



## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 303rd Edition February 20th 2026

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Dear Friends,

In this week's meditation I ask who's at the wheel and who - or what - drives our history. You can watch it [here](#).

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

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St Mark's Church  
takes place on  
12 noon on Sunday, March 1st, in Addison Hall.

Any nominations for Parish Council must be received by  
**12 noon on Friday, February 27th.**  
Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office.

\*Forms must be signed by the nominator and one other parishioner\*  
(Please make sure you have the nominee's permission.)

We hope to see you all at the meeting.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

Unfortunately, there will be **NO** livestreaming of Sunday services  
for the month of February.

Livestreaming will resume on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Join us for a meaningful gathering at  
St. Mark's Anglican Church  
as we celebrate

**World Day of Prayer on March 6, 2026.**

This special day is all about uniting women from diverse races, cultures, and traditions, allowing us to come together in prayer, fellowship, and understanding throughout the year.

This year's theme,  
*"I Will Give You Rest: Come"*  
inspired by Matthew 11:28-30,  
has been beautifully prepared by the WDP committee of  
Nigeria, this year's host country.

It invites us to reflect on overcoming shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, and poverty through the power of divine rest and the strength of the community.

Our service will feature the inspirational stories of remarkable Nigerian women - Beatrice, Jato, and Blessing - who embody themes of faith and hope. Their journeys will touch our hearts and ignite our spirits.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and be uplifted.  
Join us in prayer and solidarity as together we strive for a more compassionate world.

We look forward to sharing this powerful experience with you!

*Service at 1 p.m.  
Reception to follow in Addison Hall*

***\*\*Both women and men are welcome to attend\*\****



# World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière 2026

**"I Will Give  
You Rest:  
Come"**

Matthew  
11:28-30



**« Je vous  
procurerai  
le repos.  
Venez »**

Mattieu  
11, 28-30

## **Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique**

### **Day, Time/la date, l'heure**

Friday March 6, 2026 at 1 p.m.

### **Location/l'endroit**

St. Mark's Anglican Church  
41 Byron Street  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

### **Additional Information/informations supplémentaires**

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Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le **Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada**



 It's that time again!   
    

*It seems we just finished Cherry Festival 2025, and now we are getting ready for*  
**CHERRY FESTIVAL 2026**

 Get Ready for Cherry Madness! 

February is here, and that means it's time to kick off our cherry jam-making season in preparation for the much-anticipated  
Cherry Festival  
**on July 4th!**

We have an enthusiastic team to craft our delightful cherry jam, and we're starting our jam-making adventures in  
**late February.**

 But that's not all—hold onto your aprons! 

because cherry pie-making begins in  
**April!**

These beloved pies are a staple of our festival, and we need  
**YOU**  
to roll up your sleeves and join us in creating these delicious treats.  
Keep an eye on St. Mark's E-news for all the dates and times to volunteer!

 And here's how you can help right away! 

During February and March, we're asking for donations of Tenderflake lard or, if you prefer, a cash donation to help with our purchasing plans. Your early support will make a  
**BIG**  
difference!

**Donations can be made through the office.**

**Got questions? Want to join the fun? Don't hesitate to reach out to me—  
Diane Turner at 289 362 1827.**

**Together, we can make this Cherry Festival unforgettable**



## Thank you

**Kathy Taylor and I extend our warmest and heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for St. Mark's Pancake Supper!  
Your presence made the evening truly special.**

**We are also deeply grateful to all those who generously offered their time and talents to ensure that our 2026 Pancake Supper was such a success.**

**Every guest we spoke with had a wonderful time, and it was your incredible skills and unwavering dedication that brought the event to life.**

**Thank you for making a difference**

Gregory Walker  
Kathy Taylor

and for being a part of our community!





**DON'T MISS OUT**



**Start your mornings off right with a delicious and hassle-free breakfast from St. Mark's kitchen!**

**We're excited to offer 1 lb packages of mouthwatering pre-cooked sausages and fluffy pancakes for just \$5.00 each.**

Imagine savoring a warm, hearty breakfast or delighting in a cozy breakfast-for-dinner with your loved ones—all without the fuss of cooking!

But hurry! These tasty packages are in limited supply and will fly off the shelves quickly.

Contact Erin in the office today to secure your packages before they're gone!

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**READERS AND INTERCESSORS GROUP LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

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We are thankful for the involvement and participation of our Readers.  
If you would like to be a part of the Readers and Intercessors,  
please contact Tammy Zalepa  
[tammy@garyzalepa.com](mailto:tammy@garyzalepa.com)

**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**

**February 22, 2026**

**Greeter(s)**

8:30 a.m. - David and Valmai Elkins

10:30 a.m. - Doug and Colleen Hunter

**Reader - Donna Belleville**

**Intercessor -Wendy Steel**

**Altar Guild - Eve Wylie**

**Server - Virginia Mainprize**

**Flowers - Gary Zanner**

**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:** Peter and Janis Manning, Rod and Megan McKee, Erin McKinley, and Stephen Payne and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Stephen, Hornby, the clergy, and people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton; The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod; The anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (or Unity of the Brethren) on March 1, 1457, in Bohemia; and an end to human trafficking and modern slavery.

**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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