



## **E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 296th Edition December 19, 2025**

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**Dear Friends -**

This week, I'm thinking about how there's more to life's pageant than the excess of the season. You can watch my meditation *Those Damned Angels* [here](#).

And if you prefer read, you can find the text [here](#).

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**

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# ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## Christmas Eve Service

4:30p.m.- Christmas carols and  
festive organ music

5:00p.m.- Festive Sung Eucharist

## Christmas Day Service

10:30a.m.- Festive Sung Eucharist

**Everyone is welcome!**

St. Mark's Anglican Church

41 Byron St., NOTL

The flowers in the church are given to the  
Glory of God  
and  
in memory of

Murray and Elizabeth Lister  
from  
Lynne Heaman  
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The loved ones  
of  
Candace and Will Walker  
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The parents  
of  
Carolyn and Drew Porter

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Kelly M. James  
from  
Janet James

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Jean Hill  
from  
Jo-Anne Hill

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Betty and Patricia  
from  
Allan Magnacca and family

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The loved ones  
of  
Peggy Walker

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Andrew, Gladys, and Marty Douglas  
from  
Andrea Douglas and David Roberts

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Bob and Betty Cross  
and  
Harold and Mary Helen Detlor  
from  
Bob and Linda Cross

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Sam Kingdon  
from his wife  
Pat Kingdon

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Peter Wylie  
from Eve and family

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Enid and William Lees  
and  
Barbara and Don Lees  
from  
Dorothy and Beverley Lees

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Christopher Jennings  
from  
James and Virginia Mainprize

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Martin Kamer and Christopher Jennings  
from  
Rita Brown

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Anthony and Elisabeth Fischer  
and  
Andy and Ruby McKee  
from  
Megan and Rod McKee



### 13th Month Donation

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful time for reflection and gratitude. We are truly blessed to have such a vibrant community at St. Mark's, and your unwavering support has made all the difference.

In this spirit of appreciation, would you consider making a special year-end "**13-month**" donation to St. Mark's? Let's embrace this opportunity to make a lasting impact and uplift one another as we step into a new year filled with promise!

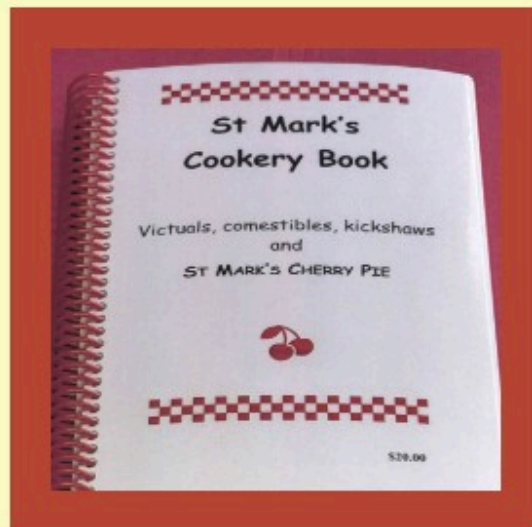
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On December 11th, we sent out our **stewardship packages**, an important step in our journey together. If you haven't received yours yet, don't worry—it's on the way, and it brings with it a chance to make a meaningful impact!

As you complete your package, remember that your contributions shape our shared vision and strengthen our community. Whether you choose to return it by giving it to Erin in the office, emailing it, or calling it in, know that every effort counts.

**Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!**

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**Are you searching for the perfect gift for that person who seems to have it all?**

**Need some delightful stocking stuffers?**

**Consider gifting The St. Mark's Cookery Book!**

**This treasure is packed with delicious recipes that will inspire and satisfy every palate. Plus, it features the coveted**

**St. Mark's Cherry Pie recipe!**

**This book makes an extraordinary gift. You can obtain this culinary gem through the office.**

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We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.

Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.

If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.

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**Christmas Holiday Hours for St. Mark's Office:**

**The office will be closed on:**

December 24th  
December 25th  
December 26th

**We will be in the office on:**

December 29th  
December 30th  
December 31st

**The office will be closed on:**

January 1st, 2026  
January 2nd 2026

**Regular office hours will resume on MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2026.**

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*As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may His love bring you  
comfort and peace.  
Merry Christmas to all.*

#### **Parish Updates**

##### **In-Person Sunday Services**

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the live stream on YouTube](#)

##### **On Duty this Week**

**December 21st , 2025**

##### **Greeter(s)**

**8:30 a.m. - Steve Hinchliffe**

**10:30 a.m. - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh**

**Reader - Wes Turner**

**Intercessor - Diane Turner**

**Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter, and Diane Turner**

**Server - Virginia Mainprize**

##### **Order of Service**

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

### **Church Bells**

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

### **Staying Up to Date!**

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [Visit 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".

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### **Prayer Cycles - We pray for:**

**In St. Mark's Parish:** David and Valmai Elkins, Fred and Judy Evans, Brian Fiedler and Christy Chia, and Bob Gaines and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Paul, Jarvis, The Reverend Canon Richard Moore, Rector; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator; Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship; and The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing.

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**May the blessings of Christmas be yours, and may the coming year bring  
you peace, hope, good health, and beautiful moments with those you  
love.  
Merry Christmas!**



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