The Parish of St. Mark – *Ocean Park*

5-YEAR MINISTRY PATH

With hope and faith that the Parish of St. Mark has been established in Ocean Park by the will of God to be instruments of his love and ambassadors of his kingdom, we, the people of this parish commit ourselves to a 5-year vision plan and ask for God's Spirit to guide and empower us to fulfill it.

In 5 years, by the grace of God and by faithful action,

WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT **INSPIRES SPIRITUAL VITALITY**

- We will have Jesus at the centre of our spiritual practice and understand our community as part of God's kingdom of justice, peace, and joy.
- We will offer worshipping experiences that lift the heart with strong messages of the good news of Jesus, inspiring music and accessible liturgy.
- We will be able to articulate to others what we love best about our church.

WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT **EXPRESSES SPIRITUAL INVITATION**

- We will develop a culture that has the skills to invite, welcome and integrate individuals and families into the life of the church and be known as a welcoming community in our neighbourhood.
- We will create a space that is hospitable to young families, teens, young adults, middle-aged, and seniors and be active in meeting the spiritual needs unique to their life circumstances.
- We will have an updated and updatable parish directory.

WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT **BUILDS SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY**

- We will know how to spot and respond to the spiritual needs of those in our church and neighbourhood and build vibrant social groups for people of many ages and demographics.
- We will be skilled and confident in prayer.
- We will have relationships with a variety of outreach institutions in our neighbourhood.
- We will have a team of pastoral visitors equipped to respond to the spiritual needs of those unable to attend church or in a spiritual crisis.

WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT **PROVIDES SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

- We will be able to articulate how our faith impacts our lives.
- We will be able to articulate our spiritual needs and know how to meet them.
- We will know how to integrate the teachings of Jesus into our day-to-day life.
- We will have regular spiritual retreats and will provide access to and training in spiritual practices.

We will accomplish this by,

- A **WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY** committed to spiritual growth and funding the ministry through tithes and offerings.
- An **ACTIVE VOLUNTEER** base dedicated to service.
- A **STEWARDSHIP TEAM** engaged in sharing the vision and inspiring giving.
- A **LEADERSHIP TEAM** (staff, trustees, parish council, leaders of groups) dedicated to inspiring and equipping the congregation and managing the resources responsibly and transparently.
- A **WORKING GROUP** dedicated to this ministry path to make clear goals for moving forward.