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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.

VESTRY REPORTS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY.

Iroyin rere (Great news) from the Ojo family

“We are overjoyed to announce the arrival of our twins ..boy and girl.. today, Feb 12 @11:40am. Mum and babies are doing well.”

Congratulations to Mayowa & Seun and big sister and brother Folami & Folarin

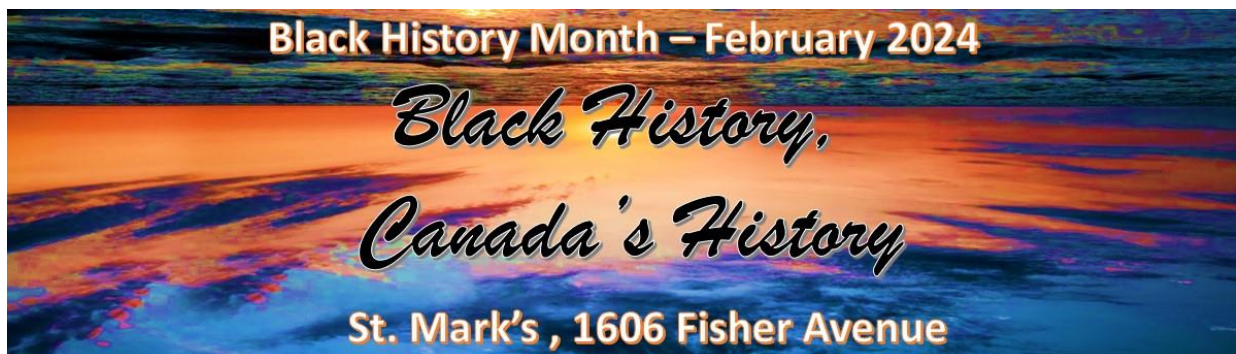


Good Will Offering - Black History Month

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 18

Our guest speaker this Sunday is Yolande Parsons immigrated to Winnipeg in 1982 from St Vincent and immediately got involved in the Black community. Yolande was a staunch advocate for the Winnipeg Black community throughout her time living in Winnipeg, helping to organize and mobilize support around Black issues of the day, such as marches and efforts in support of Nelson Mandela's release.



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Yolande came to faith in Christ as a teenager through her High School's Inter-School Christian Fellowship program in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Her faith journey has experienced many deep valleys and high peaks and for a while, her walk was more worldly than godly. After the death of her husband and a major life crisis, she renewed her commitment to following Jesus, sensed the call to ministry and began earnestly serving in her church. Today, she can say that she is walking firmly with God and has a passion to see Christ-followers living authentically, changed lives.

Our guest speaker next week will be His Excellency V. Alfred Grey, the High Commissioner of the Bahamas to Canada.

Pictures below show Rev. Dr Anthony Bailey who was our guest speaker last week.



Black Fashion: Evolution & Diversity

A very well attended fashion show was held at St Thomas' last Saturday afternoon. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.



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BHM Panel Discussion

There was a very interesting panel discussion at St Mark's last Sunday afternoon.



[Here](#) is the link to further information on the participants in the Panel Discussion which also has the 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

Valentine's Day was celebrated on the 15th, at Coffee, Company and Conversation with a fun movie romance trivia quiz. Quiz forms were given to each table and the table teams competed to win. Each of the winning table group members received a delicious Valentine's treat for remembering romantic movie partners, and the movie locations of iconic screen stories. The thirty-five people who attended enjoyed the fun and competition. Delicious Valentine's themed snacks were a treat, and the heart-themed decor made it a special morning.



As well, February 15 was National Flag Day. On that day in 1965, Canada's new distinctive Maple Leaf flag was introduced to the country. CCC honored our flag which was displayed and accompanied by a heartfelt interpretation on the meaning of Canada. There was a short discussion on how the flag came into being and what its design means.

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Next week, February 22, is Cards and Games day with bridge and other games for those who want to play. Thursday mornings make the winter go more quickly, with good company and conversation.

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

Spring Market

The Spring Market is coming soon. Because Easter is so early, the first order form will likely appear next week. Look for wonderful spring treats such as Hot Cross Buns, Lemon Curd, Marmalade, Simnel Cake & Easter Eggs.

Readers, Servers, Sides & LACs

We are always looking for more readers, servers, sidespeople & LAC's. If anyone feels a calling to any of these ministries, please let the office know. Appropriate training will be provided. Every month, an email is sent asking for your availability and you will be scheduled appropriately.

Thank you, Russell!

Russell Wilkins has been working behind the scenes for a few weeks now, sprucing up the inside of the church. You may notice that there are many less rub bump marks on the pews, walls and door frames.



Registering for Vestry

Please contact the office if you wish to register for our Annual Vestry which will be on March 3 at 1 pm via Zoom. You will be sent the vestry registration form and the link.

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!

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.

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

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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.

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>