



# 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.

### Shout Outs

- Greta Robinson celebrates her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

### 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>

### What a week!

Illness and Ice! Holy Week 2023 has certainly been one to remember!

Last Sunday after church, Fr Julian began to feel ill. In deciding what to do for Tuesday night, it was discovered that Michael, who was preaching, was also ill. So a plan of action was formulated at noon, Joy led the service and Janis read the gospel and Michael's prepared address.

On Tuesday afternoon, the decision was made to cancel the service on Wednesday evening, due to threatening weather..... well, that was definitely the right decision. Freezing rain and temperatures hovering around freezing downed branches trees and caused power outages in many areas around the church. Fortunately, the church itself maintained both

its power and internet and only suffered some branches down in the paring lot.





### Debra-Dynes Outreach

It has come to my attention that the Food Bank at Debra Dynes is in constant need of more food than is delivered by The Ottawa Food Bank . I will gather some statistics in the next couple of weeks with exact numbers of families served in relation to food delivered by The OFB. They are also in need of cash donations to buy food once their supply is exhausted . This is indeed a time of crisis and we can help with donations of food and cash that will be deliver twice a week if necessary.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

Unfortunately, CCC was cancelled this week due to the ice storm. This coming Thursday, April 13, we look forward to cards, games & the creative writing group. As always, congenial company and coffee, tea and delectable treats will be on offer.

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

### A Prayer in your Pocket

Help yourself to one of these little shawls. They fit nicely into a pocket, purse or even under your pillow.



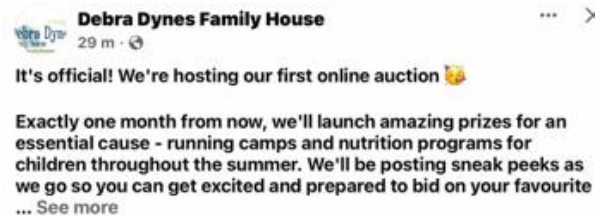
To us, they represent the Love of God and the prayers of the people.

When turned sideways they can remind us of the shape of a fish.

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“Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.”

Betty Caughlin



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### **COVID Update**

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal liturgical and social practices while following the three main public health recommendations. These are:

- asking people to stay home when sick;- encouraging mask-wearing in indoor spaces; and
- -keeping up-to-date on COVID boosters
- LACs must wear masks while administering

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)