



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 312th Edition April 24th, 2026



Dear Friends,

My meditation this week is "Accent or Affectation?" and, since accents change over time, it asks if we can ever get back to the original. You can watch it [here](#).

If you prefer to read, the text can be found [here](#).

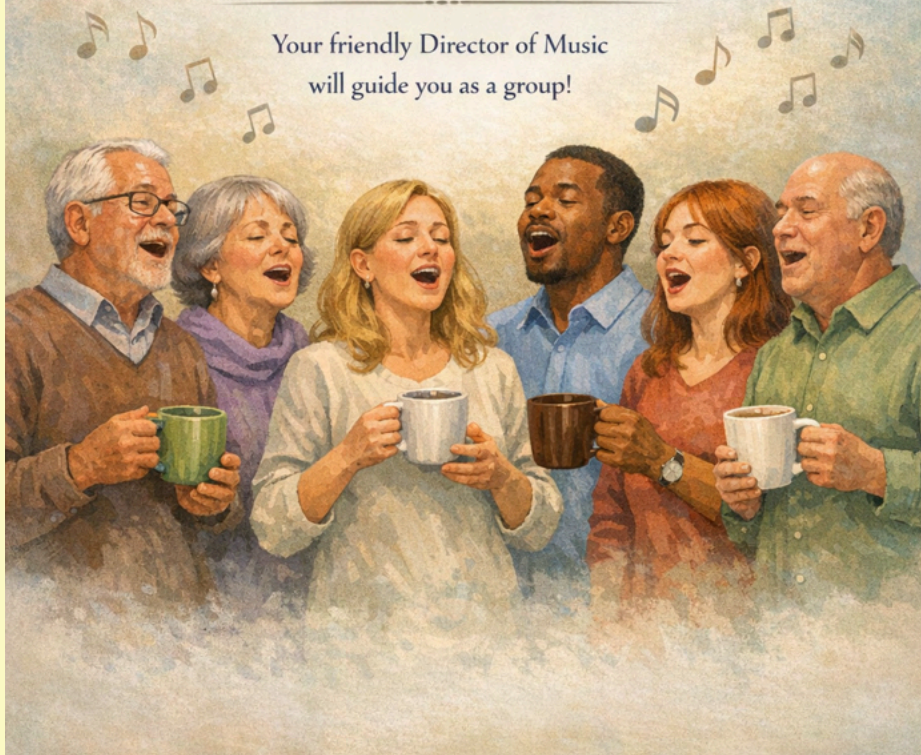
**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

SING FOR YOUR COFFEE

During coffee hour on Sunday, May 3,
enjoy an opportunity to learn more
about your singing voice as a member
of the congregation.

The congregation is often referred to as
the “big choir,” and
so here is your chance to uncover
the energy that your voice brings to the liturgy.

Your friendly Director of Music
will guide you as a group!



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF
PENTECOST



Sunday, May 24 at 5pm

ST. MARK'S SINGERS

Michael Bloss, Director of Music

Laurence Williams, Director of Music

St Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario

St Mark's Anglican Church

41 Byron Street

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

905-468-3123

stmarksnotl.org

Cherry Festival

St. Mark's Anglican Church warmly invites the wonderful NOTL community to help make this year's Cherry Festival our most memorable celebration yet!

We welcome both costume and fine jewellery, including gold, silver, estate, and designer pieces.

Jewellery donations are being accepted NOW and until June 17, 2026.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Please call ahead to let us know what you are dropping off and when.
905-468-3123**

****Tax donation receipts will be given for any jewellery that sells for more than \$100.00***



**Diane Turner needs driver volunteers to help transport frozen cherry pies from St. Mark's to St. David's Storage.
Please call Diane if you can help!
289-362-1827**

CHERRY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

We need Volunteers to help make cherry pies.

Monday, April 27th 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Monday, May 4th 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TRANSPORT
FROZEN CHERRY PIES FROM ST. MARK'S
TO ST. DAVIDS STORAGE.**

Please call Diane Turner if you can help move the pies.

Call Diane Turner 289-362-1827





DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALL FINE AND COSTUME JEWELLERY.

The Jewellery committee commences the job of appraising, sorting and pricing donations in April to be ready for St. Mark's Cherry Festival on Sat. July 4th.

This is a big job and we are always happy to welcome volunteers. Please contact Carolyn Porter at carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca if you are interested in joining us.

Donations of fine and costume bracelets, watches, earrings, necklaces and rings can be dropped off at the church office.

A tax receipt will be given for articles valued and sold over \$100.00

Please ask family, friends and neighbours to think of us when they are cleaning out their jewellery boxes.

EMPORIUM DONATIONS FOR CHERRY FESTIVAL



We appreciate NEW or GENTLY USED donations in the following categories:

WOMEN'S FASHION : Women's Coats, Jackets, Vests, Blazers, Blouses

ACCESSORIES: Scarves, Hats, Handbags, Totes

LINENS: Tablecloths, Placemats, Napkins, Aprons, Tea Towels, Duvet Covers

HOME DECOR/ KITCHENWARES/GARDEN ITEMS

COLLECTIBLES: Crystal, China, Silver, Glasses, Vases, Timeless Treasures

TICKETS: Cultural or Sporting

YOU HOST: Dinners, Cocktail Parties, Teas, BBQs, Wine Tasting, etc

ARTWORK: Painting, Prints, Photography

SMALL FURNITURE PIECES: Tables, Footstools, Chairs, etc



STAY TUNED FOR THE EMPORIUM TREASURE BOOK!

Tax receipts issued for items valued and sold over \$100.00

Items can be dropped off at Addison Hall

Please share this request with Family and Friends to donate

Donation inquiries or to arrange a pick-up for larger items, please contact

Elizabeth Jamieson at 416-577-0750 or elizabeth.jamieson@sympatico.ca or

Jane Dagg at jdagg.notl@gmail.com

Volunteers appreciated for Saturday July 4, 2026



Thank You - Team Emporium



The Rev'd Dr. Susan MacLaren has questions?



YES!

The Rev'd Dr. Susan MacLaren **DOES** have questions.
And guess what?

Many people, ranging from lifelong believers to atheists, have serious, unanswered questions about God, the Bible, and the nature of faith.

The consensus among many modern spiritual leaders is that **questions are not the enemy of faith.** They are a way to seek wisdom and a sign of engagement, rather than indifference.

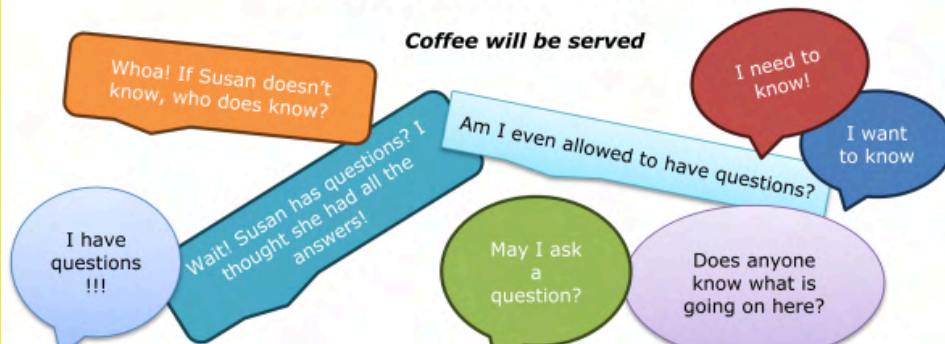
The goal of asking questions is often to move from a "settled", unquestioned faith to a more personal, profound understanding of the divine.

WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S
Please help Susan find some answers.

Addison Hall
Each Tuesday in April
10 a.m. – 12 noon

April 7th, April 14th, April 21st and April 28th

Please join us for this enlightening series of discussions



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

April 26, 2026

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

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

Reader - James Mainprize

Intercessor - Donna Belleville

Server - John Shaver

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".

Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Donna Belleville, Candace Bennett, Ray Berzins, and Chris Bjorgan and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Jude, Oakville, The Reverend Canon Dr. David Anderson, Rector; The Reverend Sarah Grondin, Priest Associate; The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick Patterson, Priest Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron; the congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod; and for our full communion partner churches, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC).

We hope you enjoy these pictures of the jam and pie-making activities that have been taking place in Addison Hall. We have had a tremendous turnout of volunteers - 23 volunteers for the last session! Thanks to all volunteers for showing up! Without you, this would not be possible.

(Clockwise from the top left)

Diane, Nikki, and Patti examining the art of jam-making, like it's the finals of the Great British Bake Off. In fact, it is more important than that! The tension is so thick you could spread it on toast! And spreading it on your toast is the goal, right? Who knew fruit, sugar, and three spoons could warrant such intense scrutiny?

Diane, Nikki, Linda, Grant, Linda (Grant finds himself bookended by two Lindas and now realizes there is no escape), and Cheryl are all smiles on the first day of jam making—probably because they've forgotten how much jam will end up in their hair, on the ceiling, and possibly in other places jam was never meant to be.

A dearly loved and utterly irreplaceable visitor popped in—Bev Lees, of course! She came in to make sure we weren't burning the place down, and to gently remind us how it's really done (with kindness, laughter, and a pinch of mischief). It was a joy to see Bev spreading her trademark warmth and good cheer, which she does wherever she goes!

These two fellows, Kyle and Paul, when asked to make dough, thought they'd be raking in the cash—and maybe even making a little bread on the side! In all seriousness, these guys are always ready to step in and help wherever needed. Their generosity is appreciated more than any amount of dough!



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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