



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

Last week, company and conversation were enjoyed. This week, we will be celebrating Victoria Day ... and, of course congenial company, coffee, tea and delectable treats.

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

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>

Desperately Seeking Sidespersons

We are seeking sidespersons to add to the roster. We are currently on a rotation of 3 groups, ideally at least 4 more people (2 groups) would stretch out the rotation to a more comfortable length. This job involves handing out the bulletins before the service, bringing the offering up to the front and closing the altar rail, monitoring the flow of communicants, opening the altar rail after everyone has communicated, and counting the number of people and communicants and entering those numbers in the vestry book.

If you are interested in becoming a sidesperson, or have been taking a break during COVID and now feel comfortable coming back to it, please contact the office. Although the sides roster has been filled to the end of June, on the job training is available immediately.

Tulipathon Walk for the Multi Faith Housing Initiative – May 28, 2023

Once again the annual Tulipathon Walk organized by The Multi Faith Housing Initiative, is being held at Dow's Lake. This year it is on Sunday, May 28 beginning at 2:00 pm. People from many faith groups will be gathering in support of this important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for families, veterans and others in need of a home in a supportive community environment.

St. Mark's members and families in past years, have walked as a team, proudly carrying the St. Mark's banner as part of this effort to raise the needed money so that homes and communities may continue to be built. Across Ottawa the Multi Faith Housing Initiative in partnership with private donors, government and others, have created five housing centres including Veterans' House for homeless veterans. Now two new projects, Dream LeBreton, in conjunction with development at LeBreton Flats, and The Anchor on Merivale, in conjunction with Julian of Norwich Church, will be built. In the last two years when we walked on behalf of our church, we were pleased to donate \$1000.00 towards this cause. We have given generously and made a difference.

Please consider walking with friends and others along the Canal and make our presence known. If you are unable to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

See either Brian Harrison or Laurie Slaughter for further information on donating and walking. We need you!

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Forward Day by Day

The May to July 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.

COVID Update

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal social and liturgical practices, with one exception, 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.

The one liturgical exception to normal practices is that LAC's must wear masks when administering communion.

An easy tool for determining whether you are eligible for a new COVID booster, and how to book one, is found at <https://www.ontario.ca/booster-recommendation/>

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. 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