



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

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Dear Friends -

My meditation this week is about how a picture's worth a thousand words. But nothing can equal the splendour of the Living Word.

Click here to view the link:
<https://youtu.be/UJZv0UTHnpA>

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

From the Wardens

What a glorious last few days of summer we have had! With the coming of fall, the slower pace of summer is giving way to a busy calendar at St. Mark's, which began with the **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** last Sunday, Sept. 14. There was a big turnout for this special celebration of volunteers and all they do so willingly and cheerfully for St. Mark's. Our great thanks to organizers **Steve Hinchliffe, Kathy Taylor**, and **Anjulika Chand** for their work, which resulted in a fun and successful lunch.

We are delighted that **Virginia Mainprize** has been honoured with the **Order of Niagara**, to be presented in November. The award recognizes those who have faithfully given of themselves to their parish, diocese, and the wider Church. **Congratulations, Virginia!**

Parish Council met on Thursday. Music, church attendance, and stewardship were among the items discussed. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

In other business, **Carolyn Porter** reported on **World Day of Prayer** preparations for the service on **March 6, 2026, at St. Mark's**. World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical gathering of women for a common day of prayer, and is a meaningful and moving service. Volunteers are needed to assist, including a co-chair to serve with Carolyn. Planning meetings will include Zoom calls on November 1 and November 8. **Please contact Carolyn to volunteer.** carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca

We are pleased to report on significant improvements to the livestream of the Sunday worship service, thanks to the initiative and technical expertise of Josh Kuhn, who is behind the camera each week. Two weeks ago, he introduced a second camera and moved to the balcony, where there are better sight lines. The result is excellent. There has already been a significant increase in viewership, from about 30 views per service to 83 and 60 in the last two weeks. We urge you to see for yourself. At the bottom of the St. Mark's home page, click on the arrow icon beside the words Follow Our Socials.

A reminder that **Reverend Dr. Susan MacLaren is presenting an autumn seminar/workshop** for the women of St. Mark's **every Wednesday in October at 10 am.** The first seminar explores whether a single image can convey complex ideas and emotions more effectively than a lengthy discussion. We predict a lively debate!

Finally, don't miss the **Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m.** Whether or not you have a furry or feathered companion, this service will warm your heart as the creatures who add so much to our lives are honoured.

**Andrea Douglas
Ian Russell
Wardens**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



God made all creatures, great and small!

St. Mark's Anglican Church in NOTL
41 Byron Street

invites you and your pets to join us for

The Blessing of the Animals
in honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th
11:00 a.m.



New and Exciting

The Reverend Dr. Susan MacLaren
presents
an autumn seminar/workshop
for
the women of St. Mark's

"Is a picture worth a thousand words...or nothing at all?"

Join us to discuss whether this widely used proverb is actually true.

Can a single image convey complex ideas and emotions more effectively than a lengthy discussion?

When: *every Wednesday in October*
Time: *10:00 a.m. to 12 noon*
Place: *Addison Hall*

Coffee and tea will be served

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

September 21st , 2025

Greeter(s)

10:30 a.m. - Jo-Anne Hill and Ian Russell

Reader - James Mainprize

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Marsha Howe

Server - John Shaver

Flowers - Marsha Howe

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!

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Dave Roberts, Joy Rogers, Patty Rowland, Ian Russell, and John and Michelle Scott and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Transfiguration, St. Catharines, The Venerable Sheila Van Zandwyk, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Sandra Thomson, Deacon; The Reverend Donald Brown, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Dr. Wayne Fraser, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon; and The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod.

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