



# 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.

### 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.

### Livestreaming

The service for Epiphany will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday, January 2. Here are the links for the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). They are also available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

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.

### Offerings for 2021

To receive credit in 2021, donations must be received by the church for midnight December 31, 2021. If you wish to make a donation in 2021 but are in doubt about the mail, there are a number of other options. You may contact the office and arrange to drop it off. There is a mail slot at the Fisher Ave door of the church and you can drop it off there. You can make an e-transfer or you can use CanadaHelps. (See below for instructions)

### Morning Prayer with the Primate

On January 1, the Feast of the Naming of Jesus, a Choral Morning Prayer for Christmastide, with Archbishop Linda Nicholls as the preacher, will be broadcast at 10am from Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa on YouTube at



<https://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedrallottawa>

This liturgy will commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ottawa, with a forward-looking focus as we renew our commitment to serving Christ through our parish and community ministries.

Bishop Shane will make two “anniversary proclamations” concerning a new name for our central office and a new development in our commitment to provide 125 units of affordable housing.

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series

On Monday, January 17 at 7:30 PM Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney will deliver the next lecture in the series: “The Church as Commons: A Theological Case for Affordable Housing”

You can attend the lecture by Zoom at this link <https://bit.ly/3IxnerL>. The service will also be streamed on YouTube [here](#)

Jason is a theological educator, a priest, and longtime resident of Parkdale, Toronto. His work, life, and family are all rooted in the neighbourhood. He is the Incumbent of The Church of The Epiphany & St Mark, Parkdale and an adjunct professor of theology at Trinity College. He was a member of the first community-elected board of the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, where he served two terms.

At the parish level Jason has leveraged an aging church building to develop a network of value-aligned community partners. Although the congregation is small, the building is generating huge local impact through food security, social enterprise, the arts, and urban agriculture. He is currently working with the congregation to redevelop the church building to create additional impact through affordable housing. At the diocesan level, Jason co-authored a successful synod motion that committed the Diocese of Toronto to an affordable housing plan and he has worked with diocesan staff to develop a learning series on church redevelopment. He is currently working on a book project which elaborates a theology of urban land.

### **Changes to PAR**

It is simple to change your monthly PAR. Just contact Karen Roberts by phone or email and let her know. 613-236-7992  
[graniteseven@yahoo.ca](mailto:graniteseven@yahoo.ca)

### **2022 Offering Envelopes**

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them, or have them and no longer want them, please contact the office. If you currently have envelopes and have made a contribution in the past year, (even if not in an actual envelope), your envelopes will automatically be re-issued.

### **Office Hours**

The office will remain closed until further notice.

### **Church Directories**

The new directories are actually printed. If you wish to arrange to pick up your copy, please contact the office. If you would like an electronic copy, please email the office.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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>.

### **Contacting the Church**

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored.

### **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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)