



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

Live Streaming

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 is almost over!

Next Sunday, September 11th, the 8 and 10 am services will resume.

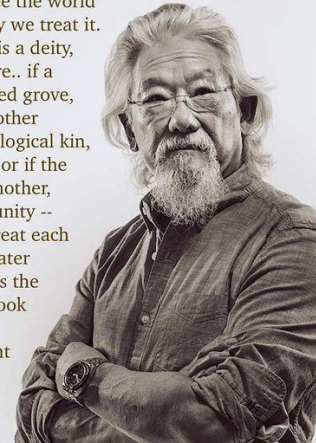
This is a great time to explore jobs that you have been thinking about but were not ready to get tied into a regular schedule. If you want to try serving, prayers or administering the chalice, please speak to Fr Julian.

Interim Organists

Many thanks to Roxanne McGahey, who filled in as St. Mark's as pianist and organist for the summer. Roxanne's last Sunday will be September 4. On Sunday, September 11 to October 9, Dr. Deirdre Piper will assume the interim music director position.

The way we see the world shapes the way we treat it. If a mountain is a deity, not a pile of ore.. if a forest is a sacred grove, not timber; if other species are biological kin, not resources; or if the planet is our mother, not an opportunity -- then we will treat each other with greater respect. Thus is the challenge, to look at the world from a different perspective.

- David Suzuki



Creation Season

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. General Synod 2019 passed a resolution adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education, and action and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate.

Looking for Empty Jars

The diligent preserving artists of the bazaar are looking for 250 mL (1 cup) or 500 mL (1 pint) mason-style jars to fill with delicious treats. Not only is it the best environmental choice to re-use the jars, it saves considerable expense for the volunteers who make the preserves.

Since the pandemic, jars are not as easily found and, like everything else, have risen in price. You may bring them to church on Sunday, drop them off at the office on Friday morning or email the office and arrange for drop off at another time. -Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

Coffee and Conversation September 8th!

Coffee and Conversation starts again for the fall season on September 8th, every Thursday at 10:00 am. As usual it will feature coffee and tea along with its wonderful homemade morning snacks. This fall several interesting and entertaining guests have been booked for each month. The coordinators, Laurie, Suzanne, Georgia and Penny, look forward to being with everyone again.

Diocesan Day Program Donations

The Diocesan Day Programs (St Luke's Table, The Well, and Centre 454) are in dire need of several items: Razors, Socks, Toilet paper, Men's underwear (M, L), Women's underwear (S, M) and crockpots. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them in to the church (either Friday morning or Sunday morning) and they will be taken to the drop off point.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees: A Request from Yuri Derkach

One of our biggest needs and most often requests has been a need for housing. We are looking for believers who are willing to host either a Ukrainian family or Ukrainian student for a short term (one month) or a longer period September to end of December, the duration of fall term. It takes time for Ukrainian newcomers to do all their paperwork, get their documents, improve English, apply to school, or find a job. It also takes time to recover from the horrors of war and to shift focus and recover in a peaceful society in Canada.

If anyone is willing to help to host Ukrainian refugees, please contact me at derkacy@algonquincollege.com or at 613 727-4723 ext.5341

Debra Dynes School Supplies

For the past 2 COVID years your donated school supplies have been collected in the church parking lot. This year we will be

collecting in person in the church. How exciting! Please consider supporting this very worthwhile Outreach program in the month of August by donating any of the following items:

- Backpack
- Binders
- Duotangs
- Notebooks
- Math sets
- Scientific
- Calculators
- Lined and graph paper
- Glue sticks, highlighters, pens, crayons, pencil crayons and markers

This list comes directly from DDFH. Donations can be left in the blue bin in the Link. Cash and cheques are also a very good idea. If you choose this option, I will make sure that your donation is delivered without delay. The DDFH can then buy school supplies in bulk. Thank you once again for your continued support during the month of August.

Joan Hounsell 613 262-4108

Debra Dynes Food Bank

Ottawa Food Banks continue to run 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

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.

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