



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the fifty-fourth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

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.

- Bruce Lodge celebrates the 50th Anniversary of joining St Mark's choir on April 11th

Video Services

Morning Prayer for April 11 should arrive in your inbox on April 10 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.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Stephanie McWatt

The Morning Prayer this week marks the last official duty for Stephanie McWatt, our theological student who has been with us since September. Stephanie is set to graduate this spring and is currently going through the last set of requirements to become a postulant. This process was delayed from last year because of the pandemic and change in bishops.

We wish Stephanie well and pray for her and her family Sean, Spencer and Stuart as she continues on her journey

Prayers for Fr Antonio

News has come to our attention that the 65 year old sister of Fr Antonio has died from COVID-19 in Italy. His 97 year old has also been hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr Antonio at this time.

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

Video Backgrounds

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. The Vaccine Update newsletter on Thursday warned residents to protect their privacy after reports of unauthorized callers offering vaccination appointments.

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The callers ask for personal information and pretend to arrange COVID-19 vaccination appointments or tests.

Ottawa Public Health will not call you directly about a vaccine appointment, unless you have asked for a call back.

If you are an adult recipient of chronic home health care, you may get an automated call with a recorded message to let you know you are eligible to book a vaccine appointment. Some physicians and community partners may be calling to encourage you to book an appointment as well.

In all cases, only book and give personal information through official sites and phone numbers listed below. Some individuals may also be contacted by local hospitals, primary care providers and local health care partners:

Provincial - [Ontario.ca/book-vaccine](https://ontario.ca/book-vaccine)
1-833-943-3900 / 1-888-999-6488

Ottawa -
[OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19vaccine](https://ottawapublichealth.ca/COVID19vaccine)
613-691-5505

Residents age 60 and over citywide

Appointments are currently available to residents age 60 and over (born in or before 1961).

This morning appointments for 50 and over in select neighbourhoods was announced and it is expected to outstrip the vaccine supply. Additional appointments will be available after April 30.

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.

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.

As a side note, it turns out that both the Independent at the corner of Meadowlands and Merivale and the Loblaws on Merivale are among the pharmacies to carry the vaccine. They do not always do a great job of letting anyone know when they have the vaccine. This past week, the pharmacy in the Independent was offering vaccine on Wednesday and Thursday. Although I was registered with the web site, I was never contacted. I heard through the grapevine that the vaccine was there and was able to go in and make an appointment for two hours later.

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 are 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

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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