



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church
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Weekly Newsletter

December 12, 2025

Dear friends,

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

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

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.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to contribute to the flowers at Christmas in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones, please contact the office.

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on December 17. The bible reading is Matthew 1:18-25.

Advent Soup & Study



Lighting the second Advent candle.

Light Advent Potluck Luncheon

A Light Advent Potluck Lunch is being arranged for Sunday, December 14 after the 10 am service. Everyone is welcome to attend – even if you haven't signed up.

Fall Bazaar

This is the last week of the bazaar. Our cookie boxes are available this week. Red Salad and Christmas Crackle are again on offer this week. As well, there is a new offering of chocolates, both truffles and toasted almond bark.

You can order these items on the last order form which is available [here](#).



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

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 drink boxes, fruit bars, granola bars and small treats. This is the last week for the tree so please remember to bring any items from the last weeks.

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

It was a smaller group at CCC on Thursday morning due to weather conditions. However, people enjoyed great conversation in good company and several people shared their tales of memorable Christmases. The Christmas spirit was in evidence with the notice board becoming more and more festive. In particular, the food table was amazing, evidence of the giving and sharing that the baking volunteers display all through the year.



To accompany morning coffee or tea, there were delicious chocolate chip cookies, cranberry orange white chocolate cookies and spice cookies. In addition, there was Pound cake and Banana cake, almond brittle, goat cheese and honey stuffed dates, and the piece de resistance - a charcuterie board with a number of cheeses, meats and vegetables. Pineapple slices and oranges rounded out the feast. Many, many thanks to Georgia and Suzanne.



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*** Next week, the 18th, is the last CCC morning of the 2025 year. As is the CCC tradition, it is our morning of Christmas Joy with Joy Bowerman on the piano leading everyone in song. It is always a beautiful way to end the Fall/Early Winter season, and to celebrate the Christmas Holiday to come.

Don't miss this morning of being together in the spirit of the holiday with wonderful Christmas goodies, an opportunity to exchange good wishes, and to bring donations for the Food Bank.

See you on the 18th!

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:

Shoppers Drug Mart:

Canned evaporated milk - 2 for \$3.00

Freshco:

Del Monte canned vegetable - \$1.67

Compliment's flour (2.5 kg.) - \$3.00

No Frills:

Italapasta - \$.99

Chunky Soup - \$2.00

Oasis and Delmonte Juice - \$1.00

Food Basics:

Heinz Beans - \$.99

Cloverdale tuna - \$1.49

KD pkg of 12 - \$9.99

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 Chiboka Family!



First Sunday serving – Well done!

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

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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:

Rev Mary Cate: MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca
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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 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.

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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



Week 1
November 30
Personal Toiletries:
wash cloths, soaps,
shampoo, conditioner,
deodorant, combs,
toothbrushes,
toothpaste,
hand/body lotion,
disposable razors

Week 2
December 7
hats, mitts,
scarves, socks,
slippers,
underwear,
undershirts

*for all ages
and all sizes
men, women,
and children*

Week 3
December 14
drink boxes,
fruit bars,
granola bars,
small treats

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.