



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the forty first edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

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 **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday. We are now recording on Tuesday to accommodate Stephanie's schedule of classes.

- Jeremy Close celebrates his 15th birthday on January 13th

Video Services

Morning Prayer for January 10 should arrive in your inbox on January 9 at 12 pm. Video services will continue every week until in-person worship resumes and thereafter every other week .

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing for this endeavour.

Vestry Reports

Yes, even in spite of the strange year we have had, there will still be a vestry report. If you would normally submit a vestry report, please start considering what you have to report. Vestry reports will be due at the end of January.

E-transfer

After much investigation by the treasurer, you can now do an e-transfer to the church. It will look quite odd because it will be deposited in the St Marks Dollar for Dollar account. (This is because two signing authorities are required for transactions in the

main account, at least, that is the belief.) The money will be transferred into the main account and credit will be given. The email address for e-transfers is stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. If you wish to direct your money, you may do so in the message associated with the transfer.

City of Ottawa Recreation and Culture

The City's new Virtual Arts and Recreation Centre opens opportunities to get fit, learn a new language, recipe or instrument, or discover your talents with a brush and palette – virtually, right in the comfort of your home. The winter class offerings will be online at ottawa.ca/recreation on Monday, January 11, with registration starting on Thursday, January 14 at 9 pm.

A mix of short workshops and multi-week courses will begin on Monday, January 25. There will be offerings for every age group. Programs will include:

- Language classes (French and Spanish)
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs (STEM)
- Cooking classes
- Visual arts: drawing, painting, digital arts
- Fitness: Zumba©, bootcamp, yoga
- Dancing: ballet, hip hop and others
- Martial arts, Tai Chi
- Leadership programs

Virtual classes help support everyone's COVID-19 prevention efforts. Staying active and occupied

with live-streamed, interactive classes is a perfect way to promote physical and mental well-being.

For more information on City programs and services, visit ottawa.ca or call 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401). You can also connect through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Video Backgrounds

Whenever you see a particularly photogenic sight which you think would suit as a background, please feel free to share.

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Landscape pictures are the best. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. – Joy

Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions.

Envelopes for 2021

If you would like envelopes or to change your monthly PAR, please contact Karen Roberts at graniteseven@yahoo.ca. Envelopes will be available at the church for pickup. However, your envelope number will be the same as 2020. You can just put your offering in a plain envelope and write the number on – or we can always look it up.

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>. you will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

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.