



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 133rd Edition - October 21, 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

There's an important multi-day auction happening in New York right now: the sale of the contents of Ann and Gordon Getty's house in San Francisco. The five-volume catalogue arrived at the rectory last week and I have been enjoying pouring over them. The most important pieces in the sale are given a small history which discusses their artistic merit, historical importance and provenance.

And it's provenance which makes a work of art truly special; a Fragonard which hung on the wall of Marie Antoinette's boudoir is more valuable than one which hung in the rooms of a lesser-known figure. Value comes with association and now the objects being sold in New York, many of which already have outstanding provenance and value, will become even more valuable by virtue of being associated with the name Getty.

There's something theological in the idea of value coming with association. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." All of the splendid things of this world—things we chase after and desire—are worthless when set beside our Christian hope. You and I think that our value comes from what we have, or earn, or know, from where we live and whom we associate with. But it doesn't. It comes from the fact that we are children of God. And none of those things describe our provenance, either. Remember that the word comes from the French verb *provenir* meaning 'come from.'

Our Monday morning Bible Study began an exploration of Genesis this week. Though the myth that opens the book—the story of creation—cannot be read literally, it does describe humanity's provenance, namely that we come from a divine source. That story also describes how we have been sold, as it were, into a life of toil, a life which is mortal. What it *doesn't* do is recount how we have been bought—redeemed—at great cost through the sacrificial love of Christ.

Which brings me back to the essays in the auction catalogues. Apparently one of Mrs Getty's passions was to reunite pairs and sets of objects which had been split up and scattered across the globe. In a much greater way, that is the passion of our Lord, too: to

find us and bring us back to the God from whom we can so often be estranged.

I watched part of a church service from a great London parish last Sunday. At its conclusion, one of those hymns that might be called an oldie but a goodie. I leave you with its first two stanzas:

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That, in the sunshine-blaze, its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Last Monday afternoon we were treated to a wonderful, entertaining and informative dialogue with renowned tenor Ben Heppner, now retired, and his wife Karen. They admitted that they had not tried this format previously, but we all agreed it was great. This is what we hope to continue with a speaker's series over the next year.

This Saturday St. Mark's will participate in the Doors Open event in NOTL. The church will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are very fortunate to have Nicholas, our great summer student, return to greet visitors and lead tours. This is a great opportunity to learn about the fascinating history of St. Mark's.

We saw an interesting set of questions that are being discussed at a roundtable event on the church.

How can the church be better equipped in the digital age?

How can the church take a stand in the critical times we are living in?

What will inspire you to do more for the Kingdom of God?

In our Mission Action Plan, these are very relevant questions that we may consider as well.

At the Parish Council meeting Thursday night, it was decided that the 1st Meeting for MAP will be November 3rd. Notice will be sent out in advance. Parish Council also supported a Christmas Tea event on December 15th in the afternoon. More details will be forthcoming in our next E-News.

In case anyone has wondered why the picket fence in front of the rectory is missing, the repair project was delayed while we waited for the utility companies to confirm location points so the posts can be installed. The work can start next week.

Watch our E-News for more upcoming events.

LIFE ISN'T FAIR BUT IT IS STILL GOOD

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Or over the fence.

Stay safe – keep well

Called to Life – Compelled to Love

Your Wardens

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Wearing a mask is now an individual's choice.

Live-Stream Sunday Services

[Click Online Worship Button on St. Mark's Website](#)

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Allan Magnacca, Harriet Tunmer, Nancy Bongard

Reader - Steve Hinchliffe

Intercessor - John MacBeth

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Pat Kingdon, Mary Webster

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

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Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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Did you know....

that in preparation for the 1892 Centennial it was decided that the box pews would be replaced with standard pews? The old pews were preserved and remain as wainscoting around the perimeter of the nave.



Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Doreen Cumpson, Peter and Donna Danakas, and Mary Jane Davidson and their families.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Jacquie White, Jack Taylor, Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, and Lynn Taylor.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton, The Venerable James Sandilands, Interim Priest-in-Charge; The Reverend Leon Burke, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Robert W. Linklater, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Canon Dr. Margaret Murray, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Elizabeth Steeves, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster, and an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you in Church!

Men's Communion and Breakfast

On the first Wednesday of each month, men of our congregation and their guests will participate in a quiet spoken Eucharist service in the church at 8:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:45 a.m. If you would like to join us, please contact Greg Walker by email or phone (905) 262-6605 by Noon on Tuesday prior so that we can confirm numbers for

breakfast.

You say "tomato" and I say "tomahto"

No matter how you pronounce it, Gary Burrough's **STEWED TOMATOES** are the best! And they are going fast - only 30 jars left! At \$15.00 a jar they will not last long.

You can get your **STEWED TOMAHTOS** by contacting Erin in the office Monday-Friday 9-2 p.m.

All proceeds go to St. Mark's Church

Counters

Counters are needed to collect and record the envelope and open plate funds after the 10:30 a.m. service each week. On a rotation basis, a counter would need to volunteer only once per month. Counting takes about 15 minutes and always requires two people. Please call the office or Allan Magnacca 416-727-0839 to volunteer or if you have questions.

Celebration of Life

for Elisabeth Fischer

November 5, 2022

1 pm
Addison Hall

The family invites you to come and share your memories and bring your stories of this remarkable woman.



October 22, 2022

Visit sites of historical, architectural or cultural significance for free in NOTL



Site hours vary. Please check tour times or opening hours for each site before your visit.

PARTICIPATING SITES

- Niagara District Courthouse
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum
- Willowbank
- RiverBrink Art Museum
- The Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre
- Shaw Festival Theatre
- Niagara Apothecary
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- St. Marks Anglican Church
- The Exchange Brewery
- Clare's Harley-Davidson of Niagara
- Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery

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For inquiries, please contact



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PWRDF responds to Hurricane Fiona

PWRDF is saddened to see the devastation and destruction wrought by Hurricane Fiona on so many communities in Eastern Canada. From the Magdalen Islands in Quebec to Port aux Basques, N.L., the stories of loss and survival are cause for prayer.

[Click here to go to PWRDF Website](#)

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