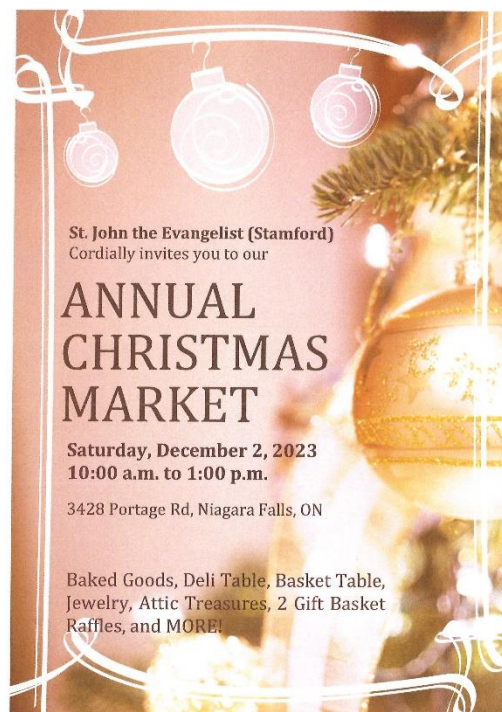




St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls

Before Sunday..... It is finally here!



Services this Sunday, Dec.3 - ADVENT 1

8am - Morning Prayer

11am - Eucharist



Advent Giving Tree 2023 - beginning this Sunday

Once again we will be using the 4 Sundays of Advent to collect items to be given out to our surrounding community through Grace Food Pantry. We do this in partnership with Bee Montessori Niagara School and Niagara Falls Christian Ministries.

Collections for this year will be:

Dec 3 - Food

Dec 10 - Toys and Books

Dec 17 - Warmth

Dec 24 - Hygiene Products

(although we welcome any donations on any Sunday!)

A flyer is available at the back of the Church, with more details of items to bring.



URGENT - We have a wonderful problem!

Folks want to come to the 11am service, but need a ride!

If you can help out to pick up some of our visitors at The Oak Hotel downtown, please contact The Rev. Rob Duncan at 905-356-8066.



**Petition to the House of Commons in Ottawa
re Bill S-210 - Protecting Young Persons from
Exposure to Pornography Act**

We received an invitation from a Member of the House of Commons to add names to the petition named above. A copy of the form to sign is at the back of the Church, with a description of the motion involved. The letter from the House of Commons is also stapled to the document. Feel free to sign.



Embodying Advent

a 5 part film series - which began this week

The season of Advent is full of depth and details that invite and inspire us to use our birthing power creatively. Do we continue to gestate systems of scarcity or abundance? Will we continue to try to wrangle and manage the offspring of fear, hate, greed, despair? Or will we birth love, hope, faith, peace, and joy?

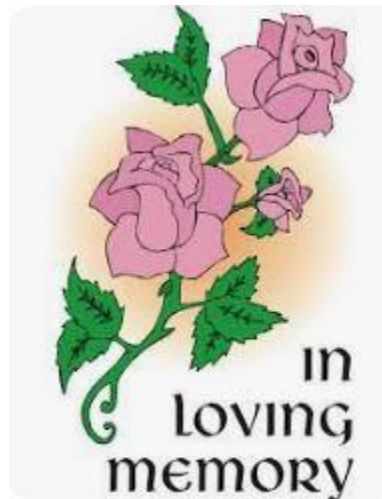
Will we become like Mary, and tend to the divine within us, birth God and take part in creating systems of abundance and belonging? In this five session advent series, author, poet, and theologian Phuc Luu invites us to take a deeper look at the story of God being born to us, into us, and through us.



Advance Notice

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10 am

The more the merrier!



Christmas Memorial Flowers

Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church if you wish to put money towards flowers in remembrance of loved ones.

The names to be remembered will be included in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies.



2024 Donation Envelopes

If anyone is interested in having envelopes for 2024, please let the office know right away, so that they can be ordered.



On Sunday, December 24, our services will be:

8 AM - Advent 4 liturgy

11 AM - Advent 4 liturgy

7:30 PM - Christmas Eucharist

On Monday, December 25, **Christmas Day**, there will be an 8 AM service.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, our services

will be:

8 AM - Eucharist

11 AM - Lessons and Carols Liturgy:

"Until Peace and Justice Embrace"

**Note - We are looking for 5 more
Readers for this liturgy. Please see
the blue signup sheet at the back of the
church (with a printout of the
readings), or call/email the office.**

Ways We Can Help our Community

Grace Pantry (Emergency Food Bank): A Shared Ministry between Niagara Falls Christian Ministries and St. John's. Please bring non-perishable items, hygiene products, or grocery store gift cards (*No Frills or Food Basics \$25 suggested*). By appointment only Thursdays 6pm-9pm & Sundays 1230-330pm. Call Christine or Darlene at 905-356-5634 or 647-464-3774. *Please note - **Niagara Falls' Project Share has the highest per capita food bank usage in Ontario. The need is very great in our area.***

Breakfast Club Red Jam: is always needed for St. Georges/St Catharines. Please drop off jam jars at the back of the Church.

St. John's - "A Community of friendship, faith, and care for our neighbours and all of creation"

The Church phone number is 905- 354-1227.
The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Reverend Mark can be reached as needed at 289-303-7070
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