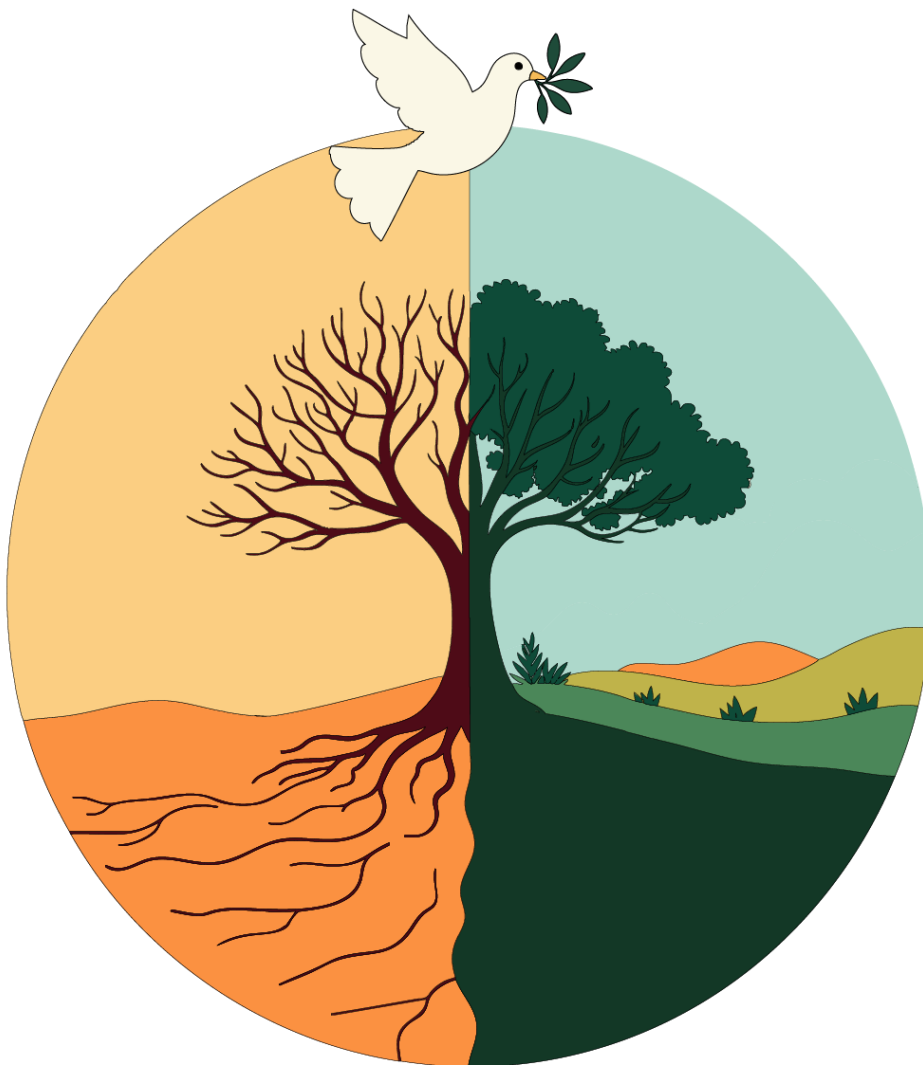




On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

September 28, 2025
Orange Shirt Sunday



Welcome!

We are so glad you have come to St. Mark's today!

In this place we do two primary things: we give thanks to God and pray for the world. If there is something on your heart you need to share with God, this is the right place to share it.

*You are God's Beloved Child, and you belong **here**.*



This morning in worship...

Today, we commemorate Orange Shirt Day. As God has called us to be Ambassadors of Reconciliation in the world (2 Corinthians 5:20), we want to dedicate our hearts and our hands to bring the light and love of Jesus everywhere we go, and to stand in solidarity with those who have suffered, especially indigenous peoples at the hands of religion. Thanks for wearing orange! You can learn more about Orange Shirt Day at orangeshirtday.org.

The altar flowers are given this week to the Glory of God and in deep gratitude for the many blessings in this life. To dedicate flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the hall.

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 The imprisoned Jeremiah buys a plot of land at Anathoth, a village near Jerusalem. It is a daring sign that the people of God will eventually be restored to their homeland.

1 Timothy 6:6-19 The writer challenges those who surround themselves with worldly securities.

Luke 16:19-31 The parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

For Children

Children will gather after the opening songs for a commissioning and then return for communion. All of our staff and volunteers have had a criminal record check and have been approved for ministry with vulnerable people.

For Youth

Following the opening songs, the youth will gather for a spiritual conversation.

Coffee Hour

Please gather in the hall for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Next Week: October 5

St. Francis (*transferred*) with an Animal Blessing

Luke 17:5-10

The Reverend David Taylor preaches & presides at this Wonder Sunday.



the Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Praise 589

**Come, O God of all the earth;
come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth
in the glory of your Son.**

*Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!*

**Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.**

**Come, O God of flashing light,
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.**

**Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God of joy and pain,
God of sorrow, God of mirth.**

**Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts a new;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you.**

Common Praise 355

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia!**

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia!**

**Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia!**

Common Praise 666

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, All creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Creator God,

**Of peace, justice, and concord; Open our
ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts,
Give us the spirit of condolence. Instill in
us the Good Mind. Let us seek your justice
in a broken world, Let us search for
understanding in your Creation. Help us to
be reconciled to you and to each other. In
the self-giving ethic of the Cross, Let us
be emptied of hatred and apathy, Greed
and selfishness. Fill us with the wideness
and wildness of your Spirit, In the name of
your First Son, Jesus Christ, We ask all
this. Amen.**

Commissioning of the Children & **Reflection**

We have a wonderful program for your child this morning. They will return for Communion. Please note that all our children's workers have had a criminal record check and are approved by the Diocese of New Westminster to work with vulnerable people.



The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

the Proclamation of the Word

We have large-print versions of the Scripture available for those who need one. Please ask a greeter for one.

The Prophet Jeremiah (32:1-3a, 6-15).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Common Praise 531

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

**For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

The First Letter of Paul to Timothy (6:6-19).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Caribbean traditional

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

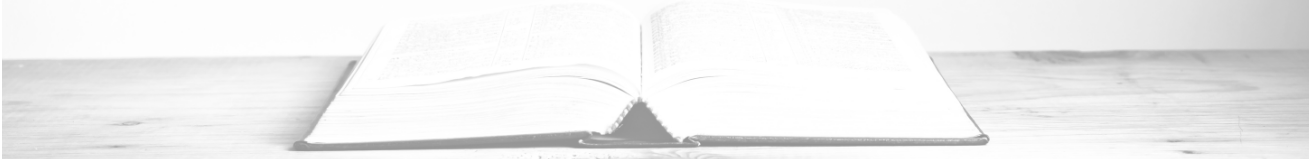
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes



The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven: who by the power of the Holy Spirit became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. Who for our sake was crucified under Pontius Pilate; who suffered death and was buried. Who, on the third day, rose again in accordance with the scriptures; who ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and whose kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

While we have chiefly come to give thanks to God, our second purpose for gathering is to intercede for the world. We know that "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

The Confession & Absolution

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

the Celebration of the Eucharist

Please be seated as we gather our offering to present to God. You can give using an envelope, by signing up to our Pre-Authorized Debit program, or by using the terminal in the foyer. Today we use a Eucharistic Prayer developed by Salal+Cedar.

Common Praise 583

**When God restored our common life,
our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream,
a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us,
for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.**

**We went forth weeping, sowing seeds
in hard, unyielding soil.
With laughing hearts we carry home
the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the one
who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.**

**Great liberating God, we pray
for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right
with justice now be blessed.
We pray for those who mourn this day,
and all who suffer wrong;
May seeds they water now with tears
spring up into a song.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in prayer.

Sanctus

Argentine Trad.

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.**

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

the Reverend David Taylor

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name, your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial, and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Christ, the Creator suffered a broken body
So that ours might be made whole.

**Make our broken bodies whole in his
offering this day.**

The gifts of God for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive Communion.

*If you would like to learn more about baptism, please connect with the minister.
Prayer for healing is offered during communion on the right side of the sanctuary.*

Common Praise 649

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Be Still My Soul

Catharina von Schlegel

**Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes
faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul!
your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul! for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence,
let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul!
the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed their fury long ago.**

**Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment,
grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored,
our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul!
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed
we shall meet at last.**

Common Praise 578

**O healing river, send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand**

**This land is parching, this land is burning,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.**

**Let the seed of freedom
awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish,
let the tall stalks rise,
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.**

Announcements

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do
infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ
Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Common Praise 577

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness.
Bend our pride to thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee,
lest we fail ourselves and thee.**

**Go in the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!**

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Financial Support

We are grateful for your stewardship of this place through your tithes and offerings. They ensure that St. Mark – Ocean Park will be a centre and a light to the community for generations to come.

If you would like to become a regular steward of the ministry of this place, please fill out a welcome card and give it to the greeter, or the priest.

Donations can be made
by **cash** or **cheque**
(made out to the Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park),

by **Pre-Authorized Debit** (PAD),
at the **Electronic Donation Station** (EDS) in
the foyer (please ask the usher for assistance),
by **e-Transfer** at

stmark.op.treasurer@gmail.com, or
through **CanadaHelps** on our website.

If you would like donation **envelopes**, please
connect with the office.

All donations will receive a tax-receipt in
February of the following year.



The Pulse

Children Youth & Family Ministry

Did you know!?

Our Family Night
program resumes

October 4th

430 to 630

We will gather in the
Ed Centre and will
dive into all things
Creation and St
Francis

Sunday Junior Church Program
Come and explore the Gospel with us!

Group 1: Grades K to 7

Group 2: Grades 8-12

***A sensory space is available for all
those who would like to use it.***

Youth Group Fridays

Grades 8 - 12, 7 - 9 pm

All are welcome!

email yministryrsvp@gmail.com with
any inquiries.



St. Marks Lunch Basket for Hungry Children initiative

We, at St. Mark's are doing our best to help these amazing young mothers and their families, and we could use your support. These families are identified through Sources Women's Place, and they're all working hard to get their lives back on track. It's truly inspiring! If you're interested in signing up, you can do so at the Church Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Karen Buchanan, Barb Grantham, or any member of the Outreach Ministry. They're all there to help!



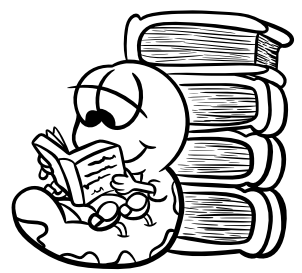
Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please connect with **Lynne** at lynneh1@telus.net. She will share your request with a community of faithful intercessors!

To have a name mentioned in the Sunday Intercessions, please write their name on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, connect with **Michael** at michaieleklaverrealtor.ca, or contact the office.

Library News

In his latest book *Tame Your Thoughts*, Max Lucado explores three key thought management tools and then applies them to the most common thought problems. Tame your thoughts and transform your life.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Monday	Office Closed
Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am Saavy Seniors
Thursday	Adults Chronic Conditions Workshop 1pmContemplative Prayer 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Sr. Youth Group 7:00 pm
Saturday	ACW Diocesan Meeting Family Night 4:30pm

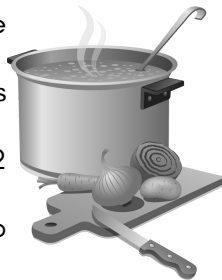
Souper Sunday is Today!

Pick up your fresh homemade soup after church today.

"Ham and Corn Chowder" is the soup of the month!

\$10.00 per Litre and \$5.00 1/2 Litre.

All the funds raised will go to the Community Outreach Ministry.



Spiritual Practice Workshops

1st Sunday of the Month at 7pm
\$20 registration fee

October 5: The Spiritual Practice of Chanting with the Reverend Andrew Halladay, Vicar of the Parish of St. Andrew, Langley.



God's Great Family Night

Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park

Saturday Oct 4th

4pm - 6pm

Event is no charge

Donations are welcome

RSVP yministryrsvp@gmail.com

SALMON BBQ THANK YOU:

Thank you to the local businesses and the parishioners for donating door & raffle prizes: Morrison's Cafe, Safeway, Ocean Park Pizza & Village Pub, Ocean Park Donairs, Pelican Rouge, Cobb's Bread, Ocean Park Flowers, Not for Long Children's Boutique, Ocean Park Nails, Bea Ross, Fiona Ross, Charlie & Isabel Powell, Please thank our local merchants for their contribution to the 34th annual St. Mark's Men's Club Salmon BBQ. Also a hearty thank you to our cooks, BBQers, ticket sellers, set-up, take down, clean-up, dishwashers, servers and those who helped when needed. 96 people arrived for a great Salmon BBQ. Next Men's Club dinner is on Tue Oct. 14. Men only 16+ may join us.

A call from the Primate (the leader of the Anglican Church of Canada)
 At Sacred Circle 2025 (a gathering of Indigenous Anglicans across Canada), a residential school survivor shared with Primate Shane Parker a story of a ceremony she had attended where a Survivors' flag was raised. She asked, "If a large corporation can do this, why can't our churches?" Her question inspired Primate Shane Parker to call on all Anglican parishes to display the Survivors' flag as a symbol of recognition, respect and hope.

The Parish of St. Mark - *Ocean Park* has purchased a Survivor's Flag. Sadly, it will not be delivered in time for today's service, but we will find a way to use it as a sign of our commitment to reconciliation with all of God's Beloved Children.



Monthly Financial Update

As always, we are grateful to God for the generosity of God's Children at St. Mark - *Ocean Park*! In August we received a generous bequest of \$12,000 from a faithful spiritual ancestor. Thanks to those who remember this community in their wills. This is an act of faith that God will continue to inspire hearts to follow Jesus in this place, and an investment in our spiritual descendants for years to come. You can ask how you can leave a bequest to the Church by calling the office.

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
Current Status for the Month Ended August 2025				
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	52,831.65	256,156.25	254,733.36	1,422.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,075.08	239,664.17	254,733.36	15,069.19
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 23,756.57	\$ 16,492.08	\$ -	\$ 16,492.08



This week: **The Book of Revelation (Part 2)**
We look at Chapters 2 & 3 - the letters to the churches and open our ears to hear what the Spirit is saying.
Go to STMARKBC.ORG and click on the Weekly Video & Guide Button for this week's video.

the Prayer Corner

This Ecological Examen is a tool for prayer, reflection and action for individuals and communities to deepen the call to care for creation and the most vulnerable. After each step, take a moment of reflection and prayer.



1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

Developed by the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States & Ignatian Solidarity Network.

Daily Gospel Readings

Monday Rev 5:1-14
Tuesday Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday Matthew 7:13-21
Thursday Matthew 7:22-29

Friday Matthew 8:1-17
Saturday Matthew 8:18-27



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