



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

UNDECK THE HALL: Your help is required to take down the Christmas trees in the Hall as well as the stage on Mon. Dec. 30 from 9 am-noon. The lights around the poles in the courtyard, and for the Christmas star, will be removed as well. Your participation is appreciated.

Christmas Offering Envelopes...

...opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, please remember the gifts that God has given you. Special donation envelopes are available for anyone wishing to share their treasures this Christmas. They may be placed in the offering plate with cash or cheque, or use the Electronic Donation Station if you prefer to use a debit or credit card. Thank you for your generosity!

Help wanted for Craig & Holly's Retirement Reception to be held on Saturday, January 18 at 2pm.

There are sign-up sheets for food prep, serving, and clean-up posted on the Parish notice board in the Hall. This is to be open to everyone interested in helping with St. Mark's Food Services.

Any questions please contact Mari Anne Hussen: mhussen@gmail.com or (604)531-6084.

Thanks to the children who made Christmas Pageant a Wonderful Experience!



Narrators & Mary & Angel Gabriel & Shepherds & Angels & The Three Wise Men & the Violin Ensemble
& the Vocal Duets Performed & the Intercessor

THIS EVENING - We Wish You a Merry Christmas Sources Food Bank Benefit Concert

While St. Mark's church is not presenting the "Journey of Christmas" outdoor display this year, it continues to celebrate the season with another special Christmas concert. Well-known operatic/show tune singers -- Debra daVaughn, Christopher Simmons and their daughter Cassandra - only eight but already distinguishing herself as a singer -- will present a program of traditional Christmas songs and some Broadway favourites at St. Mark Ocean Park tonight at 7pm. This concert will benefit the "Sources South Surrey/White Rock Food Bank". So you know that you are supporting a worthwhile cause as you, the kids, grandma and grandpa, get set to experience that old fashioned Christmas carol feeling.

Tickets are only \$15 (children 12 and under by donation) and may be purchased after church this morning, or at the door this evening.

Ministry Report Deadline Information for the Annual Report

Our Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

The deadline for your 2019 Ministry Report is: **Monday, January 13, 2020.**

Below are the 33 Reports needed:

8am Service Volunteers Report

Altar Guild Report

Contemplative Evening Prayers Report

Communications Team Report

Creation Care Ministry Report

ESL Bible Study Report

Financial Stewardship Report

Greeters 10am Team Report

Kitchen Committee Report

Men's Club Report

Pastoral Care Ministry Report

Prayer Chain Report

Prayer Shawl Ministry Report

Rector's Report

Savvy St. Mark's Seniors Ministry Report

SPIRIT Team Report

Syrian Refugee Committee Report

Adopt-A-Street-Team Report

ACW Report

Coffee Hour 10am Report

Community Outreach Ministry Report

Donations Secretary Report

Eucharistic Server Report

Flower Ministry Report

Intercessor Report

Ladies Guild Report

Music/Choir Report

VBS Report

People's Wardens Report

Readers 10am Ministry Report

Rector's Warden Report

Sound Ministry Report

Sponsor Child Report

LIBRARY NEWS



From burying her fiancé after his suicide to picking up a dog from the pound that is registered in her name, even though she does not own a dog, Evelyn is not having a good week. Add to that a dead body, an FBI agent and someone shooting at her, and you have the perfect book to balance all the syrupy Christmas stories you have been watching and reading. **Fragments of Fear** by **Carrie Stuart Parks** is a definite page turner.

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is offered this week to the Glory of God with prayers that God will touch the lives of the children receiving this gift. May they come to know the true meaning of Christmas.

Flowers for the Altar - The flowers are given this week by Doris MacKellar, to the Glory of God and in memory of family and friends absent from our family Christmas celebrations. Flowers are also given this week by Bea Ross to the honour and Glory of our Mighty God and in loving memory of her parents and siblings.

Bible Readings for December 29 Isaiah 7:10-16, Titus 2:11-14, Matthew 1:18-2, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Contact for the Prayer Chain – the Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Please send your prayer requests and updates to Maggie at maggieferguson@telus.net or call 604.538.6160.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart

The 2020 Chart is now posted in the church hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket Program. These donations go to help young single 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 contact Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 or dwiegand@telus.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 24

5pm Service

7pm Service

Office is Closed:

The afternoon of Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25 (all day)
The afternoon of Thursday, December 26
Friday December 27 (all day)

And:

Monday, December 30 (all day)
Tuesday, December 31 (all day)
Wednesday, January 1 (all day)

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Sun. Dec. 22 – Special Coffee Hour with Shortbread and Mincemeat Tarts

Sun. Dec. 22 – 7pm Debra daVaughn

Chris Simmons and Cassandra's

We Wish You A Merry Christmas concert

Tues. Dec. 24 – 5pm Family Communion

Tues. Dec. 24 – 7pm and 11pm Candlelight Communions

Wed. Dec. 25 – 10am Christmas Day Service

Mon. Dec. 30 – 9am to noon – Hall – Take Down the Christmas Trees

Tues. Jan. 7 – 1pm – Prayer Shawls
Wed. Jan. 8 – 1pm Seniors Get Together
Fri. Jan. 10 – 2pm – Funeral Service for Nina Insell, with a Reception in the Hall to follow
Sat. Jan. 11 – a.m. in the Kitchen Prepare Soup for Souper Sunday
Sun. Jan. 12 – Souper Sunday soup sales

Mon. Jan. 13 – Deadline for Ministry Reports to be submitted to the Office
Tues. Jan. 14 – 2pm – ACW Meeting
Tues. Jan. 14 - 6pm Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Dr. Bernie Toews
Sat. Jan. 18 – 2pm Retirement Party for Craig and Holly Tanksley
Tues. Jan. 21 – 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting
Wed. Jan. 22 – 1pm Seniors Get Together
Tues. Jan. 28 – 7pm – Parish Council

Tues. Feb. 4 – 1pm – Prayer Shawls
Wed. Feb. 5 – 1pm – Seniors Get-Together
Sat. Feb. 8 – a.m. in the Kitchen Prepare Soup for Souper Sunday
Feb. 9 – Souper Sunday soup sales
Tues. Feb. 11 – 2pm – ACW
Tues. Feb. 11 – 6pm – Men's Club
Sun. Feb. 16 – 11:30am – Annual Vestry Meeting
Mon. Feb. 17 – OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. Feb. 18 – 2pm – Ladies Guild
Wed. Feb. 19 – 1pm - Seniors
Sat. Feb. 22 – 3pm – Coldest Night Of The Year Walk For The Homeless
Tues. Feb. 25 – 5:30pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed. Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday