



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.

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.

- Alan Reed celebrated his birthday on January 22nd
- Mary Reed and her twin, Michael Powell celebrated their birthday on January 26th

Livestreaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday, January 30. 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 Continues

The teaching sessions via Zoom are continuing this Wednesday at 7 pm. As always, you will be sent the material ahead of time

Please contact Fr Julian for more information or to register. frejc@stmarksottawa.ca

Black History Month *Building Alliances, Walking Together*



Feb 6 – Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa

Feb 13 – Camille Isaacs-Morell, a deeply committed Christian whose work and interests defy titles

Feb 20 – Rawlson King, Ottawa City Councillor, Rideau Rockcliffe Ward

Feb 27 – Rev. Julian Campbell

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In-person 10 am Services Start Feb 6

With the province beginning to open up, the Diocese is allowing us to resume in-person worship services cautiously. Here is how we will proceed:

- The 10 am service will resume on Sunday February 6. A date for the resumption of the 8 am service has not been set yet.
- Pre-register by phone (613-224-7431) or by email (stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca) due to a capacity limit
- Anyone with COVID symptoms should assume that they have the virus and stay home
- Provide proof of double vaccination, if you have not shown it to us before. Booster shots are strongly encouraged.
- Masks must be worn when you enter the building and throughout the service, except when taking communion. Three-layer, medical or N95 masks are encouraged

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- Physical distancing (except for members of the same household) must be maintained at all times
- No congregational singing is permitted
- Leave the church promptly after the service

We anticipate further loosening of our diocesan COVID protocols in the coming weeks. Consult the St Mark's website (www.stmarksottawa.ca) for updates. Livestreaming of our 10 a.m. service will continue to be offered every week.

Vestry reports

It is that time of year!! Our vestry will be February 27 and again it will be a Zoom vestry. I am asking for Vestry Reports to be submitted to the office by **February 13** which will give me 5 days to pull everything together and the vestry report and agenda will be delivered along with the newsletter of February 18. Early reports are welcomed with open arms. Only groups that were active during 2021 need to submit a report.

Thank you in advance for your timely response. – Joy!

A Note from Suzanne

Over the past months, I have faithfully watched the on-line services at St. Mark's. We are fortunate that modern technology allows this, and it fills the void during these pandemic times.

Earlier this month, I volunteered to read at our Eucharist Service which allowed me to attend church. Just being in the church listening to the music, the homily, the gospel, Fr Julian's blessing gave me a serene and comforting feeling, which I sorely needed at this particular time of my life. I left church with a renewed outlook of hope and faith in Christ. We are all so looking forward to being back in church.

Suzanne Bisson

SPMC Phase 2

The second phase of the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation will be launched on February 2. A [compendium of all the parish](#)

[profiles](#) for the Diocese of Ottawa is now available at the link above and on our website.

Photo Backgrounds

I continue to look for photo backgrounds for online services and the bulletins. I tend to usually mostly nature shots in landscape format. (wide rather than tall) – Joy!

Office Hours

The office will reopen this week from 9:30 am to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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