



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.

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 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>



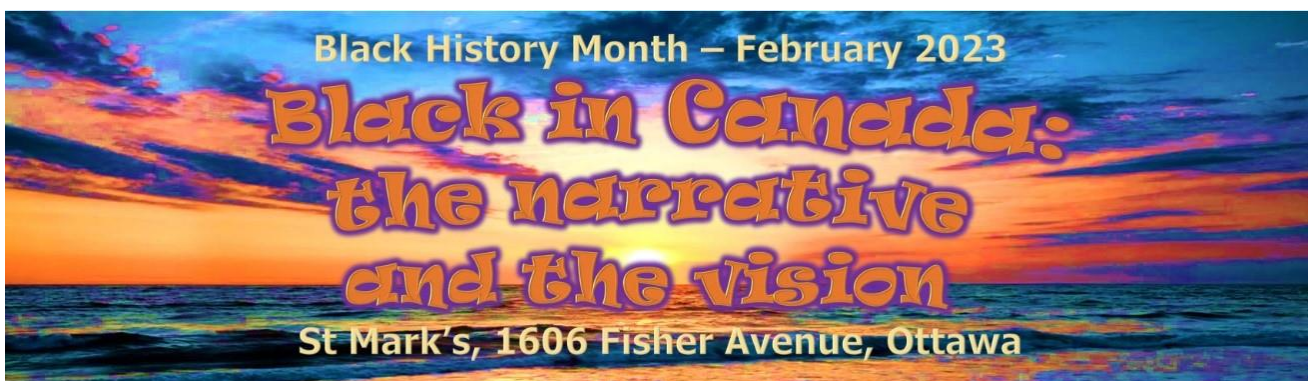
Black History Month Guest Speaker

Camille Isaacs Morell is a business leader, volunteer and artist, who uses her talents to help people and organizations be better and do better.

Originally from Jamaica, she has a Bachelor's degree in Language and Linguistic Studies from the University of the West Indies, and Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami, and certificates in financial services, digital marketing and governance.



**Bring your palms on Sunday
to make ashes.**



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Camille spent eight years as a Foreign Service Officer in the Jamaican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, where she served in the Protocol, Economic and Foreign Trade Divisions, and joined Jamaica's delegations to international meetings and state visits. In 1993, she migrated to Montreal where she embarked on a career in marketing, and corporate social responsibility, at Standard Life Assurance Company and McKesson Canada. More recently she has served in the nonprofit/social impact sector as Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Montreal and now as Vice-President, Hope for Dementia.

Her passion for God's mission has led her to volunteer for several causes relating to health, women and girls, and marginalized persons.

In the Diocese of Montreal, she was a member of the working group that submitted to the 161st synod, the Anti-Black Racism Action Plan to dismantle systemic racism in the church. She has served on the board of directors of the Anglican Foundation, the YWCA, the Salvation Army, and the Quebec L'Arche Communities Foundation. At various times she has served as a volunteer and mentor in the Anglican Prison Ministry, Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence, Black Academic Scholarship Fund, and Black Enterprise Leadership Initiative.

In her spare time, Camille creates pastel paintings with the intention of capturing the beauty of God's creation and bringing joy to people.

She cherishes her beloved husband Robert, whom God has blessed her in partnership for over 20 years.

Children's Black History Art Work - February 12

The artwork will be on display in the hall and link until the end of the month. Please look at the end of the newsletter for photos from the art exhibit.

We had a great time last Sunday with Yolande Parsons as our guest speaker.

If you wish to read the text of her address you may find it [here](#).



Vestry

Vestry this year will be on March 12 and will take place by zoom. The link for registration will be available next week. **Vestry reports will be due on or before February 19 THAT IS TWO DAYS AWAY!** The annual report to vestry will be sent out electronically next week. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the report, please notify the office and they will print a copy for you.

Many thanks to those who have already submitted their vestry reports.

Black History Month Food

Two items re food in February:

- 1) Everyone is invited to participate in the food donations on any Sunday in February. If you have an Afro/ Caribbean specialty that you would like to share with our guests please bring it in to the kitchen before 9:45 on any Sunday morning .
- 2) Please provide a "Ingredients List" with all food donated during the month.

Thank you in advance ,

Joan
BHM Food Coordinator

Coffee, Company & Conversation

"Valentine's Hearts" was celebrated on Thursday with a game and pink and red snacks. On Thursday, February 23, Chris White and Mary Glick will share songs and stories to celebrate Black History Month. Of course, coffee or tea and snacks by our famous bakers will be on offer. Come and join us for a sociable time with other seniors and bring a friend.

As a rule, if school buses are not running, CCC will also be cancelled.

Spring Market

This year we will be again having a spring market offering lots of tasty treats and running from March 12 to April 2. Watch the newsletter for further information.

Turkey Pies

There are a few turkey pies left. They are \$6 each. If you wish to reserve some, please contact the office.

Kiwanis Music Festival Volunteers

The Kiwanis Music Festival is looking for volunteers for Adjudicator's Assistants and Front of House. The festival is being held in St Mark's on April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29.

Front of house is simply standing at the door and welcoming people, taking tickets (when necessary), guiding students to their places etc.

Adjudicators Assistants are secretaries to the adjudicators. Collecting the music from each entrant and putting it in order so that it is ready when that student participates - collecting any print outs from your own printer - possibly preparing certificates. You will also be called upon to introduce the adjudicator - class number - call the students forward when its their turn.

They would like to hear from you. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Please contact kim@okmf.ca

Diocesan Community Ministry Needs

We are reaching out as we are very low on supplies for our three day programs.

Some of our dire needed items are:

- Empty pill bottles - with labels removed
- Mugs - used
- Bath, hand, and face towels - can be gently used
- Mens and womens socks - can be gently used
- Mens underwear - large - must be new
- Women's underwear - med- must be new

Please share this list with family and friends.

Kimberly Latka

If you bring any of these items in to St Mark's, you may leave them in the conference room and they will be distributed to the appropriate location.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume March 1 to March 29 at 7 pm. The theme for these sessions will be Seasons and Reasons. If you are interested, please notify the office via phone or email. A Zoom link with reading material will be forthcoming.

Forward Day by Day

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

Change to COVID restrictions

The following COVID restrictions remain in place, however there is no longer any portion of the nave reserved for distancing.

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- The Peace is status quo 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.

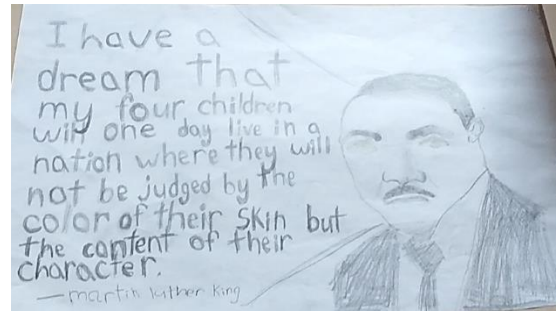
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

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



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