



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 332nd Edition, September 18th, 2026



Dear Friends,

In my meditation this week, "Bigger Isn't Better", I ask if we're upsizing things that don't matter. You can watch it [here](#).

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

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton



The flowers in the church are given to the
Glory of God
and
in loving memory of
Mary Jane Davidson
from Joe Patchett

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING THIS SUNDAY

A Special Vestry meeting will be held following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 4, 2026. There will be one item of business to consider, which is the replacement of the balconies on the rectory tower.

A brief presentation will be made, along with the budget, which was approved by Parish Council at its meeting on September 17, 2026.

In honour of the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals,
you are invited to join us for our annual
Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, October 4th, 2026, at 5 PM.

Bring your cats, dogs, birds, and even reptiles —as we gather to receive a special blessing for every pet in attendance.

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BLESSING OF THE PETS



God made all creatures, great and small!

St. Mark's Anglican Church in NOTL
41 Byron Street

invites you and your pets to join us for

The Blessing of the Pets
in Honour of feast of St. Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2026
5:00 p.m.





Bishop Susan Bell invites the women of the Diocese of Niagara to join her on retreat this fall in Niagara-on-the-Lake to explore how God is calling and equipping women to use their gifts, voices, and experiences in service of God's church.

This gathering offers women across the diocese—lay and ordained—an opportunity to step away from the pace of everyday life, rest in God's presence, and be renewed through prayer, conversation, and spiritual formation.

Led by Bishop Susan in partnership with the [Niagara School for Missional Leadership](#), the retreat will include a special lecture by the bishop, a moderated panel conversation with women ministry leaders, and opportunities for personal and small group reflection. Through shared stories, prayer and theological reflection, participants will explore how women's leadership uniquely contributes to the Church's capacity to engage its context and participate in God's mission.

Held in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada, this retreat celebrates the faith, wisdom and ministry of women while creating space to imagine the future of women's leadership in the Church.

Come and be refreshed, inspired and strengthened as we listen for God's call and discover anew the gifts God has entrusted to women for the life and mission of the Church.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE RETREAT WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE DATE.

[REGISTER](#)

[Retreat Details](#)

Date: Friday, October 16 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm)
Saturday, October 17 (9:15 am-4:00 pm)

Location: St. Mark's Anglican Church - 41 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Schedule: Friday evening will include a wine & cheese reception and a Compline service.

The main program of the retreat will be held on Saturday.

[Accommodations](#)

Please note that accommodations are **not** included in the price of the retreat.

A block of rooms have been organized at the
Hilton Garden Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake
and registrants are invited to take advantage of the
preferred rate of \$259.00 for Friday night.

To do so, please call 905-984-4200 (1-866-777-9877) and inform them you are
attending the Diocese of Niagara Women's Retreat at St. Mark's Anglican Church.
Please provide them with the group code - 90D, or click the link
below to make your own reservation.

[HOTEL BOOKING LINK](#)

*Please note that those wishing to take advantage of this preferred rate
must do so by September 15, 2026*

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

The Niagara-on-the-Lake
TERRY FOX RUN
takes place this Sunday
September 20th
and begins at Simcoe Park
across from St. Mark's.

We expect this will affect your ability to park when coming to church.

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

September 20th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

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

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers - Marsha Howe

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Peggy Walker and Valmai Elkins

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!

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Brett Sherlock and James Booty, Jennifer Smith, Wendy Steel, Trevor Straker, Kathy and Tim Taylor, Wes and Diane Turner, Greg and Dorothy Walker, and Peggy Walker and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls; The Reverend Allison Courey, Interim Priest-in-Charge; The Reverend Canon Howard Anningson, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon; and the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod.

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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