



Jan. 22, 2023 – Announcements for St. John the Evangelist

Birthdays: Pat Niven –Jan. 22, Lil Booth – Jan, 27

Wednesday Night Church – See the information on 2nd page. This week will be Session 3.

2022 Tax Receipts are available – at the back of the Church. Some were mailed out.

Envelopes - Please be sure to use **2023** envelopes when making donations this year.

Live Streaming of Services - Please be aware that we live-stream our 10:30am Sunday Services on Facebook. You ‘may’ appear on camera if you come to the front of the church.

Reminder – All reports for our Annual Meeting are due by the end of January. This includes all groups and special events.

Lug A Mug – For the coffee drinkers in our midst, you are invited to bring your own coffee mug to use for coffee after the Sunday Service. While we use compostable coffee cups right now post-pandemic, this will be an additional way to care for our environment.



Breakfast Club Need –We are collecting red jam for the breakfast program at St. Georges (*St. Catharines*) which provides a take-out meal for sixty to ninety guests every day. We are the ‘red jam provider’.



Montessori Niagara School GRAND OPENING – Saturday, Feb. 25, starting at 9:30am. The Mayor will cut a ribbon. Use Sign-Up Sheet at the back so they can track numbers.

Prayer List update: Please submit any changes to the office before Jan. 31. Thanks.

Masks Memo: Ontario and the Diocese of Niagara removed mandatory masking requirement for most settings. However, at this time **masks will continue** to be an essential part of our suite of protections in place for indoor ministry activities, in order to care for those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

GRACE PANTRY

(Emergency Food Bank)

A Shared Ministry between Niagara Falls Christian Ministries and St. John’s.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursdays – 6pm-9pm

Sundays – 1230-330pm

Call Christine at 905-356-5634

Or Darlene at 289-686-3406

Bring non-perishable items or grocery store gift cards any Sunday in October or November.

Recommended:

Kraft Dinner – Cookies – Cake Mixes – Pastas – Pasta Sauce – Juice Boxes – Granola Bars – Canned Soups – Formula Milk – Diapers – Small Soaps – Women’s Hygiene Products – Peanut Butter.

See Pastor Rose for more info, or call or text at 647-464-3774 or 289-296-1212.

These announcements are emailed to the parish on the Thursday before the Sunday Service. They are also available on our website. Check out <http://www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca/>. Web-links in these Announcements can be easily clicked through from our website. Email the office if you would like these emailed to you.

Office hours are 10-2 Tues-Thurs (by appointment)

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Ontario Charitable Registration # 10809 – 9771 – RR0078

Priest-In-Charge: The Rev. Mark Gladding
Wardens: Judy Giberson, Karen James, Lil Booth

*Celebrating 203 years of ministry in 2023 !
A community of friendship, faith and care for our neighbours and all of creation.*

Register for Human Trafficking Justice Workshop

With Freedom Sunday fast approaching, Human Trafficking Justice & Outreach Niagara is hosting an online webinar on February 8 at 7pm. The event will include speakers from [YMCA Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford](#), and the [Niagara Sexual Assault Centre](#). Each organization has educational resources and support services to help people trying to flee their situation.



Human Trafficking Justice Niagara will share liturgical resources available for parishes marking the day on February 19 or anytime this year they gather to educate the community. Resources will also be available online [here](#). [Register for this online workshop today!](#)

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Wednesday Night Church starting January 11, 2023

The Four-Gospel Journey *Revealing the Path of Transformation & Deepening Love*

Introduction

“Whatever our challenges today—personal, communal, spiritual, or even planetary—we can think of ourselves as being at an immense crossroads. This is a moment that offers enormous possibilities for transformation and at the same time looming obstacles and inherent dangers. At such a juncture, we need clear vision, fresh thinking and wise hearts to help us not only navigate our lives, but do so with a sense of equanimity and love. We need treasured guides that have stood the test of centuries, and are also astute enough in the present moment to truly provide worthy counsel for today’s crises and tomorrow’s unexpected dilemmas.

“As Christians, I believe we need our sacred texts to live in a way that helps us to unite our hearts and minds—to combine devotion and practice with critical thought and loving-kindness. There are those who believe that in order to achieve such union, we need a more “historical” gospel, more closely based on Jesus’ original words. Others ask for a new gospel entirely—one founded on continued revelation in contemporary writing and poetry, possibly including music and other elements.

However, I believe that the answer we seek can already be found in the four traditional gospel texts of Matthew, Mark, John and Luke—an answer that requires no change at all, but only a fresh way of understanding.” —Alexander John Shaia, Heart and Mind: Second Edition, pg. 5

Welcome to the journey of transformation. At least, welcome to a new awareness of the journey you have always been on: the transformation of your heart.

This video series includes six sessions:

- Session One // Preparing Heart and Mind for the Journey
- Session Two // Waking and Facing Change: Climbing Matthew’s Great Mountain
- Session Three // Moving Through Trials: Crossing Mark’s Stormy Sea
- Session Four // Receiving Gifts: Resting in John’s Glorious Garden
- Session Five // Maturing Through Service: Walking Luke’s Road of Riches
- Session Six // The Essential Practices of the Journey

The series leader is Alexander John Shaia, PhD., a thoughtful and poetic man, living the ancient rhythms of his Lebanese and Aramaic heritage. He is a spiritual director, educator, psychologist, liturgist and passionate professional speaker traveling internationally, lecturing and leading retreats and seminars on The Four-Gospel Journey, Quadratos, Rites of Passage, and Christian meditation and spirituality. When not on the road, home is a fishing village on the coast of Spain and the beloved mountains surrounding Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.