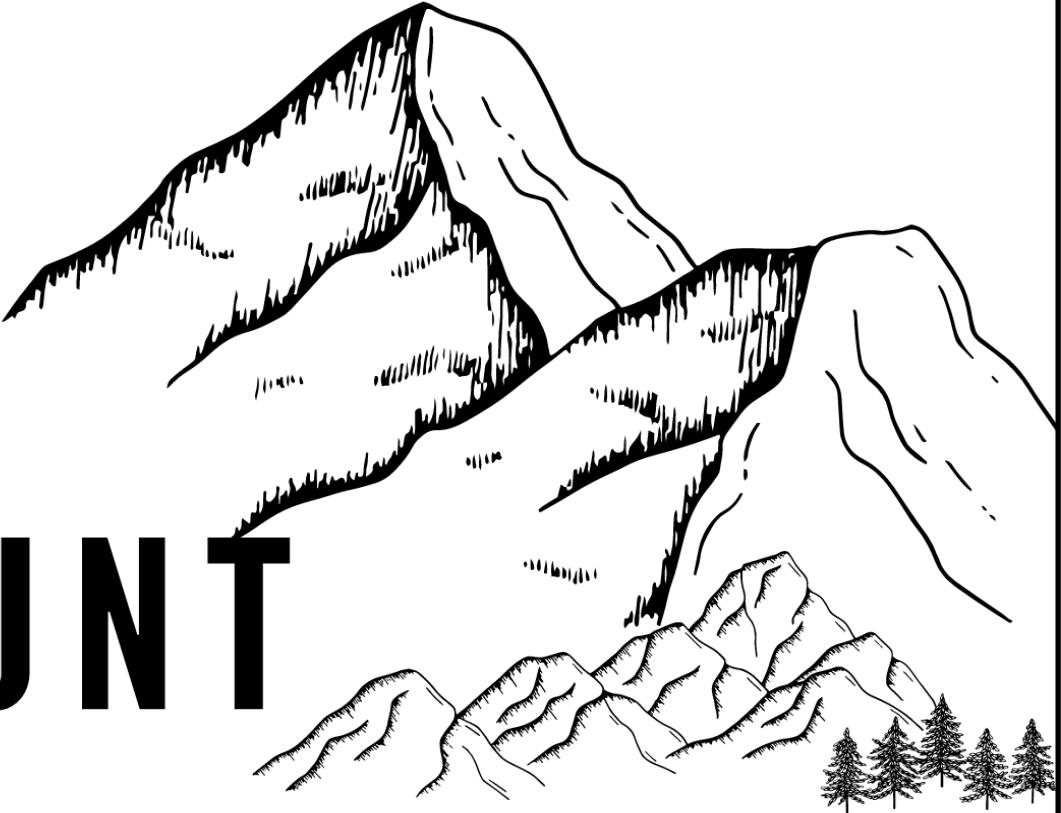
Donate now- it's easy!

- Go to **stclements-church.org/give/**
- E-Transfer to **finance@stclements-church.org**
- Text GIVE to **(647) 498-7997**
- Mail/drop off your **cheque** to our secure mailbox outside the 70 St. Clement's entrance



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



JESUS' FIRST SERMON WAS ABOUT
ANXIETY, FORGIVENESS, WEALTH,
ANGER, HUNGER, HYPOCRISY,
MOURNING, AND BLESSEDNESS.

2000 YEARS LATER, A FEW OF US
ARE GIVING IT ANOTHER LISTEN.
COME JOIN US.

JAN. 25-FEB. 22



OMG TUESDAYS

VIA ZOOM

EARLY EDITION: 1-2 P.M.
EVENING EDITION 7-8 P.M.

VISIT STCLEMENTS-CHURCH.ORG FOR DETAILS.

JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR!



Continuing in the New Year, St. Clement's Youth Ministry meets every Sunday - stay tuned for details!

Youth Ministry is for all youth in Grades 6-12 and we come together to chat about the Bible, chat about our lives, pray together, and learn how to follow Jesus together. We hope to see you soon!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

at St. Clement's

Christmas blessings to all our
St. Clement's kids & their families!

Watch for fun ways to connect
in the New Year.

MERRY
Christmas



REACHING OUT

Newcomers (Refugees): Calling for Donations

Our current situation: St. Clement's parish has a long and very generous history of supporting refugees from other countries in turmoil including displaced persons from Vietnam, Somalia, Syria and Eritrea, just to name a few. **We are writing now to ask you to support this work again.**

Our most recent history: Our Refugee Committee made an appeal to the parish in 2015 to raise funds to sponsor Syrian refugees, a country in great devastating upheaval at the time. We received a tremendous response from our parishioners -- **\$125,000**. With these donations, our Church was able to support directly and indirectly a dozen newcomers to Canada.

We helped resettle the Brimo family of 6. We provided some additional assistance to the Brimos's eldest daughter Zeinab and her young family, although we were not their official sponsors. We supported Mariam Mousa, reuniting her with her daughter and introducing her to her granddaughters. Then we also sponsored Mahari from Eritrea. We have an outstanding commitment to support Eritrean Maharatab, whose journey to Canada from an Israeli refugee camp has been significantly delayed by the COVID pandemic. We require about \$22K-\$25K to support one adult and about \$30K-\$35K to support 2 adults. As of today, we still have \$12,500. to support Maharatab. About half of what is needed. The primary on-going cost of resettlement is to secure housing. Our parish provides newcomers financial assistance for one year after arrival in Canada.

What about the people in Afghanistan? A number of St. Clement's congregants have stated that they want to support Afghani people who are now in danger as a result of the withdrawal of US and Canadian troops and the resurgence of the Taliban. We have been monitoring this situation and would like to be in a position to support one or more Afghans in the new year to resettle in Canada.

Why donate? Your Newcomers (Refugee), Outreach Committees and a number of individuals want to step up and continue to play an active role in refugee resettlement. **To what level will depend on YOU.** We are still committed to supporting Maharatab, from Eritrea. However, with enough donations, we would be able also to support an Afghani refugee or even a family.

So please prayerfully consider this need. **Please donate.** Send your financial donations to the church, clearly marked **"For Refugees".**

For more information, please contact either Linda Kurdydyk at lkurdydyk@rogers.com or Nancyhoodj@gmail.com. *Your level of generosity will determine our plans going forward. Thank you all for reaching out to love our neighbours.*



The office will be closed from December 27th to December 31st. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call 416-483-2920.