



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 316th Edition May 22nd, 2026



Dear Friends,

My meditation this week is "Codes and Christianity" where I ask if Christianity has become just another cipher. You can watch it [here](#).

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

This Sunday, **May 24** is the Feast of Pentecost, and it will be a special day at St Mark's. Not only will we have Choral Evensong at 5 pm (see the information below), but in the morning we will welcome The Most Rev'd Colin Johnson to the parish. Archbishop Johnson is Assistant Bishop of Niagara. He retired as Archbishop of Toronto in 2018 and was appointed by Bishop Bell to this position in 2022. I hope we will be able to welcome him in classic St Mark's style!

So please mark your calendars and plan to be with us in both the morning and afternoon services.

Choral Evensong is the crown jewel of Anglican liturgy - a beautiful service of music and prayer. I hope you'll invite your friends and neighbours to join us. They - and we - will be richly rewarded.

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

Online Sunday services

The live-streaming of Sunday services has been disrupted for the past two weeks due to a weak WiFi signal in the church.

It is unknown why this suddenly occurred.

A Cogeco technician was on-site Thursday for several hours and restored normal transmission.

Live-streaming of the 10:30 a.m. service should proceed smoothly on Sunday.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

Following the 10:30 am service,
please join us for a festive light luncheon
reception with sandwiches, sweets,
lemonade, coffee, and tea.

*Come together as a parish family
to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!*

We will honour the visit of
Archbishop Colin Johnson
with a special coffee hour celebration.

FAITH ✦ FELLOWSHIP ✦ HOLY SPIRIT
All are welcome!

Please join us to celebrate Leighton!

**This joyful gathering marks
Leighton's 5th anniversary of ministry at St. Mark's,
and it promises to be a real humdinger — a word first used in 1883 in Livingston,
Montana, to describe an upcoming town celebration.
A fitting description for our celebration!**

We hope to see you on Sunday, May 31st, after the 10:30 a.m. service, in Addison Hall.

St. Mark's
✝
REV'D LEIGHTON LEE

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Please join us for a celebratory
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sweet treats, coffee, tea
and lemonade.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Please note that at this time,
we are no longer accepting books.*
If this changes, we will let you know.
Thank you to all those who so generously donated books!



DONATION REQUESTS FOR ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY JULY 4, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

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 DÉCOR/ 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

JEWELRY: Costume and the real thing!

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

Jane Dagg at jdagg.notl@gmail.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

May 24th, 2026

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

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

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Peggy Walker, Mona Bailey and Jo-Anne Hill.

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: Donald Combe, Penny-Lynn Cookson, Bob and Linda Cross, and Jane Dagg and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Grace Church, Waterdown, The Reverend David Montgomery, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa; Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College – High School; and Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East.

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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