



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. 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, we will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be in to 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. Links for Holy Week are available in the top right. Not all of the bulletins are available yet but will be added on the website under Recent News as they

Bible Study at St Mark's

Continuing this Wednesday, there is a Bible Study in Bishop Reed Hall for anyone who wishes to come. It will last an hour and there is no preparation needed (and no homework given!)

The Bible readings for the May 15 are Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Funeral for Helen McGill

The funeral for Helen McGill, a long-time stalwart member of St Mark's, will be held on May 10 at 1 pm.

The Church Gardens:

Mike Duval and I are meeting at 9 am Saturday to tidy up the gardens. There is a lot

to do and if you would like to help, please join us for an hour (or more if you are so inclined!). The weather looks promising.

Tulipathon Walk for the Multifaith Housing Initiative



The annual Tulipathon Walk organized by The Multifaith Housing Initiative, is being held during the afternoon on Sunday, May 25. It starts

and finishes at Commissioners Park across from Dows Lake. People from many faith groups will be walking in support of the important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income families, veterans, and others in need of a home in a supportive community.

This year, we again have an extra incentive to donate to the Tulipathon here at St. Mark's. An anonymous parishioner will be matching donations up to \$1,500! This means that your \$10 donation becomes \$20, your \$20 donation becomes \$40, your \$40 donation becomes \$80, and your \$50 donation becomes \$100 etc.

Please consider walking with the St. Mark's team along the Canal and making our presence known. You can complete the walk in 20 to 30 minutes. If you are unable to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

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

Coffee, Company & Conversation

It was a very interesting morning at CCC on Thursday as the theme was Asian Heritage Month. Held in May, the month's theme this year is "Unity in Diversity". South Asians are the fastest growing ethnic group in Canada, and make up 26% of the total.

Two people of Asian heritage spoke about their background and the experience of living in Canada and maintaining their culture.

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Nubuo Obukuro, of Japanese descent, shared the story of his parents' settling in Canada where he was born, and of their internment during the Second World War. It was a personal example of a sad time in history. He discussed the later actions of the government to acknowledge this, and showed his copy of an Acknowledgment signed by Prime Minister Mulroney which was given to Japanese Canadians who had been affected by this chapter in the Canadian story. He also talked briefly about East Asia and the relationship among the countries of the Asian Pacific region. Many East Asians have become part of Canada's population and mosaic.



Suja Mani, from India originally, spoke beautifully about the great diversity of peoples and religions in India. After marrying, Suja first lived in the Middle East and then emigrated from there to Canada. Her personal experiences and observations of the differences between South Asian people and

Canadians in interactions and customs, was quite interesting. She wore a beautiful traditional Indian outfit which added to her presentation.

These shared experiences and stories gave real meaning to Asian Heritage Month in Canada.

The morning's theme was enhanced with vases of apple blossoms, and fan shaped flower napkins.



The food simply was amazing in its adherence to the theme! The bakers of the day, Suzanne



and Pat, outdid themselves. The fruit was mini bananas from Thailand, pineapple, clementines, and grapes, as well as spring rolls, sweet rice crackers, vegetable and

crab sushi, samosas, Matcha green tea muffins, Chinese almond cookies, Fortune cookies, sugar cookies and seaweed snacks, along with blue and cheddar cheeses. The snacks of the day were very much an Asian feast. Many thanks to our bakers.

Next week is a very special one with a beloved and well known local mystery writer coming to speak. Mary Jane Maffini, a member of the Ottawa Women's Crime Writers' Group and

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former co-owner of Prime Crime Bookshop, will be speaking on the three mystery series that she's written over the years, all of whom take place in our city or region. It will be a delightful morning with a small surprise included in the presentation. Don't miss a morning of mystery!

Echoes of Encouragement

A Tribute to Two Inspiring Women. Violin and piano Works by: Beach, Borowski, Corelli, Schubert and Williams.

St Thomas Anglican Church
1619 Stittsville Main
Saturday May 10, 2025 3 PM

Tickets \$20 at the door.

Forward Day By Day

The Forward Day By Day booklets for May, June and July are now available in the Link, at \$3 per copy. This valuable resource will enhance your daily devotions with the proper readings for each day, as well as meditations, prayers and practical suggestions based on the given texts.

E-Prayer

E-prayer is now managed jointly by Cynthia Greer and Joy Bowerman. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer, you may contact Cynthia Greer at 613-723-2680 or greercynthia69@yahoo.com or send an email to Eprayer@stmarksottawa.ca. Likewise, if wish to be included on the E-prayer list, you may use the same contact information.

Dollar for Dollar Coupons

We still have some dollar for dollar coupons from before the pandemic. We will be selling these at coffee hour until they are gone. They can be used at participating Loblaws, Dominion, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Maxi, Provigo, Extra Foods, Your Independent Grocer, Atlantic Superstore, Zehrs Markets, Valu-mart, Fortinos, Wholesale Club and T & T Supermarket. Please talk to Joy about purchasing coupons.

Office Hours

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

Rev Canon David Clunie

Our interim priest is the Rev Canon David Clunie. You may reach Fr David at 613-224-7431 or David@stmarksottawa.ca For Pastoral Emergencies, please call 613-867-7027.

Emails Addresses for Key People

The wardens, as well as the paid staff (Fr David, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

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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>.

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Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored. Email is faster.