



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 308th Edition March 27th, 2026



Dear Friends,

My meditation this week is "Is Our Faith Bad Taste?" and maybe it is - but only if you give it only a passing glance. You can watch it [here](#).

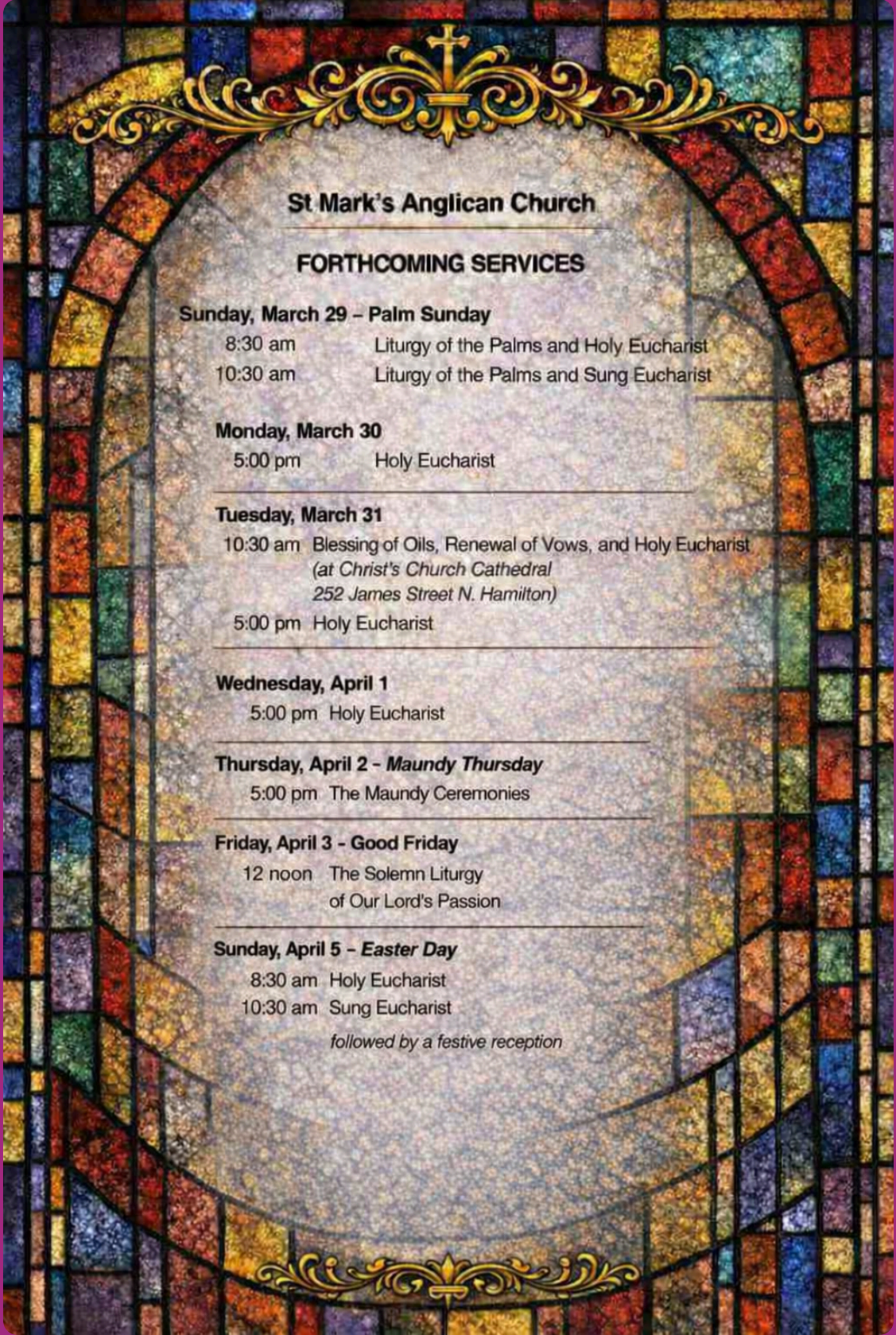
If you prefer to read, the text can be found [here](#).

Holy Week begins this Sunday. As always, there are services every day and I commend them to you. You can find the complete schedule below. The services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are full of solemn

ceremonial and glorious music which makes them particularly poignant and moving. I urge you to make attendance at them a priority.

There's no better way to begin this most important week than the Edison Singer's concert at St Mark's on Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. They will be singing the requiems of Gabriel Faure and Maurice Durufle. Our own Michael Bloss is accompanying on organ.

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**



St Mark's Anglican Church

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Monday, March 30

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 31

10:30 am Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows, and Holy Eucharist

(at Christ's Church Cathedral

252 James Street N. Hamilton)

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 1

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

5:00 pm The Maundy Ceremonies

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

12 noon The Solemn Liturgy
of Our Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Day

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

followed by a festive reception

*The Palm Sunday (March 29th) and Easter Sunday (April 5th)
10:30 a.m. services will be livestreamed.*

Other services during Holy Week will not be livestreamed.

*The deadline for
Easter Flower Donations is*

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 12 noon.

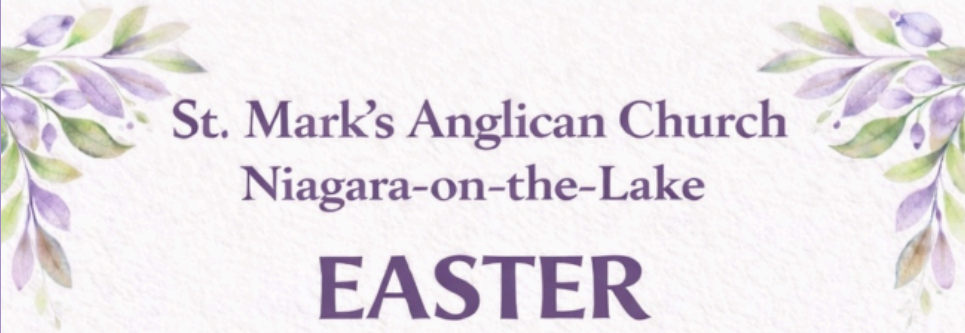
We are planning a magnificent ***Easter flower display***, traditionally donated by the congregation. If you would like to contribute, please use the ***Easter Flowers Donation envelopes*** which can be found in the church pews.

Please be sure to write your details on the envelope:
"In Memory Of"
and
"From"

Please give your envelope to one of the greeters.

If you prefer, you can call the office to make your donation by credit card.





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

EASTER CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2026

Addison Hall

AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE

COME FOR EASTER CAKE SERVED WITH
COFFEE, TEA AND LEMONADE, WITH
SPECIAL EASTER TREATS FOR CHILDREN.

PLEASE JOIN US!





**A MEMO FROM
THE OFFICE OF PIES**

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously donated Tenderflake Lard and to those who contributed financially towards its purchase.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness do not go unnoticed, and we are truly thankful for your support.

We are excited to share that we no longer require lard donations.

Instead, we would appreciate monetary contributions that will help us purchase essential supplies, such as aluminum pie plates and paper bags.

If you would like to make a financial donation, please call our office at 905-468-3123.

We happily accept credit card payments over the phone.

For those wishing to donate cash, we welcome you to stop by our office.

Your generosity continues to make a significant impact, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

Thank you once again!

CHERRY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

We need Volunteers to help make cherry pies.

- Monday, April 13th 8 a.m. – 12 noon
- Monday, April 20th 8 a.m. – 12 noon
- Monday, April 27th 8 a.m. – 12 noon
- Monday, May 4th 8 a.m. – 12 noon

We also need Volunteers to help transport frozen cherry pies St. Mark's to St. Davids Storage.

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

Got questions? Want to join the fun – Call Diane Turner 289-362-1827

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.

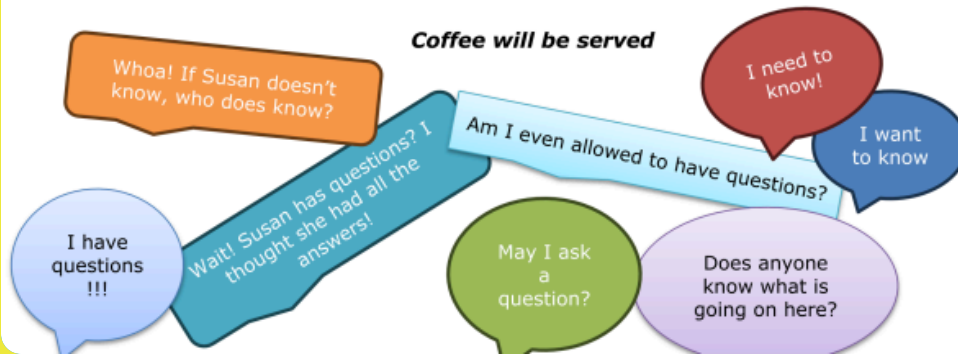
The goal of asking questions is often to move from a "settled", unquestioned faith to a more personal, profound understanding of the divine.

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

March 29, 2026 - *Palm Sunday*

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

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

Reader - James Mainprize

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers - Jennifer Smith

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: Trevor Straker, Kathy and Tim Taylor, Wes and Diane Turner, and Peggy Walker and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Church of the Epiphany, Oakville, The Reverend Ronda Ploughman, Rector; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Queen's College; The congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-North- western Ontario Synod; and the people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton.

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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