

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK & ST PHILIP  
SUMMER 2019 EDITION

Grace to you and peace in Christ Jesus our Lord. I want you all to recall our faith journey during the 2019 Lenten season: Holy Week, Great Easter of His Resurrection, His Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday which also known as Whitsunday and the birthday of His Church around the world. Did you or do you feel His endless love? Did you or do you feel how His Spirit continues to lead and inspire us, in spite of those fears and nightmares that we see and hear in our world today?

Today the Spirit continues to lead us, the church, to guide us, to shake us out of our complacencies, to disturb us out of our passiveness, to empower us to speak the language of today in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus. But do we listen? Are we like the early church which always sought the direction of the Holy Spirit, who always discerned the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and work?

In today's chaotic, hostile and terror-stricken world, the temptation for the church is to freeze in fear and be content solely with its own security and self-preservation. Worst is to rely more on our human capacity and wisdom, rather than on the surprises and creativity of the Holy Spirit. This is not the church of Pentecost. Pope Francis has said about the church of Pentecost, and I will quote,

"She is a church that doesn't hesitate to go out, meet people, proclaim the message that's been entrusted to her, even if that message disturbs or unsettles the conscience."

Despite all its craziness and messiness, God will re-create the world through the Holy Spirit. "Behold I am making all things new." (Isaiah 43:18, Isaiah 43:19, Revelation 21:5, Isaiah 65: 17 and Ephesians 2:15). We need a new Pentecost and we pray to God to renew the wonders of His mighty creation and to renew us all to be transformed into new beings, with a better identity of who really we are.

Let us celebrate the Birthday of the church by being fully open to the promptings of the Spirit. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to recreate us once again so that we may become creative and brave in proclaiming the Gospel in every language, in every avenue of communication, in every culture and in every situation we find ourselves today.

We all say and pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth." Finally, we must all embrace the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as they are one and they remain faithful to us in our Faith Journey.

May you all have a blessed summer.

With love and prayers,

Padi Joey P. Vallejo+, Priest- in- Charge, Anglican Parish of St. Mark and St. Philip.



## PLANNING THE FUTURE GROUP

The Group has been meeting regularly, and it has been good to see some new members since we moved to having every other meeting on Sunday afternoon after lunch. In recent times we have discussed Sunday School, and the concept of a small gift to all new babies in the parish. We've also discussed outreach, particularly with the "Marda Gras" street festival in early August, and what role we might play during that event, even if we do not have a formal presence at the event by staffing a booth. The concept of having a business card-sized document that parishioners could hand out to anyone they meet who seems interested in being part of our faith community, has also been under discussion. The importance of making visitors and new members feel welcomed and comfortable was also discussed at our most recent meeting.

Meetings are held monthly and all are welcome.

## GRIEF SUPPORT FOR LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Elizabeth Short, Director of En-Courage, (and who assisted us with visioning our parish's future, a couple of years ago), will be offering another six-week course. Please contact her at [elizabeth@en-courage.ca](mailto:elizabeth@en-courage.ca) or call (403) 660-5636 to indicate dates/times you would prefer. When a group is put together, dates/times for the next session will be confirmed. Suggested price of \$120 for 6 sessions.

## A TRAVELLER'S PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*"



## GOING INTO HOSPITAL??

If you are, it is helpful for the parish and clergy to know so that you can be remembered in prayer and visited. If you can't send a message yourself – let a family member, friend, or a member of the nursing staff know that your faith family is important to you and get them to phone and leave a message at the church: (403) 244-0198.

Don't forget- Automatic Debit is now available for your offerings. Please let Andrew Daye know if you wish to set up this automatic service. Sets of monthly envelopes are also available for 2019.

The deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of the newsletter is Aug.18, 2019. There is a submission box outside the church office, or you can e-mail your submissions to [murmor01@telusplanet.net](mailto:murmor01@telusplanet.net) - (subject line: "SMSP Newsletter"). Thank you!

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