E-News from the St. Mark's Pews
341st Edition, November 20th 2026



Dear Friends,

The liturgical year ends on Sunday with the feast of Christ the King—or, more properly, the Reign of Christ. It's an oddly disquieting day in which splendour and shame are curiously mixed. That's not surprising since it's a very new feast—just over a century old. It was established by Pius XI in 1925 as a means of "Reasserting Christ's sovereignty amid rising secularism, authoritarianism, and nationalism." So it's an observance that's a propos for our time.

This means that next Sunday, November 29, is Advent Sunday, the start of a new liturgical year. Since it's also the last Sunday of the month, we continue with our pattern of Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and Morning Prayer at 10:30. Except the service won't be Morning Prayer *per se* but a bespoke Advent Sequence of Readings and Music.

Remember to get your tickets for our Christmas concert, "A Christmas Homecoming." Information about that is below.

And don't forget to support Andrea Douglas on Sunday afternoon when she receives the Order of Niagara. Information about that is also below.

See you in church!
Grace and peace,
Leighton



The flowers in the church are given to the
Glory of God
and in memory of Joy Gilchrist
from
Jane Dagg and Peter Hartwell



HOW TO GET TICKETS
for
"A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING"

Please EMAIL St. Mark's office to order your tickets.

OFFICE EMAIL

Please include your telephone number and indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase.

We will call you for payment by Monday, November 23rd.
For your convenience, payment can be made over the phone via credit card.

Reminder

Our Rector's Warden, Andrea Douglas, has been appointed by Bishop Susan Bell to the Order of Niagara in recognition of her service to St. Mark's.

The Service of Institution is this Sunday, November 22nd at 4 pm in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton Hamilton at 4:00 pm.

The service will also be live streamed on the Diocese of Niagara's YouTube channel.



Calling All St. Mark's Bakers!

Help make our Christmas Concert Hospitality extra special!

Share your favourite homemade cookies with guests enjoying mulled cider following our Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 20th.**

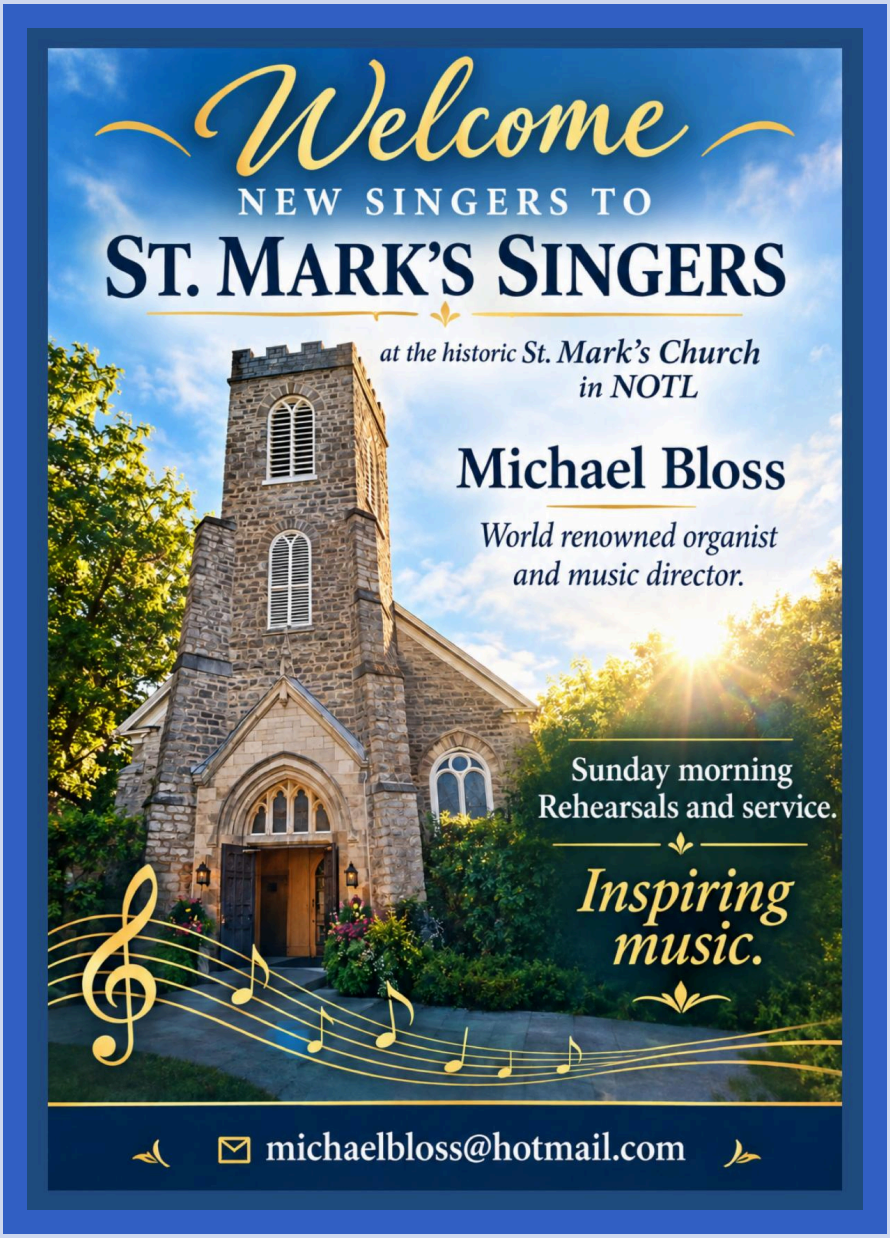
1. **BAKE** one dozen *(or more!)* of your favourite Christmas cookies.
2. **LABEL** your cookies and wrap them securely in Saran Wrap.
3. **DROP OFF**
   Saturday, December 19th
   Addison Hall • 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



Baking Sign-Up Sheet

During Sunday coffee hour in Addison Hall
OR connect with Mona at
647-981-1011, monalisebailey@gmail.com

Thank you for sharing a little Christmas joy!



St. Mark's is excited to announce that we are looking for talented individuals to join our vibrant community!

We are seeking passionate Alto and Tenor choral leads to join the St. Mark's Singers family.

If you or someone you know has a beautiful voice and a love for music, this could be the perfect opportunity to shine and make a joyful impact.

If you are ready to embark on this musical journey or know someone who is, please call the office.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming new voices to our ensemble.

Join us in making a joyful noise!

Office 905-468-3123

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. . Watch the live stream on YouTube

On Duty this Week

November 22nd, 2026

Greeter(s) -
8:30 a.m. -
10:30 a.m. - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

Reader - **Wendy Steel**
Intercessor: Wendy Steel

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Jo-Anne Hill and Peggy Walker
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: Jane De Munnich, Andrea Douglas, David and Valmai Elkins, and Fred and Judy Evans and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Grace Church, Arthur, The Reverend Cull, Priest-in-Charge; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office; The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation; and The Unity Synod, and the president and members of the Unity Board.

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.

St. Mark's Anglican Church Website

St. Marks Anglican Church | 41 Byron Street P O Box 582 | Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0 CA

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice

Constant Contact

Try email marketing for free today!