



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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

You may look forward to the return of CCC on January 5.

Coffee Hour Help

We are looking for several people to join the Coffee Hour teams. Each team usually consists of 3 or 4 people who share the preparation of coffee and small treats, and is on duty once every two months. Right now several groups are working with only two people.

Please call Pauline at 613-224-7608 or email pmadams39@gmail.com, if you would like to help out.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the link.

Financial Update

At the end of November, our collections income was at its lowest level since 2015. It was \$4,000 behind last year and \$19,000 below what was budgeted. Collections income normally accounts for about 80% of our income. Even though we have increased solar income and our rental income has tripled from the amount last year, with the large decrease in collections income, at the end of November, our expenditures for the current year have exceeded our income by \$33,000. A deficit this large will eat significantly into our reserves and brings sustainability into question. *Please consider making a contribution to bring our year to a hopeful end.*

Budget Submissions

If you know of any project or would like to propose any project for inclusion in the 2023 budget, please submit them to the office by the beginning of December.

Forward Day by Day

The February to April Forward Day by Day are now available. The cost of them has risen

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.

- Val & Brenda Zanin celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30th (today).

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 10 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>

There is no 8 am service on January 1.

Church Calendars

There are still some church calendars remaining. They will be available for purchase in the Link at the weekend, using the freewill system.

Youth Outreach

Thanks to generous donors at St Mark's, we were able to give \$100 to PWRDF projects - one in Cuba with the episcopal church of Cuba, 10 rabbits, and one in Uganda with St Jude's, fruit trees.

I polled the Pagani and Close children, and we chose one of the two in Cuba because Milka mother of Anabella, James, David and Jackson is from Cuba.

Kate Greer-Close

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and \$3 would allow us to actually cover the cost of the booklets.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to noon.

Changes to COVID restrictions

The masking requirement was reinstated for all liturgical leaders on Sunday, October 30. The following procedures remain in place

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- 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