



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, our diocesan protocols require proof of vaccination be shown on entry to church property, except for worship services. Records are not to be kept; the proof must be shown each time someone enters. Note: tenants who rent church property are required to enforce these policies for their visitors.

All active clergy of our diocese have been asked to provide proof of double vaccination to the Executive Archdeacon by Friday, October 1. We thank those who have already responded. Medical exemptions are allowed, but clergy who are not fully vaccinated must submit negative COVID test results twice weekly. As well, we expect that every eligible person be double-vaccinated before they can greet, sing in a church choir, administer communion, serve refreshments, or engage in other activities related to worship.

While we remain in the Yellow stage of our pandemic plan, we are tracking infection rates across our diocese. If conditions worsen, we will increase restrictions as necessary (including, potentially, on singing). Meanwhile, all who attend in-person worship are required to wear a mask at all times, including the preacher, readers, and singers. This also applies to choir members during rehearsals.

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 **Wednesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Elizabeth van Ossenbruggen celebrates her birthday on September 24
- Yvonne Temple celebrates her birthday on September 30th

Bible Study Resumes

The Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles is resuming on Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm. It will be a Zoom meeting so please contact Fr Julian at frejc@stmarksottawa.ca and he will send you the link.

Update from the COVID Communique

On the Ontario side of our diocese, effective September 22, the government requires all people aged 12 or older entering our church buildings are required to show proof they have received both vaccinations, and at least 14 days have passed since their second dose **except for these exemptions:**

- those attending worship services including social time
- those preparing for worship or caring for facilities
- those participating in social services such as AA groups or community ministries
- those with a written medical exemption

In-person Worship

We are continuing with one service at 9 am for the time being.

Pandemic restrictions are still in place so please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

Details of the restrictions in place will be found [here](#).

We will be following the same protocols as we did last September.

- Make sure you are feeling well
- Confirm that you do not have any of the COVID indicators. Questions are on the link door

- Wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands on entry
- Maintain social distancing while in the church and in the pews. (Family groups may sit together); and
- Depart church as quickly as possible after the service.

Livestreaming

Livestreaming is continuing this week. There were a few hiccups last week and we are still learning the system. This week, volunteers will start to be trained.

The stream is automatically recorded so it can be watched later and I will add captions before the middle of the week – all things being equal. - Joy

The link for this week's stream is [here](#).

Outreach: Fall 2021

Firstly, thank you to everyone who made the "School Supply month of August" such a great success.

Secondly, it is time to start our Fall Food Drive for the Debra Dynes Family House. Starting this Sunday, I will put a blue collection box in the Link for your donations. Anything (except perishables) is welcome and needed. I will drop off the food on a regular basis. I believe that in the past egg cartons and yogurt tubs were also needed. So, I will collect those as well.

Cash and cheques are always welcome too. If you need more information do not hesitate to email me at joan.hounsell@gmail.com or phone me at 613 262-4108.

Thank you....Joan

Orange Shirt Day

For September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Orange Shirt Day— The Anglican Church of Canada has produced Every Child Matters: Grace Will Lead Them Home, a video service of reflection and prayer. For this and other resources, please visit [this link](#).

E-Transfers to the Church

We can accept e-transfers to the main church account. We cannot do autodeposit because of the type of account but you may e-transfer money to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. You will be required to give a question. Please either make the answer obvious or email the office and let them know the answer to the question. This option has no cost to the church.

Bazaar

The bazaar will be held virtually again this year, again over a period of time rather than trying to get everything together for one day. If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions, please contact Joy.

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 2021 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