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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK AUGUST 23, 2020

<u>FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR</u> are given this week by Janet Cormode with thanks for emergency staff in our hospital and blessings for all the safe havens like our retirement homes.

Have you wanted to take walk in our woods and visit the Chapel but were put off by the lights across the driveway? The temporary lights were put up after a string of activity which required police presence. Through personal contact and through our security cameras, in the course of one week, we recorded drug use, drug deals, public urination and a drunken tailgate party. Each time the culprit drove around behind the church building.

A more permanent solution will be gates. The gates are for the safety of the worshippers and neighbours who wish to visit the woods and Chapel and for the safety of our Rectory renters. The gates are to prevent cars from driving around out of sight. Since the lights were placed we have not had one complaint or witnessed one issue in the back parking lot. This action is not taken lightly and is awaiting our next Parish Council meeting to have final approval.

Once the gates have been approved and installed there will be better access for pedestrian traffic. You are completely welcome to walk the grounds and visit the Chapel. We hope you will enjoy your walks and worship time in a safer environment.

We are open for in-person services at 10am, maximum 50 persons.

Please register each week through the <u>eventbrite</u> link posted on <u>www.stmarkbc.org</u> or call 604-535-8841 by Friday noon. The safety protocols we were required to put in place can be found on the Church's website.

To access the online Service:

- onto the Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org
- on the page that opens, click on where it says: "St. Mark Ocean Park Online Sunday Worship Services".

Next Sunday's Service will be Holy Eucharist.

YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is the primary outreach within your Community Outreach Ministry. We continue each month to support five young Mothers and nine children. During these difficult times, these young Mothers need our support more than ever. We are asking for your prayers and continued financial support for these families in the weeks and months ahead.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Barb G. at: barbgrantham@shaw.ca

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Anyone wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary after re-opening, please contact Kathryn of the Altar Guild at hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone the office at 604.535.8841 and leave a message.

Requirements for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Communion must be in one kind only. Bread should be in the form of wafers only (regular and gluten-free). Only the celebrant will consume wine. The celebrant must be the only communion administrant.

Immediately prior to the beginning of Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant must sanitize their hands. Prior to the distribution of communion the celebrant must again sanitize their hands, put on a mask, and distribute the bread to those receiving the bread, making sure not to touch the hands of those receiving the bread. Should the celebrant touch the hands of someone receiving the bread, the celebrant must sanitize their hands again before administering the bread to another person.

Those receiving communion should come forth, one at a time from the center aisle, being careful to maintain physical distancing between themselves and all others as they come forward. Please remain standing. All coming forward must be masked.

After receiving a wafer, those receiving communion should return to their seats as directed by directional signage and by the greeters, using the outside aisles, moving to the back of the sanctuary, before coming up the aisle to their seat.

Once back in their seats, they should remove their mask, consume the wafer, and after consuming their wafer, put their mask back on.

Any who come forth for a blessing must also be masked (unless the person is an infant who cannot be masked). Any blessing that the celebrant gives must not involve touching.

No anointing with oil is permitted at this time.

The direct link of the complete document sent out from the Archbishop August 10, 2020:

https://files.constantcontact.com/a9c022f9001/c52647f3-285d-4f52-94eb-5e2382265dbd.pdf

Traffic Pattern plan for Eucharist is attached.

