

**Enews to the St. Mark's Pews
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Niagara-on-the Lake, ON
*Hear the Good News! Hear the Good news!***

WARDEN'S LETTER

We are at the top of the page today as Fr. Leighton is on vacation. We have now had two Sunday services with live streaming. Our attendance has been 42 and 31. Please remember to register by Thursday noon. If plans change, please call one of the Wardens. We are pleased to have our former interim Lynne Marchant lead our services for the next two weeks. For any pastoral needs, please call the office and Lynne will be contacted.

We have sent out a new schedule for Greeters and thank you to those who have responded with their intentions going forward. Currently we are asking for only one member of the team to attend as a greeter. We hope by end of October we will need the full team available and two services. Time will tell!

The flooring work in the church progresses and by Sunday should be completed. Other minor work continues as well.

A reminder that there is no Parish Council Meeting in August. Any questions about possible events will be shared as soon as we have new information.

As always if you know of anyone needing care or assistance, please contact the office.

Stay safe - keep well

Called to Life – Compelled to Love

Your Wardens

PARISH UPDATES

The family of Flora Bjorgan would like to invite you to a Celebration of her life on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Red Roof Retreat at 2:30 pm (1594 Concession 6, N-O-T-L). Bring a lawn chair and umbrella, if needed, please. Refreshments provided.

Private Interment will take place at St. Mark's Cemetery on August 15th.

Keeping in Touch On-line

*Now that we are back to Church in-person our Sunday morning services are **live streamed** on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am. Simply go to St. Mark's Niagara-on-the-Lake Facebook page.*

Please use these URLs to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Anglican-Church-Niagara-on-the-Lake-235477056649804/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-vVgNf0GbuxrfjW4sOXzQ>

Our Enews and Order of Service can also be accessed through new website:

Enews: <https://stmarksnotl.org/news/news>.

Order of Service: <https://stmarksnotl.org/worship-ministry/order-of-service-bulletin>

WORSHIP:

Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan in the Summer

Start Date: July 4, 2021 - 10:00am

End Date: September 6, 2021

We invite you to join Bishop Susan and people from across the diocese and beyond for a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and teaching.

Each Sunday during the summer our diocesan service will begin at 10:00am on our [diocesan Facebook page](#) and then will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#). We'll have a number of special guest preachers to open up the Word of God for us.

On the third Sunday of the month the service will include spiritual communion. Spiritual communion will take place on August 22 during the summer months.

READINGS FOR SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – Saint Mary the Virgin

[Isaiah 7:10-15 -LINK](#) The kings of Syria and Israel are bent on conquering Jerusalem and installing a puppet king on Judah's throne – one not descended from David. Speaking through Isaiah, God has told Ahaz, King of Judah, to trust in God rather than in human counsel. If Ahaz stands firm in faith, the conquest will fail.

[Galatians 4:4-7 – LINK](#) Paul has written that, before Christ came, we were like an orphaned heir to an estate of minor age, unable to speak or to act on our own behalf.

[Luke 1:46-55 – LINK](#) Mary is visiting Elizabeth and Zechariah. God's messenger, Gabriel, has told her that she will bear Jesus, "Son of God", successor to David, and founder of an eternal kingdom. With God, "nothing will be impossible". Mary now thanks God.