



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

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

Changes announced this week from the diocese

The changes in protocol announced by the diocese this week will not have much affect on the services. The main change was to restrict access to the church to those persons doing administrative duties or preparing for the worship service. (There is a specific list but that is the summary.)

125th 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.

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](#). The service link is 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. The stream is available to watch immediately. Auto captions appear usually by Monday or Tuesday and corrected captions usually by Wednesday or Thursday.

Bible Study Resumes

There will be teaching sessions via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning January 26. These will be in 2 stages. First, we will study 1 Corinthians followed by Luke's Gospel, seeing that we are in the Year of Luke in the lectionary calendar. As always, you will be sent the material ahead of time

Stage 1: Winter Study
January 26 to February 16

Stage 2: Lenten Study,
March 9 to April 6

Please contact Fr Julian if you are interested.
frejc@stmarksottawa.ca

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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

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. 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. 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