



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

April 2, 2021

Dear friends,
Welcome to the fifty-third edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

Best Wishes for a Joyous and Blessed Easter!

Shout Outs

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Video Services

The Easter Service this year is a Holy Eucharist. The first Holy Eucharist we have done in video format. As we continue the video services, we will have both Morning and Prayer and Holy Eucharist. Holy Eucharist for April 4 should arrive in your inbox on April 3 at 12 pm. Video services will continue every week until in-person worship resumes and thereafter every other week.

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the audio editing for this endeavour.

Palm Crosses

There are some new palm crosses blessed this year. (Made from last year's palm fronds since our usual supplier did not bring in any palms this year.) If you wish to have a palm cross, please contact the office (or just pick one up if you have business at the church)

Lenten Outreach Projects

At the Parish Council Meeting on January 20, it was decided that the projects for this year's

Lenten Outreach would be St Luke's Table and the Diocesan Refugee Ministry.

Re: Debra Dynes Family House

Until the Diocese re-opens our church we are not able to accept in person donations for DDFH. I would like you to consider a financial donation at this time to help fill their food cupboards. Donations are tax deductible from the donor's perspective. Please mail a cheque directly to : DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE, 955 Debra Ave., Unit 85, Ottawa, K2G 0J5. Make sure that your name and address are on your cheque so that you will receive your tax receipt. You can also make a donation through CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/th-e-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/>

Thank you, Joan

March Bazaar

There are a few turkey pies and soup mixes still available. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase any.

Video Backgrounds

I am particularly looking for the signs of emerging spring, especially if anyone has pictures/video of a sugar bush. Please make sure the pictures are in landscape orientation or they don't fill the screen. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. Thank you to all who have sent photos. You will see some of them during the postlude of the Easter service.– Joy

COVID 19 Vaccination

To make finding vaccine information a little easier, the City of Ottawa has created the COVID-19 Vaccine Update e-subscription. [Sign up today](#) and you'll receive the latest updates on vaccine distribution in the city, delivered to your inbox. It will also include a weekly roundup of COVID-19 and vaccine-related information every Friday.

Residents age 70 and over citywide

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The City of Ottawa has confirmed delivery of additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and is able to offer more appointments to eligible residents starting today. Appointments are currently available to residents age 70 and over (born in or before 1951).

Two weeks of appointments will be available at the City's community clinics between April 8 and April 21. Visit [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) to access the provincial booking system or call the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900 between 8 am and 8 pm, seven days a week. Only book or call if you are eligible. As of March 22, the COVID-19 vaccination is available to all persons who were born in 1946 or before.

Pharmacies

The Province of Ontario has announced that pharmacies in Ottawa will provide AstraZeneca vaccinations to residents of Ottawa age 55 and older. These vaccinations are separate from Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa's vaccination roll-out. Please call the participating pharmacies directly to book or visit them on their websites. Call the Province of Ontario Vaccination Information Line at 1-888-999-6488 (TTY 1-866-797-0007) if you have questions on the pharmacy vaccination program.

There is some concern that there are a number of people over 80 who have not registered to receive a vaccine. As a community, let us look out for our friends and neighbours. If you know of anyone over 80, why not check in with them to make sure they are aware that they are now eligible. If you find there are barriers to them registering, perhaps you could let the office know what the barriers are. For more information on what you need to know to assist someone to book their appointment, visit [OttawaPublicHealth.ca](https://ottawapublichealth.ca) for more information.

The Nepean Sportsplex, Halls A & B is the site of the vaccination clinic and will continue to be used as a major vaccination site. You must book an appointment to get a vaccine. If you unsure whether you are eligible, OPH

has a [Vaccine Screening Tool](#) that you can use to check. You can book an appointment the province at [Provincial Vaccine Booking](#). Caregivers are allowed to accompany the eligible person but are not allowed to receive the vaccine.

Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca