



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

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Dear Friends -

My meditation this week is *Tradition and Timelessness* and it's about how connection to the past keeps us rooted in the present. You can watch [here](#).

If you prefer to read, you can find that [here](#).

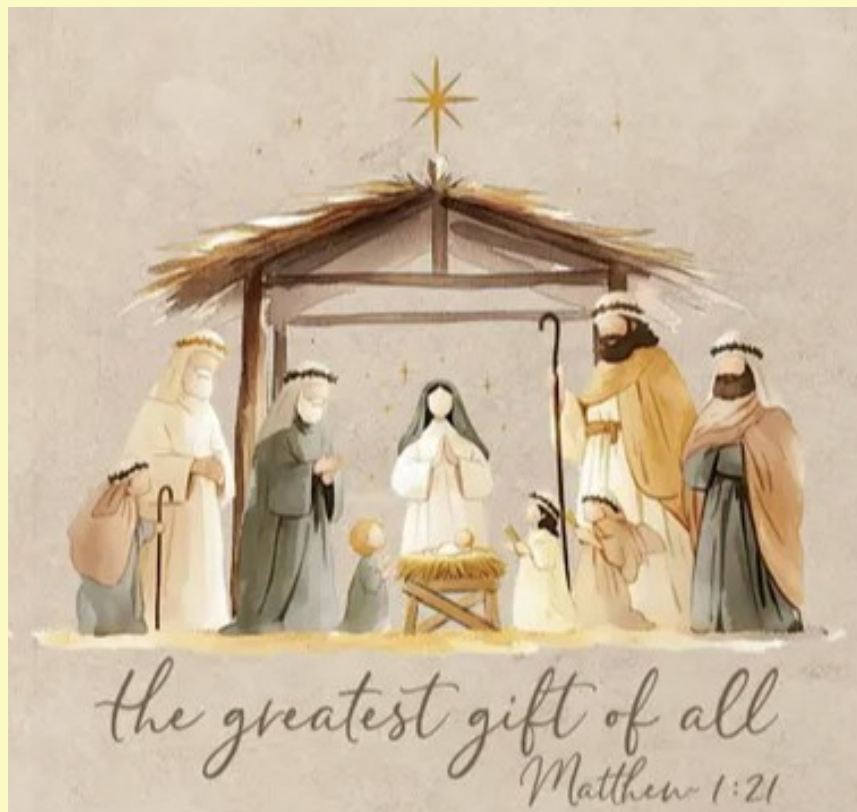
Stewardship packages will be mailed out next week. So each Friday this month, I'm going to have a "Stewardship Snapshot" which will hopefully help us consider how we can support

St Mark's in 2026.

I generally have two grande-sized Starbucks coffees day. Each one costs \$3. That's \$6 a day, \$42 a week, and \$180 a month. But if I had only one coffee a day, I could give the extra \$90 to St Mark's.

Something to think about!

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**



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!

Poinsettia donations now being accepted

We invite you to help us create a beautiful atmosphere in the church by filling it with vibrant poinsettias. If you would like to contribute, please use

the "My Flower Offering" envelopes available in the pews or call the office.

Your contributions will help fill our sacred space with warmth and beauty, with each bloom representing a shared commitment to our community.

Memorial flowers

If you wish to honour a loved one during this special season, we encourage you to participate by dedicating flowers in their memory. You can easily do this by calling the office to make your donation by credit card, or by dropping off a cheque or cash. Erin will ensure that your loved one's name is recorded with care, and their memory will be celebrated in our E-News and in the Christmas Day Order of Service.

**The deadline for purchasing memorial flowers is
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th**



**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

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.

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 7th , 2025

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

10:30 a.m. - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Jennifer Smith

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers - Jennifer Smith

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".

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.

Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Bob and Linda Cross, Terence and Sandra Davis, Cort Day and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Michael, Hamilton, The Reverend Nicola Zhang, Rector; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Primate Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada; National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December.
J.M. Barrie

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