



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Reverend John Mash – advises that in this week's Eucharist Prayer, reference is made to two of Israel's heroes of the past, and one from the New Testament. The Story of Hagar is found within the Abraham cycle of stories Genesis Chapters 15-25, while the Joseph Story is narrated in Genesis Chapters 37-50. The story of The Woman at the Well is to be found in John's Gospel, Chapter 4.

Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is: Wednesday, 12 from 1pm to 3:30pm.

Further information is available from Sue Indridson (sinder@shaw.ca) or 604.531.4931
OR from Janet Cormode
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Bible Readings for Sunday, April 9 - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – Children is provided this week by David and Debbie Emery to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their daughter Alexa, sons Matt and Mark and Grandson Oliver.

Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain for the next month is Mary Brown who can be reached at 604.535.6408 or at marybrown@telus.net

Upcoming Services

- Sun. April 9 – Palm Sunday – 8am & 10am
- Wed. April 12 – Taize Service – 7pm
- Thurs. April 13 - Family Meal & Eucharist – 6pm
- Fri. April 14 – Journey of the Cross – gather at 9am in the Parish Hall followed by...a walk to Laronde Park, and by the knoll, a short 20-minute Service followed by...carrying the Cross back to St. Mark-Ocean Park followed by...Good Friday Service at 10:30am followed by...Stations of the Cross for worshippers at 11:30am.
- Sat. April 15 – Tenebrae Service – 7pm
- Sun. April 16 – 8am & 10am Eucharist

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017**



WHAT IS THE LUNCH BASKET?

Monthly grocery gift cards are delivered to single Mothers who experience financial hardship. This provides families with lunch money so their children do not go to school hungry. Currently five Mothers, with combined eight children are supported. We suggest a donation of \$50. with Lunch Basket designated on your donation envelope. To support the program, you can put your name on the Lunch Basket Chart in the Church Hall. **Children who are not hungry in school have been shown to be more successful in their studies.**

Thank you for your donations throughout the year.

Please contact Barbara Grantham or Darlene Wiegand for further information.



**St. Mark's Enhanced Recycling
Metal & More!
Scrap Metal Recycling
Saturday, April 8
9am to 12noon
Back Church Parking Lot
Inquiries: Anne Schreck
604-536-0072**



Souper Sunday is gone until September! BUT

If you have any jars from previous sales Would you please return them to the Church Kitchen -- please include the sealing ring with the jar. Thank you!

Library News



Book 1 of the Out Of Egypt series has just arrived. **Counted with the Stars** by **Connilyn Cossette** follows the life of Kiya, sold into slavery by her father. She is in Egypt when the plagues start and must choose between staying or fleeing with the Hebrews and their strange God.

St. Mark Syrian Refugee Family Fund - Diamond Ring Ticket Raffle

As you may know, a very generous person in our neighbourhood donated a woman's diamond ring to our church (the ring has been appraised at \$2200). Our neighbour asked that we put any proceeds from its sale or raffle towards our St. Mark Syrian Refugee Family Fund. We will sell a maximum of 250 raffle tickets at \$5 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, April 30 at 11:4am in the Hall. Until then, tickets will be available each Sunday in the Hall after church. (B.C. Gaming Event License #93122).

Parish Conference – Save Saturday, April 22 on your calendar. We are meeting as a congregation to receive your input to the final document on Strategic Planning. Our facilitator will be Tasha Carrothers from the Synod Office who will bring her skills in the area of congregational development and as a facilitator to guide us through this process. We will open with coffee, juice and muffins and begin our day with Tasha at 9:15am. Please bring a bag lunch. We will finish by 3pm. Your participation is important so that we can move forward together. See you there!

PWRDF News

Refugee Rights Day is celebrated each year in Canada on April 4th, a Tuesday this year.

April 4th is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1985 Singh decision.

In this decision the Supreme Court found that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the fundamental rights of refugees. The Court decided that 'everyone' includes refugee claimants in the sentence: 'Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.'

Refugee claimants are therefore entitled to an oral hearing, in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice and international law.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 3

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, April 4

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

1pm – Prayer Shawls – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, April 5

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday – April 8

9am - Scrap Metal Recycling – c/o Anne Schreck