

# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing April 30, 2017



**Third Sunday of Easter**

## **From the Rector**

This Sunday we hear the story of the Road to Emmaus. If you do not remember the story it is about two of Jesus' followers walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They are joined by a stranger on the road. They strike up a conversation with the stranger and are amazed at what he teaches them. When they arrive at Emmaus, the stranger is invited to join them for a meal. At the breaking of the bread they recognize that the stranger is indeed Jesus Christ.

Every time we gather for the Mass, this story from the Road to Emmaus rings true to us. We believe that the presence of Jesus Christ is known to us every time we break the bread as part of our worship. The bread is our sign that Jesus is amongst us: the risen, forgiving, teaching Jesus. The one we call friend and Saviour, continues to be known amongst as we break the bread in his name and for his sake.

"Sunday, to the Christian mind... is the collective memory of the moment when the tomb opened, empty of the death it promised, and new life began. It is the moment when the Christian community remembers together again that death does not triumph, that evil cannot prevail, that the death of the spirit is not final, and that Jesus lives yet – in us. We know that we are called to be a new people. We are the people of the new beginning. We have the right to say no to despair because we have the right to say yes to hope in the One who shattered the darkness of life with the light of eternity. It is that very nourishment of the spirit on which the spirit depends." (Joan Chittister).

The breaking of the bread is our affirmation of the Easter Gospel, that indeed Christ is risen and is known in and through us. We are his body now.

So come to church on Sunday ready to see and know the presence of Christ in the broken bread of Communion. Come, aware that our actions of our liturgy go back to that Road to Emmaus. Come, anticipating to taste holiness and a renewed wonder at God's grace. Come, to be fed with holy food for the holy work of following Jesus Christ.

*O God, the provider of holy food, as I taste the bread of Communion, the bread of life, awaken my senses to know your presence amongst us. Awaken my soul to know Jesus with us, in the sacrament and in my neighbour and in the stranger. Help me to always be aware that he is amongst us in the Gifts of God for the People of God. In the name of Jesus, bread-breaker and holy stranger we pray. Amen.*

## **Wiffle Ball Baseball Game!**

We (St. John's Church Committee and any other interested parties) have challenged the Diocesan Staff to a Wiffle Ball Baseball Game on Wednesday **June 7** at 6:00pm. A wiffle ball is plastic ball with many holes in it (about the size of a baseball) which does not travel very far and will not be painful to catch. The game is meant to be mostly social and a lot of fun. It will be on the grass of our DePencier Garden. We plan to order pizza and have some seasonal beverages available (please bring some money to help cover costs). So start training!



## **Church Interior**

Please join us when we meet with the architect and parishioner, Arno Matis, to look at a first draft of his concept drawings of some potential changes to the interior of our church. These drawings are for discussion purposes only and so all input would be appreciated. We will meet at the church on **May 9** at 7:15pm.

## **Church Committee Meeting May 17 at 7:15 pm**

Our next Church Committee Meeting is in the Trendell Lounge on May 17. Please arrive by 7pm.

## **Diocesan Synod Meets May 26 and 27 - Italian Cultural Centre**

St. John's Synod Delegates are the licensed clergy (Father John, Mother Liz and Deacon Pitman), Louise Hadley, Maggie Sanders and Matthew Stephens.

## **Fundraising Sunday Morning Yoga Class at SJS?**

We are considering offering one or more fundraising yoga classes in the Trendell Lounge right before or after the 10am service, if there is enough interest. Please contact the office if you have any interest in attending an event like this.

## **Syrian Refugee Family Sponsorship – update**

As of last Sunday, SJS parishioners have donated \$5810.00, meaning we have already reached **over 50%** of our goal! Please bring in your donation soon if you haven't already done so.

## **Volunteer Drivers Needed**

We are looking for several volunteer drivers for some members of our congregation who require a ride to church. These senior parishioners are just a **five minute drive** from St John's. Hopefully we will set up a rotating roster of drivers. Please call or email Janet in our office if you are able to help out. 604 731 4966

## **Neighbourhood Ministry Annual General Meeting May 24**

Wednesday May 24, 2017 in the Trendell Lounge 7pm-9pm  
Light refreshments provided. All welcome.

## **Walking Group at SJS**

Do you think you need a little more fresh air and exercise? Join the SJS

Walking Group! It is on Mondays (except holidays) starting at 12 noon. Please meet up by the east door of the church, and wear good supportive shoes. Dogs welcome. If you sign up in advance, we can let you know about cancellations and/or time changes. **We hope to walk on other days** as well. Let us know what works for you. Please contact the office for more information.

### **Calling all Gardeners! Mondays at 10am**

Please join a small group of us who work on tidying up the gardens at St John's on Monday mornings. Weeding, pruning, raking and transplanting. No experience necessary!!! Many hands make light work. Please contact the office for more information.



### **Poverty and Violence: Doing Justice in a Post-Colonial World by International Justice Mission (IJM) Canada & Cristosal**

You are invited to join IJM Canada and Cristosal as we unpack what it means to do a justice in a post-colonial world. Hear from **Noah Bullock** and **Celia Medrano** from Cristosal and **Kevin Dixon** from IJM Canada as they share about the inroads they are seeing on the frontlines of seeking justice. The day will conclude with a panel discussion that will challenge participants about what it means to be a seeker of justice in the midst of a broken world. **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, 8:45am – 4pm. St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church 2490 West 37th Ave (at Larch). Tickets are available thorough 'Eventbrite' for \$45.00 (lunch included).

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--vancouver/events/>



# Evening for Ascension

May 28 at 4pm  
*Reception to follow*

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As they were watching,  
Jesus was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.

*Acts 1.9*

## English afternoon tea April 29 for Camp Artiban – just \$5!

Can you resist perfectly baked scones smothered in sweet strawberry jam and thick cream? A bake sale, door prizes, raffles and a book sale will only add to the fun. 1:30pm - 3:30pm.

**St Augustine's Anglican Church**, 8680 Hudson Street, 604-379-9074.

## GIANT Rummage Sale at St Mary's Kerrisdale April 28 and 29

**St. Mary's Kerrisdale** (2490 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.) is holding a GIANT RUMMAGE SALE on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm and April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am - noon. Great bargains on treasures, books, clothing, linens, jewelry, art, small appliances, housewares and more! The All-You-Can-Stuff TOONIE BAG SALE runs from 11 am to noon on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>! This year, the proceeds will go to support Warriors Against Violence, which provides counselling and support regarding domestic violence to First Nations people in Vancouver, and the VGH Chaplaincy program. Don't miss it!



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### **Sunday services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### **Wednesday service**

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you.

