



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

Coming up is a **Pet Blessing** on Saint Francis Day, Sunday, October 4.

It will look a little different. We will be having a Drive-by/Drop-in Pet Blessing between 11:30am and 12:30pm. Our beloved pets both live and stuffed can be blessed through car windows, or cars may be parked and pets brought over for a blessing.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

are given by Marsha Klinger in Glory and thanksgiving to God for my precious children Leisha and Shayla and my Godchildren Joshua, Megan, their brother James, and Morgan.

The Order of New Westminster Presentation will NOT be held October 17

as previously announced, as it was felt it was too risky for nominees. They will now be presented in their own Parish on, or around, All Saints Day. Further information to follow.

All Leaders Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm

Meet Philippa and discuss Church user group re-openings. Contact Barb Walks for more information.

Parish Profile Update

We are happy to announce that our parish profile is in its final review process and will be submitted to the Diocese soon. When our Archdeacons and Bishop Melissa give it their stamp of approval it will officially be posted to the Diocese website as an advertisement for the position of permanent Rector for St. Mark's. The committee has been working very hard to get to this point. We appreciate how long this process seems to be taking, however we are months ahead of where other parishes have been at this stage. Continue to pray for this process and pray that the best applicant for our Church Rector will come to us soon.

THE LUNCH BASKET for Hungry Children is provided this week by Ann Thiessen to the Glory of God in loving memory of her husband Ernie and in thanksgiving for her Grandchildren.

Creation Care Ministry

Tuesday, September 29 Morning Outdoor Exercise Opportunity!

Come & join us removing invasive ivy from cedars in front of the Rectory

9am to 11am, or whatever time you can offer. Drop by with secateurs or loopers.

604.536.0072 or anne_schreck@shaw.ca for information.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children provides funding for lunches to five single Mothers and nine children. Please help support these families by choosing a date to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly E Pulse. E mail or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication. The suggested donation of \$60 can be made by E-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office.

| October | | November | | December | |
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| 4 | Betty-Ann Bainbridge | 1 | | 6 | Joyce McQuarrie |
| 11 | Barbara Grantham | 8 | | 13 | Arkle Family |
| 18 | Higginson Family | 15 | | 20 | |
| 25 | Lynne Brownridge | 22 | | 27 | |
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LET'S TURN TRASH INTO CASH FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!.....METAL RECYCLING

Let's take advantage of our last opportunity to clear out the garage, crawl space, junk drawers...send broken-down lawn furniture, the old BBQ, battered pots, pans and pails, hardware, chains picture frames, bed frames, costume jewellery, cutlery and kitchen utensils off to a good cause! **Creation Care** ... because God so loves the world SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 Last Metal Recycling Event

Drop-Off behind the Church from 9 to 11am Nov. 14 only (otherwise by appointment)

Sorting & Loading 9am to 12noon

Lighter work:

- Bring along a magnet to sort iron from non-iron
- Remove bulbs from strings of lights
- Flatten & consolidate bags/boxes
- Guide those arriving for drop off

Many Hands Make Light Work. Please join us: we need 3 pick-up trucks or 2 pick-ups and a van or a trailer. Please NO appliances (fridge/stove, etc.)

CONTACT = Anne Schreck 604.536.0072 OR anne_schreck@shaw.ca

The Parish offers their gratitude and thanksgiving for “yeomen” service of “Ken & Don” (that’s Miles & Hamilton) who for the past seven years have worked weekly to have the Church grounds in top shape to give honour to God and as a welcoming presentation for all worshippers and neighbours. As members of the Men’s Club their commitment to this work was sparked when they planned and offered to save the Parish the cost of contracting this service, and when this work allowed them to maintain the grounds keeping equipment that was donated to the Parish by the Men’s Club. Their time, energy & commitment spent in grounds keeping was not part of the Maintenance Portfolio but rather was in addition to those endless projects to which they also devoted their electrical, plumbing, and landscaping expertise. As part of the Creation Care Team each Tuesday morning for the past five years (until CoVid) we have enjoyed their energy and expertise...and of course the coffee time debates. On behalf of the Parish: Well done you good and faithful servants! And our gratitude for all you have done. Good Health & God’s Blessings.

Vivian has done an excellent job as Summer Youth Intern over the past 6 weeks, coordinating and producing the Children, Youth & Families Programme, and has now returned to her studies in her first year of university. Thank you so much Vivian.

Victoria has agreed to take on the responsibilities and has already been getting well organized for the Fall. Her first programme starts this Sunday, September 27. Thank you Victoria for stepping forward in faith.

Have you been missing your copy of **Forward Day-by-Day**? It is a short daily devotional based on the daily lectionary. Due to CoVid it is difficult to keep our system of distribution going. If you would like to receive it on-line go to: www.ForwardMovement.org or for a paper copy contact the Forward Movement, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati Ohio, 45202-4195 or call 1-800-543-1813. For a 2 year subscription it costs \$26 + \$6 delivery, payable in USA or Cdn. Funds.

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson who can be reached at maggieferguson@telus.net, or by calling 604.538.6160. Please give your prayer requests and updates to Maggie who will forward them to the twenty men and women on the Prayer Chain to pray for your requests daily.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Anyone wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary after please contact Kathryn of the Altar Guild at hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone the office at 604.535.8841 and leave a message.

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

Please register each week through the [eventbrite](#) link posted on www.stmarkbc.org 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.

The Celebration of Holy Eucharist

To keep all healthy there are strict safety protocols.

The celebrant will be the only communion ministrant so there is less chance of transmission. There are strict sanitizing procedures for the celebrant for their safety and for the congregation's safety.

Communion will be in one kind only for the congregation. Theologically it is considered that consuming in one kind is to have received both bread and wine. Bread will be in the form of wafers only (regular and gluten-free). Only the celebrant will consume wine.

Following the greeters' directions, 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. (You will see physical distancing reminders on the floor.) All coming forward must be masked.

After receiving a wafer, communicants 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 back to their seat.

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

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

Anointing with oil is not 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>

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 Holy Eucharist