



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.

want to try serving, prayers or administering the chalice, please speak to Fr Julian first.

Organist Search

The posting for the Director of Music position is now on the website and the RCCO listing, and will shortly be on the Indeed jobsite.

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 Evening for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Livestreaming

The service will be streamed at 9 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). The link is also available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

Summer Office

During the summer, the office will only be open on Friday mornings. Joan Grayer will be editing the newsletter over the summer.

If you have newsletter items you may send it to the office or you may send it to Joan at joangrayer@yahoo.ca

Summer is Here!

For the first time in two years we are resuming our usual summer practice. This means:

1. There is one service at 9 am continuing until September 4. The 8 and 10 am services will resume on September 11.
2. There are sign-up rosters for the whole of the summer available in the link. All of the jobs are there. The readings for July are now available

This is a great time to explore jobs that you have been thinking about but were not ready to get tied into a regular schedule. If you

Recycling Procedures

We are no longer collecting batteries or ink cartridges. Batteries can be returned to Emerald Plaza library. Staples and BestBuy accept ink cartridges.

Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day booklets from August through November are now available in the link.

Paving on Fisher

The City of Ottawa has notified us that Fisher Ave. will be repaved from Meadowlands to Prince of Wales during the summer months.

St. Mark's Gardens

Weeders are needed to help in the maintenance of our gardens. If you have any time to spare, please feel free to help with the upkeep. Any questions, see Joan Grayer or email at joangrayer@yahoo.ca

Summer Camps

What's happening at St. Mark's on weekdays in July and August? We welcome back a summer camp run by Carleton Memorial Daycare Centre, they have rented the upper hall for this camp for quite a few years. You will see some of their cupboards and equipment cleared to the sides of the hall when you come in.

This year they are joined by Peddleheads, which is a group that teaches bicycle skills to children, who enroll for week long camps. Peddleheads have rented the back parking lot, use of the downstairs washroom and also the lower hall if needed on a rainy day.

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Lots of smiles were in evidence on the first day of the camps, we wish them good luck and hope they enjoy lots of fun over the summer.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Please add or delete your name from the roster on the bulletin board in the link if your priorities have changed. You can bring your plated baked goods and other contributions to the church on Sunday or between 11:45 am - 12:15 pm Tuesday mornings. And note that during the week days, the Carleton Memorial Day Care use the church hall and the Peddalahds bike riding camp are in the parking lot.

Food gift certificates are also needed and welcomed. Any monetary donation will be used to purchase grocery certificates from St. Mark's dollar for dollar. Several parishioners are also helping with English instruction.

This support to the Ukrainian refugees will continue until August 18. If you want to contribute in any way, please contact Suzanne Bisson at 613-727-5892 or suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com

Kudos to all the people who have contributed baking, food vouchers, monetary donations and their time as English teachers for this very worthy outreach program.

Debra Dynes Food Bank

As we all know, Ottawa Food Banks are currently running on empty due to an unprecedented demand for food within the community.

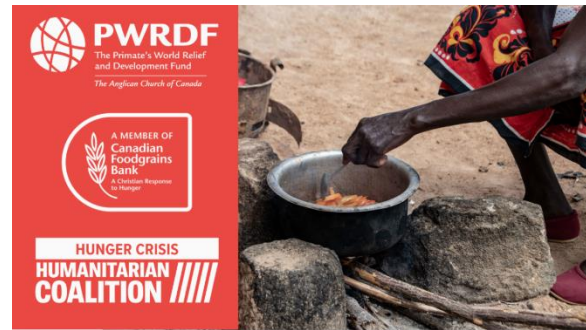
Please consider making donations not only of food products but of cash. When you donate cash, the food bank is able to purchase food in large quantities at wholesale rates. The DDFB will spend time researching and negotiating with distributors to find the best deal on canned fruits, veggies and protein to ensure that they get the best value per dollar spent.

Every \$1 that you donate provides food for two whole meals to feed a hungry neighbour in need.

You may give your donation to me for delivery to DDFB or mail a cheque directly to: DDFB, 955 DEBRA AVE., STE 85, OTTAWA, K2C 0J5. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you,

Joan Hounsell, Outreach



According to the World Food Programme, 50 million people are facing emergency levels of hunger and the number of severely food insecure people has more than doubled in the last two years. The reasons for this sudden increase include extended drought and other climate shocks, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine. In response to this hunger emergency, the Humanitarian Coalition – a group of 12 leading Canadian aid agencies – is raising funds to rush assistance to people on the edge of famine. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition. PWRDF, as a member of the Foodgrains Bank, is able to participate in this appeal.

The Canadian Government will match donations from individuals to the Humanitarian Coalition's member charities 1:1, up to \$5 million. Donations must be made by July 17, 2022 to be eligible.

PWRDF is in partnership with Church World Service in an area of northern Kenya where hunger is on the rise. "Children have already died because of hunger, millions of animals have died and women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities are having to fend for themselves," says PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma. "Our support, your

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support, can help stop hunger and restore livelihoods.”

How you can help:

Visit pwrdf.org/give-today then choose Humanitarian Coalition Appeal to End Hunger. You may also send a cheque payable to PWRDF to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. (Please note Appeal to End Hunger on the memo.) You can also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call.

Thank you

Change of Email Address for Fr Julian

Fr Julian has a new email address since the last one was hacked and used to send scam email. The new address is FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca

Changes to COVID restrictions

The diocese entered into the Green stage of the Pandemic plan on June 1. In its communiqué, it states “It’s increasingly clear the pandemic is not going away any time soon and entering the Green stage, rather than just saying “we’re back to normal”, is an important symbol that we are still operating under the pandemic plan—and an acknowledgment that restrictions could increase again if the virus resurges (as it has the two previous falls, after more open summers).”

At St Mark’s, we will stay in modified yellow (status quo) during the month of June with some gradual changes throughout the month.

- Masks are still required until further notice.
- No Proof of Vaccine required to enter the church as of June 5
- The table at the front of the nave will be removed June 12 and Communion will be administered at the rail. Distance must be maintained.
- The Peace is status quo until further notice.
- ¼ of the nave will remain with “distancing tape” until further notice.

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