

# ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK

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## SOUPER SUNDAY IS TODAY!

**St. Mark's Adopt a Street** is in its second year. Six teams have been keeping 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue cleaned from 140<sup>th</sup> to 128<sup>th</sup>. Over the year we have had some people leave the programme and we are looking for some recruits. Time commitment is only a couple of hours twice a year and .... you get exercise. Save the money you would spend on the gym and come out and pitch in. Sign up now for free training, a lovely yellow vest to wear, a trash picker and a sturdy plastic bag to use for the afternoon or morning. Call Mari Anne at 604-531-6084 to see how you can contribute.



**Pat's Christmas Crafts**-Saturday, December 13 from 10am to noon in the Parish Hall. See the Poster in today's PULSE. Call Pat Zammit at 604-536-7443 for further information.

### Library News

Come on in and see our display of Bibles on this Bible Sunday. We have a variety of translations from the old favorite King James to the newest Action Figure Bible. If you are looking for gift ideas for Christmas or want to put a Bible on your own wish list or just want to see what is available, don't be shy; we even let you take them for a test read.

## "PARISH PULSE"

### NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014**

**THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER**-St. Mark Ocean Park, has previously been honoured by Nancy Dexter, Stan Hodgson, Hilda Smith, John Reader, Rea Anderson, and Ken Turnham as recipients of the Order, and it is now time to consider nominees for the coming year. Any lay member of the Parish may be nominated, but typically, nominees will have served in a Parish, a number of Parishes, and/or the Diocese, in an outstanding manner, on committees, parish councils, special outreach, etc. for a minimum and continuous period of ten years, although not confined to one activity, or in one parish. Written nominations, together with the supporting justification, may be submitted by any member in good standing, to the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Rector, no later than **Sunday December 14, 2014**, preferably by email, to: [tanksly@smartt.com](mailto:tanksly@smartt.com). Please note that nominations submitted in previous years are no longer valid, and if you wish an individual to be considered, he or she must be nominated again.

**Parish Council would like to hear your ideas!** If you have any thoughts, questions, comments or suggestions, please use the pens and papers provided in the Narthex to communicate them in writing and put them in the box provided, either signed or anonymous as you would prefer.

**Serenity Garden**-The Serenity garden is closed for the next few weeks due to maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Sunday School**-Focus is on Matthew 25:31-46. Exploring the image of Christ the King. Join us next Saturday, November 29, at the Holly Berry Fair and look for the Kid's Corner!

### **THE HOLLY BERRY FAIR...The Evening Guild NEEDS YOU!**

We urgently need donations for our raffle and gift baskets for the Holly Berry Fair. Firstly, we need non-perishable food items. We are also looking for donations that can be used in gift baskets, such as spa & bath items, items you would like to "re-gift", etc. Any items not used in the baskets will be put onto the Treasure's Table, which benefits both the Evening Guild & ACW. Donations can be given to either Linda O'Donovan or Debbie Maxwell. Items dropped off on weekdays can be placed on the counter in the Evening Guild/Flower Room (in the Hall). Any questions please call Linda at: 604-536-7983.

**See Reverse Side**-for the October newsletter from The Silva Family, Brazil.



October 2014

# THE SILVA FAMILY



So much has happened in our lives over the past few months. During this time, we have experienced difficulties and been faced with new challenges, but in everything we have seen the hand of God taking care of and guiding us.

We have made two very big decisions come the end of the year. First, we will be moving back to our home base. We are at peace that this is the direction God has for us, and we are really looking forward to it. Second, we have decided to take Cauê out of the school system, and will be homeschooling him.

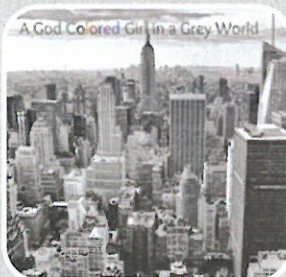


In the last few months, we released and advertised our newest feature-length film, and it has been an uphill battle. Financially, we are still in debt and have encountered various difficulties in our advertisement of it. However, even though we have had such struggles, our hearts are happy because it has had an impact on the lives of thousands of people that have already watched it. We are constantly receiving news from people and churches that have been confronted with the message. Last week I received a testimony from a married man that frequently hired prostitutes. Upon watching the film, he was strongly confronted. First, in seeing these woman not only as a piece of meat, but as people loved by

God, and second, in repenting of his actions and changing his attitude towards his marriage.

We still have many battles ahead of us, including paying off a high debt to loaners and investors. However, we remain firm in believing in that which God will do.

If you haven't seen the film yet, and would like to watch it, please let us know and we would be happy to send you the link with subtitles.



This blog was birthed with a strong desire just over a year ago. Since then, it has become not only a personal creativity cupboard, but also a tool for reaching out to bloggers all over the world. Modern society and culture has opened up an amazing door of opportunity to make connections and relationships with people in ways that, 20 years ago, were not possible. Humans are relational beings. It's in our make-up. We need to sense a connection with others and be part of a community. The blogosphere has become a place for these virtual relationships and connections. "Psychology Today" says in the article, "Social Isolation: A Modern Plague" that researchers have observed a sharp decline in social

connectedness over the past 20 years. Many creatives have turned to the internet, and to blogging to connect with people that have common interests. To share themselves and have community with like-minded individuals. The following are a few testimonies:

*"Wow Staciyls, you have once again surprised me! Reading your very mature thoughts on love was a pleasure. You are right as in my language, Urdu, there are many words for describing Love or the stages of love but strangely in English there is only one word that makes things complicated at times. Love, being in love, fondness, attraction, Divine love etc are all the forms of Love but Love includes them all in it. Just heading over to your post, I would love to read more thoughts on Love from you" --Pakistan - Muslim*

*"Hey Staci do you read books on spirituality? Have you ever read Bhagwad Gita? In Hinduism it is said that one should renounce all his actions to god to attain freedom as you said. Can you suggest me some book on spirituality, which you found must read....." --India - Hindu*

*"Do you find that you have peace, now that you have Christianity in your life?" --Russia - Jewish Russian*

Please Pray:

- 1) Financial provision to pay film debts and for our personal support
- 2) Open doors for advertising and distributing the film, and for future projects
- 3) That we would be influential and relevant through Ponte Films and A God Colored Girl in a Grey World
- 4) Our move to the base and wisdom and patience in homeschooling

Thank you so much for your ongoing friendship and support. May God bless you richly.

Love Daniel and Staci Silva - YWAM Brazil



**St. Mark's Youth**-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God". Also join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know some interesting characters from the Old Testament. For more information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit [www.stmarkbc.org/youth/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/)

**Flowers for the Altar**-are provided today by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd in gratitude for family and friends.

**Seniors Christmas Luncheon**-Please telephone Olive at 604-535-2228 and leave a message at that number stating your name and if you need transportation to the Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> event.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**-is provided this week to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart**-The 2015 Chart is now posted in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations go to help single young moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated this past year. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please call Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings**-Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 1:1-8

**ACW Announcements**-The 2015 Canadian Church Calendar is now available for purchase from Kathryn Smith.

**Mission Missive**-Toni Wallis is collecting articles for the winter edition of the *Mission Missive*. Please contact Toni if you have an article idea.

**Seniors News**-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is November 26.

Upcoming Events:

- The bus for the March 13-15, 2015 trip to Victoria is filling up quickly. Bus + tours = \$110
- Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Pantomime "Santa Claus" at the Surrey Arts Centre - Wed. Nov. 26 in the evening. Tickets are ordered as per request, so call Sue as soon as possible: 604-531-4931, or call Janet: 604-531-9585.

**Prayer Chain Contact**-is Lynne Hurd for the months of November, December and January. You may contact Lynne at 604-542-2772 or [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net) with your prayer requests and updates.

**Brian the Pie Guy**-Order your pies from our resident Pie Guy - Brian! \$12 for each full pie, or \$6.50 for each half-pie. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any "combo" of berries. Or, order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie for \$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie. Need a brunch or dinner suggestion? Savoury Tourtiere pies are \$18 each or \$9 for a half-pie. Brian can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at [thepieguy@shaw.ca](mailto:thepieguy@shaw.ca)

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday:**

**9am to 3pm**

**Friday: Office Opens at 10am  
Office Closes at 1pm**

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, November 24

9am - Exercise - Hall

10:15am - Israeli Folk Dance - Hall

### Tuesday, November 25

9:30am - Bible Study - Family Room

7pm - Bible Study - Office

7pm - Youth Group - Youth Room

7pm - Parish Council Meeting - Family Room

### Wednesday, November 26

9am - Exercise - Education Centre

10am - Service - Sanctuary

1pm - Seniors Get-Together - Library & Family Room

6:30pm - Alpha Course - Education Centre

7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 27

All Day - Holly Berry Fair Set Up - Hall and Kitchen

7pm - Journey of Christmas Meeting - Family Room

### Friday, November 28

9am - Exercise - Education Centre

All Day - Holly Berry Fair Set Up - Hall and Kitchen

### Saturday, November 29

All Day - Holly Berry Fair Set Up - Hall and Kitchen

### Sunday, November 30

Children's Choir Rehearsal after the 10am Service in the Sanctuary





**FREE!!**

**SATURDAY  
DEC. 13, 2014**

**10AM TO 12 NOON**

**PAT'S  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

**Simple crafts for 2 to 11+ years  
5 yrs & under to be accompanied  
by an adult**

**TO REGISTER: Pat 604-536-7443**

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