

Guides for the Journey

Learning Faith from
Our Spiritual Ancestors

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

August 16, 2026

The Twelfth 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...

We continue our summer sermon series exploring the stories of the Hebrew Scriptures and the wisdom our spiritual ancestors still have to share. This morning we come to the reunion of Joseph and his brothers. After years of separation and hurt, Joseph chooses forgiveness over revenge and reconciliation over resentment. What makes such grace possible? And what good news might this ancient story hold for our lives today?

Altar flowers are given today by **Karen Benge** to honour the gift of beauty found in God's creation, evident in so many ways, and in prayer that we may care for it with gratitude, respect and love. 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 45:1-15 The saga of Joseph and his brothers continues as he, now a key figure in the Egyptian hierarchy, makes himself known to them.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Paul continues to address the issue of why Israel rejected Jesus as Messiah.

Matthew 15:21-28 While in Gentile territory Jesus is confronted by a non-Jewish woman seeking help for her ailing daughter.

Summer for Kids

Over the summer, we encourage our children to stay in church to hear the stories, sing the songs, and join in the prayers. We know little ones need to wiggle, so please make use of the colouring table and family room as needed. We love having God's youngest children worship with us!

Coffee Hour

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

Next Week: August 23 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20

Father Dara preaches.

*Guides for the
Journey*

Learning Faith from Our Biblical Ancestors

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 455

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.

**Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.**

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,
**you gather in what has been rejected, restoring what is lost and healing what is
wounded. Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast may be welcomed and
all may be blessed. Amen.**

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 Book of Genesis (45:1-15).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 133 (O How Good)

the Reverend David Taylor

***O how good, how pleasant it is
when family lives together in unity.***

***O how good, how pleasant it is
when family lives together in unity.***

**Like oil on the hair
running down, running down,
like oil running down on Aaron's beard.**

**Like dew on the hills
falling down, falling down,
like dew falling down on Zion's Hill.**

**The blessing of God
giving life, giving life,
the blessing of God giving life for all.**

Paul's Letter to the Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Alleluia

Norah Duncan

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 15:21-28

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Notes



The Affirmation of our Faith
**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

the Celebration of the Eucharist

*We collect our tithes and offerings and present them to the Lord. We give thanks to God for your generosity to the ministry of this community. 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 2 from the BAS.***

Common Praise 368

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is
the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me

will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive Communion.

Prayer for healing is offered during communion on the right side of the sanctuary.

Common Praise 500

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey
through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

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.**

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual

**I heard my mother say,
I heard my mother say,
I heard my mother say,
give me Jesus.**

Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

***You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.***

**Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.**

**Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus.**

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

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie Davenport Babcock

**This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**
**This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world
the birds their carols raise.**
**The morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.**
**This is my Father's world
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass, I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget:
that though the wrong seems oft' so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**
**This is my Father's world,
the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

Go in peace to live the gospel,
extending God's invitation to all.
Thanks be to God.



Financial Support

Thank you for your faithful stewardship through your tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps St. Mark - Ocean Park continue its ministry and serve our community.

If you would like to become a regular giver, please complete a welcome card and give it to a greeter or the priest.

Ways to Give:

- Cash or cheque (payable to The Parish of St. Mark - Ocean Park)
- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)
- Electronic Donation Station (EDS) in the foyer (ushers are happy to help)
- e-Transfer to **give@stmarkbc.org**
- CanadaHelps through our website

If you would like donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Tax receipts are issued each February for donations made during the previous calendar year.

The Pulse

Youth News

Youth Group

Grades 8 to 12

Fridays from 7 to 9 pm

September 11th is Brouhaha Night

Grab your boots,
do-si-do,
cut a rug,
and click those heels —
Youth Group is back!

Remember:
Bring a friend!!



News for Kids & Families

**St.
Mark's
Kids
Club**

Sunday, September
13th at 10am!

it's **Food Sunday!**

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

Sunday Videos!

Check out our YouTube channel each
Sunday for great videos to watch with
your children!

@st.mark-oceanparkanglicanc3043

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by **Barbara & Jamie
Grantham** to the Glory of God
and in gratitude and thanksgiving for family and friends.



Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please connect with **Lynne** at lynnehl@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 michaele@klaverrealtor.ca, or contact the office.

News & Events

This week at the Parish

Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am Savvy Seniors 1 pm
Thursday	Community Outreach Mtg 10 am

First Fruits Sunday Market

Share the abundance of your garden with our parish! Bring fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, preserves, or other homegrown items to either Sunday service, or contact Serena Collins (604-729-2925) if you need items picked up.

Everyone is welcome to "shop" at the First Fruits Sunday Market. If you're able, please consider making a donation. Proceeds will support St. Mark's Winter Outreach Food Program, providing fresh produce to parishioners experiencing food insecurity through our partnership with Odd Bunch. More information about the confidential application process will be shared soon.

Come, share, and support one another – bring a shopping bag and enjoy the harvest!

Neighbourhood BBQ

Saturday, September 26th

5pm to 7pm

Invite your friends and neighbours to our free Neighbourhood BBQ! Start spreading the word and save the date. Parishioners are invited to bring packaged chips, drinks, or store-bought baking to help welcome our guests. Let's celebrate the beginning of fall together!

Library Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help in the library 1 day per month. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to support our library, we'd love to have you join our team! Please contact the office for more information.



Where's David?

He's been leading worship at Sorrento Centre. He'll be back in the office this week.

Check out our website for the latest news, information, and recent services from St. Mark.

Visit: stmarkbc.org

Seeking Eucharistic Servers

Are you called to serve during Holy Communion?

We are looking for Eucharistic Servers to assist with administering the chalice at our worship services.

Commitment: Typically 1-2 services per month.

Training: Provided—no experience needed.

If you're interested or have questions, please contact the Parish Office or speak with the clergy after the service. We'd love to have you join this ministry!

Music This Week

Father Dara. has been with us now for a whole year! We are so grateful for the ministry he works among us. When asked for some of her favourite hymns, she replied:

Dear God Compassionate and Kind – This is one of my all-time favourite hymns. I love the Biblical imagery invoked in the last verse of God speaking to Elijah, not through the earthquake and the fire, but as a still small voice. When I was younger, I would often be disappointed that God didn't speak to me through huge events and milestones. As I grew up, I realized that God spoke to me through the small and peaceful voice of my intuition and intellect. This hymn has a way of reminding me to look for God in the small, peaceful things, instead of relying on big, life-changing events.

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross – The third verse of this hymn makes my eyes fill with tears every time I sing it because it paints a picture of a Jesus who is familiar with human suffering and entered into it freely and lovingly so that we don't have to walk through suffering alone.

This is my Father's World – When I was a child, I thought this was one of the most boring and cringeworthy hymns of all time. It felt slow and boring. Somehow, over the years, the beauty of this hymn has become more apparent to me. I love the themes of creation, God's nearness, and God's final authority over hurt and sadness.

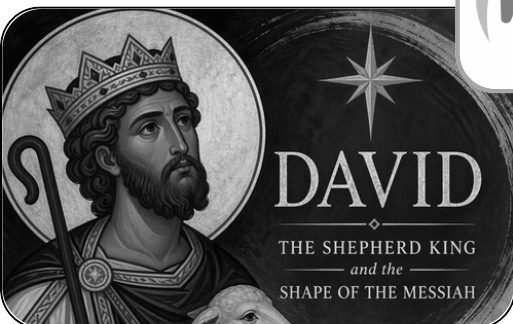
Think Before You Click – August 2026

This Month: Protect Yourself from Fraud

Protect your personal information. Keep important documents secure and never share sensitive information by phone, email, or text unless you initiated the contact.

Use strong passwords and enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on your online accounts.

Remember: Don't open suspicious links or attachments. If something feels unusual or too good to be true, Verify the request through a trusted source before clicking, replying, or sending money.



Available September 9

Join us this fall as we explore the story of David, one of the Bible's most beloved—and most complicated—figures. Beginning September 9, pick up a study booklet at church or download a copy from our website as we begin our first study, **David: The Unexpected 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 service

John Chrysostom

Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Then do not neglect him when he is naked. Do not honor Christ here in the church with fine garments while outside you leave him cold and forgotten. The one who said, 'This is my body,' also said, 'I was hungry and you gave me no food.' What good is it if this table is covered with golden cups while Christ himself is hungry? First feed him when he is hungry, and then adorn the altar if you wish. God has no need of golden vessels, but of golden hearts.

From Homily 50 on Matthew

John Chrysostom (his last name means "Golden-Tongued") was the Archbishop of Constantinople in the fourth century, renowned for his extraordinary preaching. He believed that true worship was inseparable from caring for the poor and that the beauty of the Christian life was revealed in acts of mercy.

This week pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, you meet us at your table and in those who are in need. Give us hearts rich in compassion, and teach us to honour you by serving our neighbours with love. May our worship be reflected in lives of mercy. Amen.



Daily Bible Readings

Monday John 5:19-29
Tuesday John 5:30-47

Wednesday John 6:1-15
Thursday John 6:16-27

Friday John 6:27-40
Saturday John 6:41-51



the Parish of St. Mark - Ocean Park

STMARKBC.ORG

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9am to 2pm

12953 20th Avenue, Surrey B.C. V4A 1Z1

604.535.8841 office@stmarkbc.org

the Reverend David Taylor: dmatthew.taylor@gmail.com

Father Dara Crandall: fatherdarajoy@gmail.com