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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future. Please send any

news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca with the word newsletter in the subject line.

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.

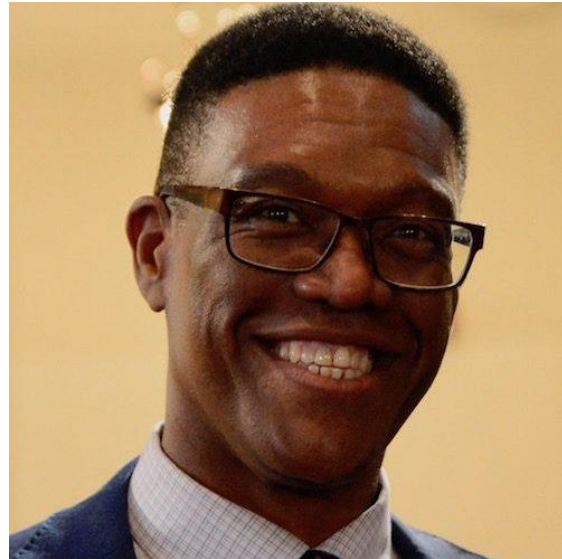
Live Streaming

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.

Bring your palm crosses back this Sunday. We burn them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year will be on February 14. There will be a service with imposition of ashes at 7 pm. The service will be streamed. Here are the links for the [service](#) and [bulletin](#).

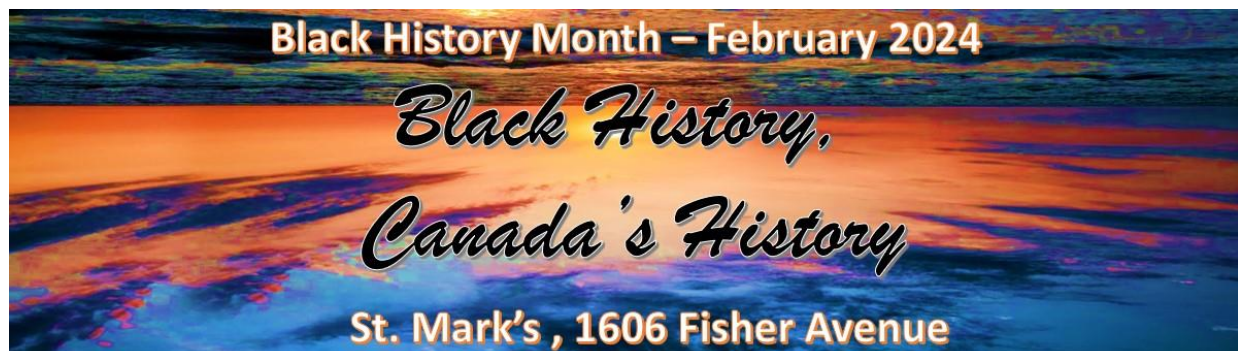


Good Will Offering - Black History Month

On Sundays after Service, there will be a basket in the Hall for donations toward our expenses for Black History Month celebrations. As in past years, because of the generosity of parishioners and visitors, donations more than covered expenses. You may also place an envelope on the offering plate to receive tax credit. Thanks to all.

Guest Speaker February 11

Our guest speaker this Sunday is the Rev Dr. Anthony Bailey. Rev. Bailey is the Coordinating Minister of Parkdale United Church. He has academic degrees in social work, theology, philosophy of religion and ethics and culture, as well as experience studying and working in countries such as Barbados, the USA, Kenya and Jamaica. As a pastor, a diversity and racial justice trainer, Rev. Dr. Bailey is a sought-after voice who provides multicultural, diversity and Anti-



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Racism workshops and training to Churches, schools, community agencies, media, Federal and municipal government departments, police services, service clubs and religious communities. His deep passion is to be an instrument of God in the blessing of God's good creation. Our guest speaker next week will be Yolande Parsons.

Pictures below show Paul Mugarura who was our guest speaker last week.



**Black Fashion: Evolution & Diversity
February 10 at 2 pm St Thomas'.**

A display of Black fashion in collaboration with St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church.

Location: St Thomas Church Hall. Models will wear traditional African garments or clothing with African themes or designs.

Arts & Crafts Display: Black Influenced arts and crafts will be on display before and after the fashion show.

**BHM Panel Discussion
February 11 2 pm at St Mark's.**

Panelists will discuss the final year of the UN's Decade for People of African Descent, as well as explore the rich diversity of theology, views and practices across the Anglican Communion. This discussion will also be livestreamed.

[Here](#) is the link to further information on the Panel Discussion which also contains a link to the livestream.

**BHM Movie: Black Panther
February 17 2pm at St Thomas'**

Black Panther is a 2018 film based on the Marvel Comics character of the same name. The first Marvel Studios film with a Black director (Ryan Coogler) and a predominantly Black cast.

When it was released in 2018, **Black Panther** became a cultural phenomenon with Blacks the world over attending movie theatres in droves, proudly dressed in outfits symbolizing Black communities and culture. It became the highest-grossing film directed by a Black filmmaker. It was nominated for seven Academy Awards, winning three, and received numerous accolades for its direction, writing, acting, costume design, production values, and soundtrack.

In honour of Black History Month 2024, everyone is invited to join us for a free viewing of **Black Panther** on Saturday, February 17 at 2:00 pm at St Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, located at 2345 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa. This event is co-hosted by St Thomas' and St Mark's.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On February 8, both Creative Writing, Cards & Games and Koffee Klatsch took place.

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On February 15 we will be celebrating both a belated Valentine's Day and Flag Day. All are welcome. Come and enjoy good company in a welcoming atmosphere.

A reminder that if school buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather, CCC will also be cancelled.

Vestry Reports

Our annual vestry will be held on March 3. I would like to get the vestry reports out the week before that. Could everyone submitting vestry reports make sure they are submitted before February 18, 2024. I would prefer not to hunt people down, but I will if necessary.



Five years ago today, February 9, 2019, Fr Julian arrived in Canada.



The congregation at St. Joseph's Church, Upper Bogue taken in late 2018. St. Joseph's is the smallest of the 3 churches of St. John's Parish that Father Campbell served. Sadly it hasn't reopened since closed for Covid. Fr Julian is at the centre back of the picture.

New Directory

I will soon print a new directory. If you have changed your phone number, perhaps by giving up your landline, please let the office know so our list can be accurate. If you wish to receive a copy of the new directory, please contact the office. You are eligible to receive a copy of the directory if you have given permission for your name to be included in the directory. Please be patient. Things keep cropping up.

PWRDF 2024 Lenten Resource

Daily reflections begin February 14!

Health and well-being – without one, the other simply isn't possible. Likewise, the well-being of humans isn't possible without a healthy planet; something we are discovering every day as we face a growing and global climate crisis.

This theme is at the centre of PWRDF's 2024 Lent Resource.

Throughout the Lenten season, you will receive a daily email with a reflection from Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, on what health, well-being and good living require of us in our lives and our relationships with one another, with creation and with God.

As you will read, things begin to break down when human beings separate themselves from creation, exploiting it as a commodity, or separate from and exploit one another. In so doing, we separate ourselves from the Creator.

And so, on this journey through Lent, PWRDF invites you to join Dr. Keesmaat as she walks with us, meditating on our current climate crisis and the well-being of ALL of creation, human and non-human, and offering us lessons in repair and restoration that are both profoundly ancient and current.

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Office Hours

The office will be open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

COVID Status

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/>

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. Email is faster.

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

*Joint Anglican and Lutheran
Project Anti-Racism & Community Conversations Series*

**Culture and Food:
Field Trip to T&T Supermarket**



Friday, January 26, 6 p.m.

Have you always wanted to explore an Asian Supermarket with a guide? We will host a series of Food and Culture where we will visit culturally diverse supermarkets to spark conversations about stereotypes and to celebrate diversity.

6 p.m. T&T Supermarket - shopping
224 Hunt Club Road

7 p.m. St. Mark's Anglican Church -
potluck feast and conversations
1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa



Register at <https://bit.ly/3H7MGEC>