



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-Pulse: Newsletter of St. Mark, Ocean Park
January 1, 2023

Prayer Corner for January 1, 2023

New Year's Day

We begin the year grounded in and blessed
by faith in Jesus, the Christ.
His name is above all other names!

God – majestic and powerful – author of life - maker of the brilliant heavens and the fragile, beautiful earth; that you care for us enough to come to us as a vulnerable babe, to live amongst us - healing, teaching, calling, loving and dying - to give us fullness of life is a truth more awesome than we can comprehend!

Jesus – through your gift of The Holy Spirit – you transform us and do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Blessed is your name above all names!

Consider setting aside time to meditate on these truths. What word or phrase stands out as most significant to you? What emotions are you experiencing as you think on these things? What might The Holy Spirit be inviting you to?

As we begin the New Year, we pray this blessing over each other:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

Parish Life Notices

Readings for Sunday, January 8– Isaiah 60:1-6,
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Please remember that St. Mark's is a scent free zone

A number of our parishioners are adversely affected by perfumes and product scents. Please refrain from using such products before coming to church services, or other events, so that everyone is able to enjoy the gathering without having to leave because of allergic reactions or asthma problems.

Ministry Report Deadline for the 2022 Annual Report

To date, two Ministries Leaders have kindly submitted their 2022 Reports. Thank you! Please submit your 2022 Ministry Report to: office@stmarkbc.org by the deadline: **Monday, January 9, 2023**

SAVVY Seniors Get Together with chat, and a variety of games that include cribbage, scrabble, bridge and rummicube. in the Parish Hall. The next gathering is **Wed. January 4** from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson, email: sinder@shaw.ca or phone 604-531-4931

St. Mark's Youth Group welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities, and connection. Look for our Instagram page under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as on the Church calendar and FaceBook. Please connect with Sarah at: yministrysvp@gmail.com if you want to join us. St Mark's Youth Ministry welcomes all who are interested in the Safe Adult program to assist with our youth ministry. Please contact Sarah at yministrysvp@gmail.com for more info.

Sunday School Coordinator – St. Mark's is actively seeking someone to coordinate our Ministry to Children (Sunday School) beginning in early January. If you, or someone you know would be interested in this part time position, please speak with our Priest-In-Charge, Stephen Laskey.

Prayer Chain – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at lynneh1@telus.net or you may phone at 604.542.2772.

Sunday Intercessions – Do you want to be included in the Sunday Intercessions? If so, please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR contact Michael Klaver at Tel: 778.386.1973 Email: klaverfamily@shaw.ca

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children provides funding for lunches to 8 single mothers and 13 children. Please help support these families by choosing a date to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly Pulse. The suggested donation of \$70 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication.

Thank You for your Donations to our Sunday Flowers We encourage people to donate to have flowers on the Altar. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca A dedication may be made in memory or thanksgiving

To Reach Rev Stephen Laskey, our Priest in Charge, send an email to: PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com or call him at the Church Office (604.535.8841). If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and your telephone number for Reverend Laskey. He will check voicemail messages and will return your call.

St Mark's Family, Youth and Children's Time

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