

People Have Been Asking...

Some of you have raised questions about how you can continue to support financially the ministry and mission of St. Mark's during the outbreak. Thank you so much for your interest and concern.

For those who are still in a position to be able to contribute and who wish to do so, you have several options.

1. You can sign up for pre-authorized donations. The form is available on our website under the CoVid 19 link in the *From St. Mark's* column. Please put the paperwork in a sealed envelope and address it to the envelope secretaries. You can either mail the form along with a void cheque to St. Mark's, (155 Memorial Drive, N3R 5S5), or drop it in the mailbox at the front of the church or if you prefer, call Anne Walker at 519-756-3685 to arrange a pick up. Pre-authorized donations can be stopped at any time by calling the envelope secretary.
2. You can drop your offering envelope (*cheques only, please*) in the mailbox near the front doors. The mailbox is emptied at 5:00 p.m. daily.
3. You can let your caller know that you have envelopes that you would like picked up. We would make arrangements for someone to collect them from your mailbox at an agreed time.



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Keeping In Touch

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We are the Christian Family of St. Mark's...
God's hands are extended through us
To serve the community and beyond.

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A Message from the Rector

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Every time we gather on Sunday, the theme at the heart of our worship is Jesus' resurrection. We are a resurrection people. That Jesus rose from the dead is our proof that Jesus is God; that Jesus rose from the dead is the guarantee of our own resurrection; that Jesus rose from the dead is our promise and our hope of new life in whatever we are living.

These are unprecedented times; we are in uncharted waters. This is the first Easter for most of us when we have not been able to gather together nor receive Eucharist. Some of you will be feeling the loss deeply. We grieve. At the same time, I wish to celebrate and give thanks for all the ways in which the Risen Jesus is inspiring us and empowering us to keep witnessing to God's life and love: experimenting with innovative forms of worship in our own homes; reaching out to those in our parish whom we may not have been in touch with before; practising small acts of kindness and generosity to those in need. St Mark's is a strong, beautiful and caring community, growing stronger, more beautiful and more caring as we navigate this time of uncertainty together.

My prayer for each of you this year is that God gives us each grace to receive and embrace the gift of Easter in a way that moves us beyond simply restoring our 'Alleluias' and enjoying chocolate eggs and daffodils. Gathered physically or not, the Church blesses us with fifty days – a longer season than Lent – to absorb the gift of Easter into the very depths of our being. As we live in and from this central truth, just watch how the new life of Jesus transforms our hearts and our minds. Allow the Spirit of the Risen Jesus to restore your hope in the God whose vision is for the healing and restoration of all the created order; to rekindle your compassion for those who are ill, isolated or living in fear; to renew your resolve in both prayer and in action to respond to need wherever and however you are able.

I am so proud of you and am deeply grateful for the joy and privilege of being called to share this journey together. Please continue to pray and care for one another, and especially those who are vulnerable, as you are so graciously doing.

A joy-filled and peaceful Easter to you all.

Tim+

Holy Week Services

Tim will be conducting services during Holy Week. He will use a free web conferencing system called Zoom. As a participant, you will be able to see and hear the entire service. If you are interested in participating on your cell phone, tablet or computer, send an email to tim@stmarks.on.ca and he will send you a link to join.

Monday - Wednesday (20 mins.)

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Maundy Thursday (20 mins.)

Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Good Friday

The Way of The Cross is a pre-recorded service that will be available on our website and can be viewed at anytime.

Easter Day

A service arranged by the Diocese will be available on our website under online worship services.



The Diocese will be providing worship resources for use in our homes for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil which will be available on our website. Printed copies can be obtained by contacting the church office.

Online worship services and worship resources can be found by going to www.stmarks.on.ca, checking the black-bordered box and clicking on the appropriate link.