

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

OCEAN PARK

July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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 celebrate the goodness of God in our Forest Chapel. It is also a Wonder Sunday, an opportunity for all of us to listen together for God's Word in Holy Scripture. As you hear Jesus' invitation, "Come to me," I wonder what catches your attention and speaks to your heart.

Altar flowers are given today by Lyn Reynolds to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son Craig Reynolds - a beloved husband, dad, son, brother and friend. To dedicate flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the hall and let the office know your dedication.

Today's Scripture
From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 An emissary of Abraham speaks to Rebekah at an oasis. She is chosen to be the wife of Isaac.

Romans 7:15-25a Paul acknowledges the inner conflict of conscience, i.e. between what is morally right and the pull to follow one's own sinful inclinations.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus reflects upon the attitudes of his generation and the role of John the Baptist. Jesus' prayer of thanks is akin to language found in John's gospel.

Wonder Sunday for Kids

On Wonder Sundays, children remain in church as we listen for God's Word together. Rather than being taught what to think, we are invited to wonder about what we hear in Scripture and to listen for how God may be speaking to us. Children and adults alike are encouraged to notice, imagine, ask questions, and share in the gift of holy curiosity.

Coffee Hour

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

Next Week: July 12

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Kingsley Genaille, a student at the Vancouver School of Theology preaches.

Guides for the Journey

Learning Faith from Our Biblical Ancestors

the Gathering of the Community

Great is Thy faithfulness
Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan
**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

**Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

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.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

the Proclamation of the Word

We read the Gospel reading three times. Please remain seated for the first two readings, and stand for the third. We will sing Alleluia! *in between each reading.*

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.

at the end of the third reading,
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



Wonder Sermon

I wonder what word or phrase jumped out to you that gives you joy.
I wonder what word or phrase gives you pause, or concerns you.
I wonder what God is saying to God's Beloved Children today.

The Affirmation of our Faith

Wonder 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 Eucharistic Prayer 5 from the BAS.***

Common Praise 355

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

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way.
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 to the repeat-after-me Sanctus and the repeat-after-me Lord's Prayer.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the Children of God.
Thanks be to God.

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace,
where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace,
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, every joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Common Praise 458

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Quietly, Peacefully
Lori True

Quietly, peacefully
let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully
lead me back to you.

Loving wisdom, you alone,
know all I can be.
You, the hope my spirit seeks,
come and set me free.

In the night I call to you,
can you hear my cry?
Sad and fearful, still I plead:
do not pass me by.

Healing grace, take my pain,
guard me night and day.
Shower me with your love,
wash my tears away.

Breathe your law deep in me,
plant it in my soul.
Let your justice be my song,
kindness be my goal.

Announcements & Celebrations

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 532

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

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),
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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

Youth News

Youth Group
Grades 8 to 12
Fridays from 7 to 9 pm

Beginning again on September 11th

Kids Club Crew
Kids Club will beging on Sunday, Spetember 13

Get ready to help the young ones have a fun time at church! Become a Crew Member!

News for Kids & Families

Sunday Videos!

Check out our YouTube channel each Sunday for great videos to watch with your children!
@st.mark-oceanparkanglicanc3043

St. Mark's Kids Club

Begins on Sunday, September 13th at 10am!

Get ready for games, songs, stories and new friends!

The Lunch Basket is given this week by **Chris and Leslie Ann Hebb** to the glory of God and we pray that this gift brings comfort to those it provides for and is a doorway for them to faith in Jesus. Also in Thanksgiving for my Church family.



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 **michael@klaverrealtor.ca**, or contact the office.

News & Events

This week at the Parish

Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
	Savvy Seniors 1 pm



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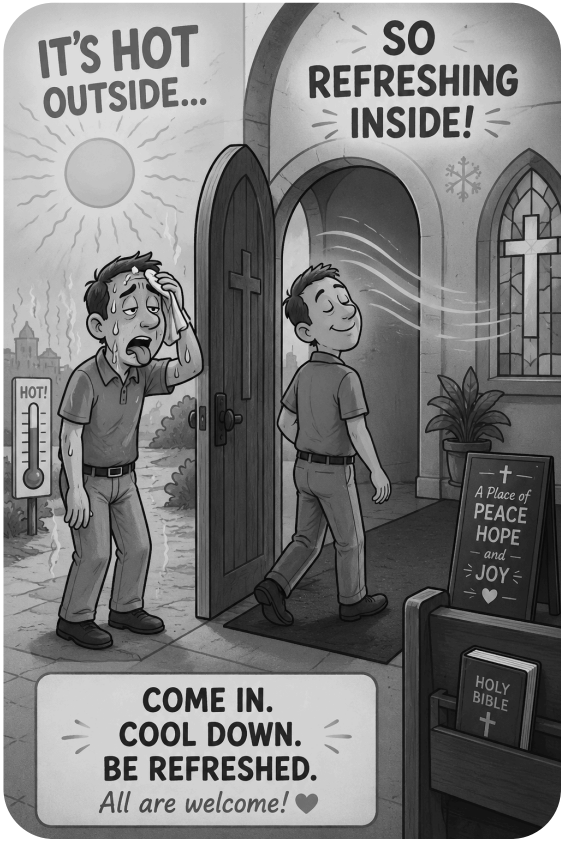
If you are a regular donor who gives by e-transfer, please note that our donation email address has changed.New e-transfer email: **give@stmarkbc.org**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - July 24-25
Our annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is this month! Join us for a fun summer evening of fellowship and the chance to meet new people. We are looking for both hosts and guests. Hosts may choose to gather indoors or outdoors.
For more info, see the church bulletin board. I'll be at both Sunday services for a couple weeks to answer questions/take registrations. Cory Paige 604-536-2789





Saturday, September 26th (NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE!!)
5pm to 7pm
As part of our **Year of Invitation**, Parish Council is excited to host a **free Neighbourhood Fall BBQ** as we begin the new season together.

Be sure to put the date in your calendar—and help spread the word! We will have invitations available for you to share with your neighbours, friends, and family.

Parishioners are invited to contribute by bringing **packaged chips, drinks, store-bought cookies, squares, brownies, or whole fruit** to help us welcome our guests.

Our hope is simple: to invite our neighbourhood to experience the love, peace, and joy that are part of this community and to let people know that St. Mark's is here for them.

We will also need plenty of helping hands! If you would be willing to assist with setup, cooking, serving, welcoming guests, children's activities, or cleanup, please sign up on the entrance table. Hospitality is one of the greatest gifts we can offer, and this event will be a wonderful opportunity to share it with our community.

Let's gather, share a meal, make new friends, and celebrate the beginning of fall together!

Camp Artaban!
Camp Artaban offers something for everyone! Check their website for information about their Summer Programs. campartaban.com.

Looking for something to do this Summer?
Sorrento Centre is an Anglican family Camp on the shore of Shuswap Lake. The Reverend David will be there for one week this summer leading worship. Check out their summer schedule and consider joining David there!

Go to SORRENTOCENTRE.CA and look for the REGISTER FOR SUMMER HERE link.



Year of Invitation: Summer Invitations
Summer is a wonderful season for invitation. People are outdoors, neighbourhoods are busy, and conversations happen naturally over fences, on walks, at parks, and around backyard tables.

This summer, we invite you to pray each day that God would open a door for a simple invitation. It doesn't have to be complicated. Invite someone for coffee. Invite a neighbour to the Neighbourhood BBQ in September. Invite a friend to join you for Sunday worship. Sometimes the most meaningful invitation is simply, "Would you like to come with me?"

Remember, our goal is not to pressure anyone. We simply offer an invitation and trust God with the rest.

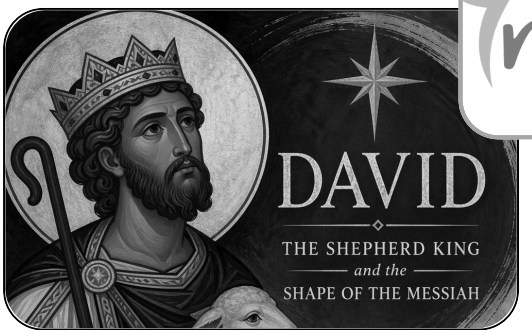
As Jesus reminds us: *Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.* (Matthew 11:28)

Who might God be inviting you to invite this summer?



Mental Health Moment
Summer is a wonderful reminder to slow down. Take a walk, sit in the shade, or enjoy a quiet moment outdoors. Rest is not a reward—it is part of caring for ourselves.

May this season bring you peace, renewal, and joy.



Inspire
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Beginning in September

Join us this fall as we explore the story of David, one of the most beloved and complicated figures in the Bible. Through stories of courage, faith, failure, forgiveness, and hope, we will discover how David points beyond himself to Jesus, the true Shepherd King.

the Prayer Corner

Words from our Spiritual Ancestors

Over the summer, we will explore wisdom from the Christian tradition that helps us imagine the kind of community Christ is calling us to become—and the kind of community we are inviting others to discover.

We are invited to be a community of peace



St. Matthew the Tax Collector

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew *11:28-30*

Saint Matthew was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and is traditionally remembered as the author of the Gospel of Matthew. Before following Jesus, he worked as a tax collector, a profession often despised in his day, making his call a powerful reminder that God's grace reaches everyone. His Gospel emphasizes Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and calls disciples to live lives of faith, mercy, and justice. Matthew's story reminds us that no one is beyond Christ's invitation to a new beginning.

This week pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, calm our anxious hearts and draw us closer to you. Heal what divides us, strengthen what unites us, and make us instruments of your peace in the world. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Matthew 23:1-12	Wednesday	Matthew 23:27-39	Friday	Matthew 24:15-31
Tuesday	Matthew 23:13-26	Thursday	Matthew 24:1-14	Saturday	Matthew 24:32-51

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