



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 131st Edition - October 7, 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

My message to you today is a brief one. It's simply to send you every blessing for this Thanksgiving weekend. I am looking forward to having my parents here and showing them some of the sights and introducing them to our wonderful community. They fly home on October, which will be the nineteenth anniversary of my ordination. So there's lots for me to give thanks for. I know each of you has much for which you're grateful.

And I know that we often don't take the time we ought to give thanks. So with that in mind, perhaps the glorious prayer called The General Thanksgiving - which concludes Morning Prayer in the *Book of Common Prayer* - can be part of our devotions this weekend.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

From the Wardens

Our letter is a little shorter this week due to Warden's travel and little activity at St. Mark's. The office has been closed this week due to illness, but we have attempted to respond to calls and emails. The office should be back to normal next week.

A reminder that tickets for the October 17th speaker series with Ben Heppner will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday. They are also available through the office next week.

Parish Council will have the introduction to our Mission Action Plan on Thursday Oct. 13th. We will be sending out more information with dates for the four parish meetings that will be held before the end of the year.

We consistently receive messages about not having our Sunday service streamed as we did for many months. Our issue is that we do not have a volunteer who will assist with the recording. If anyone would volunteer to help, please contact the office. The equipment is all set up and only requires a login to our site and monitoring the camera.

Thanks to the Museum for mentioning our speaker series as well as the Cemetery Tours they are holding at St. Mark's in late October.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our ENews recipients. Please keep in your prayers all those who have suffered tragedies and losses in the recent wild storms in Canada and in Florida.

"It is so easy to SMILE in the company of friends and families."

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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](#)

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!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [View our recent E-Newsletters](#)

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

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Chris Byart, Clare Cameron, Anjulika Chand, and Alexandra Clarkson and their families.

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

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for Christ Church, Flamborough, The Reverend Naomi Kabugi, Rector; The Reverend Canon Wendy Roy, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia; The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod; and People and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

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.

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. The next men's communion and breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00 am in the church, followed by a cooked breakfast in the Parish Hall.

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.

Save the Date!

St. Mark's is delighted to re-launch our Speaker Series this October with a very special event: "Our Secret Heart: Ben Heppner in Conversation With Karen Heppner."

Now retired from singing, legendary Canadian tenor Ben Heppner has carved out a niche for himself as a radio personality and sought-after speaker. He will be at St. Mark's to talk to his wife - and us - about his career as one of the world's most renowned tenors, life in the world of opera, and his personal faith.

This event will be on Monday, October 17 at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$35. There will be a limited number of VIP tickets (\$60 each) for a reception with Ben and Karen following the event.

Tickets are available through the parish office.



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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