



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.



Lighting the first Advent candle.

Newsletter

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. [service bulletin](#) The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on December 10. The bible reading is likely Matthew 11: 2-11.

Advent Soup & Study

Advent Soup and Study continues this Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm in the conference room. It will end on December 17. Come and join the Rev Mary-Cate as she delves into the psalms and enjoy some soup and fellowship.

Light Advent Potluck Luncheon

A Light Advent Potluck Lunch is being arranged for Sunday, December 14 after the 10 am service. There is a sign up sheet in the Link hallway on the desk.

Please sign there if you plan to attend, and also if you are able to bring something to add to the food table. It is for finger foods only. There are different categories of foods, all small sizes. A) sausage rolls, samosas, pasties, etc B) vegetables, C) fruits, D)desserts, all cut small. E) cheese and crackers.

You are welcome whether you can provide something or not. You are signing up so we have some idea of how many people to expect.

Mothers' Union who are organizing this, are providing sandwiches for everyone, but could use a few extra. (category A). If you forget to sign up, please call me, Cynthia, at 613-723-2680, or greercynthia69@yahoo.com



Advent Potluck Lunch
December 14, 2025
11.45am
following 10am service

Fall Bazaar

Our offerings this week are Mincemeat Tarts, Pecan Pie, Blueberry Pie, Fruitcake and Red Salad. The Red Salad is a new offering and a delicious cold salad made from unlikely ingredients in a festive colour. This is the last week frozen cookie dough will be available. There are a few turkey pies and a few soup mixes left from previous weeks. Cookie Boxes are sold out, although there may be some smaller boxes available next week, depending on how many cookies are received.

You can order these items on the fifth order form which is available [here](#). The last order form comes out this coming week. It should arrive in your inbox on Wednesday evening.

Advent Giving Tree:

Our annual tradition of the Advent Giving Tree has returned. The tree is set up and ready to receive your offerings. This week the focus is on hats, scarves, mitts, socks, slippers, underwear & undershirts for all ages and all sizes, men, women and children.

Check out the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details. As in past years, these donations support the community outreach groups of Belong Ottawa.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thirty six people were at CCC on Thursday. A table of bridge were quietly engaged, while the conversation tables enjoyed each other's company and thought ahead to next week's sharing of Christmas past memories.

While chatting, morning goodies prepared by Penny and Gilliam, two of CCC's incredible bakers, were a delightful accompaniment to coffee and teas for all. Mincemeat flapjacks, almond flour ginger cookies, mincemeat bread, chocolate butterscotch squares, and pear sponge (made by CCC regular Marissa) Parmesan thyme and other crackers were matched with assorted cheeses (brie, cheddar and blue) as well as kolbassa slices. Red grapes, mandarins and pear slices rounded off the coffee feast. Many thanks to Thursday's snack duo.



December 11 will be a morning to share fond memories of Christmases past. CCC is moving into Christmas mode next week, with decorations and thoughts of the season. The time leading up to Christmas is one for reflection and nostalgia with gratitude for the good times the season has brought.



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December 18 is CCC's Christmas morning celebration with music, including song and wonderful food. "Christmas Joy" is now a tradition at CCC. Joy Bowerman, a woman of many talents and skills, leads the group in singing favourite Christmas songs and Carols. Her piano accompaniment keeps everyone in tune and good spirits while enjoying Christmas goodies with their favourite morning drink. It's a wonderful way to end the CCC fall/early winter season, and to exchange Christmas greetings.

CCC's winter program begins on January 8 with a welcome to 2026, and new year's greetings to old and new friends.



Thank you to Russell for his painstaking work on cleaning up the doors. It is much appreciated.

Debra Dynes Family House

As the weather turns colder, our hearts hopefully get warmer. Please remember to contribute to the blue bin in the Link. Together we can help to prevent anyone in the Debra Dynes community from going hungry.

There is always a demand for the list below.

- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Apple Sauce for school snacks
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

Some on-sale items from local flyers:

No Frills:

- Carnation Milk - \$1.75
- Jamieson Vitamin C - \$4.99
- Ritz Crackers - \$2.00

Metro:

- Bush Beans - \$2.49
- Tinned assorted vegetables - \$1.49
- All Purpose flour (Robin Hood, Five Roses) - \$3.99

Food Basics:

- Barilla pasta, Catelli Select spaghetti sauce, Aylmer tomatoes - \$1.68
- Quaker Oats - \$2.88

Giant Tiger

- Cloverdale tuna - \$1.00
- Campbell's chunky soups - \$1.97

Monetary donations are another way to give. You may place your donation in the collection plate in a plain white envelope clearly marked for Debra Dynes or give it in person to Joan Grayer to take to Debra Dynes. If you require a tax receipt, please indicate and provide any information needed for that. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Grayer.



Thank you to the Ojo Family!

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First Sunday as crucifer – Well done!



The Children's Story where the children received a rock with a star to start their nativity scene.

Forward Day By Day

The newest edition of Forward Day By Day, covering November, December and January is now available. Enhance your prayer life with these daily devotions, carrying you through Advent, Christmas and into the new year. Copies are placed in the link, and are \$3 apiece.

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.

Belong Ottawa Wishlist



Rev Mary-Cate's contact information

Mary-Cate's email is MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca We are still finessing the access details. You may call her at 613-231-7451 or 416-709-3487.

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.

Emails Addresses for Key People

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

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Rev Mary Cate: MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca
Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca
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Mike Duval : Mike@stmarksottawa.ca
Gillian Martin: Gillian@stmarksottawa.ca

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 unable to get to church, putting a cheque in the mail is always an 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.

St Mark's Advent Giving Tree 2025

Every year the small tree, in the corner of the church near the Baptismal font, becomes our Advent Giving Tree. You are invited to help 'decorate' it with your gifts for those in need in our diocese. For 3 weeks in Advent we have different gift suggestions



Some of the gifts we collect and send specially for Christmas, but through the Diocesan group **Belong Ottawa**, these groups are happy to receive donations all year long, since their needs are on-going.

If going out shopping is not easy for you, but you would like to take part, please feel free to make a donation, by giving it to Cynthia Greer, or another Mothers' Union member.