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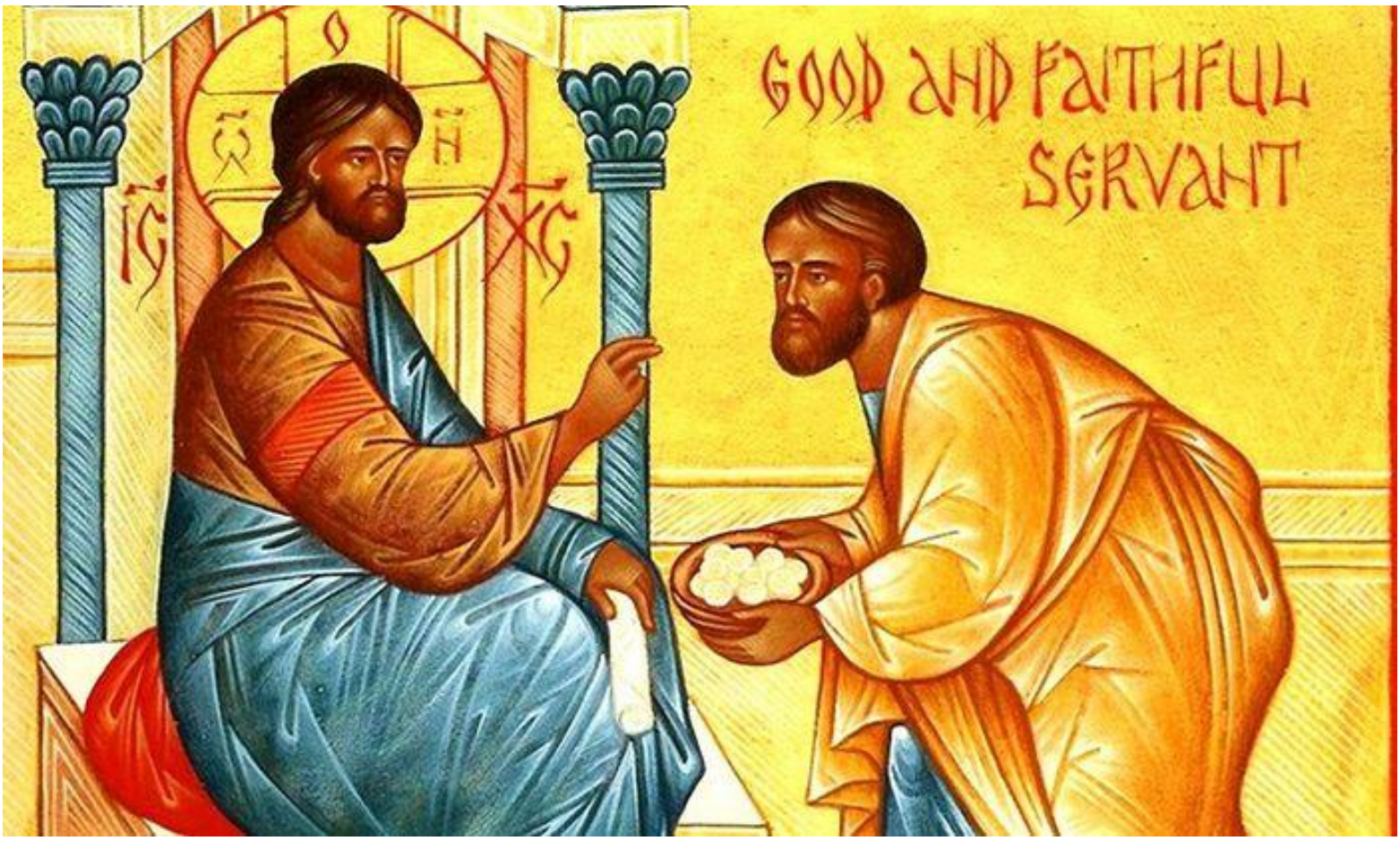
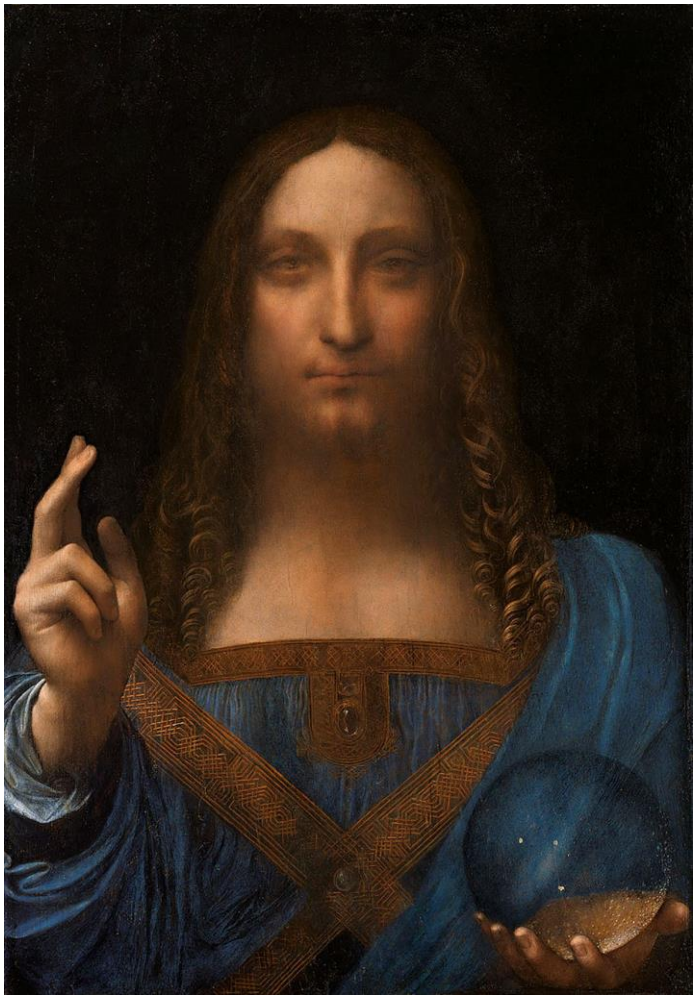
NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Nov 19, 2017



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector



Leonardo da Vinci's painting of Christ, *Salvator Mundi (Saviour of the World)* sold at auction this week for a reported $450m (USD). The image is shown at right. The buyer was not identified and so it is not known where this painting will soon be hanging or if it will simply be locked away in a vault.

The image of Jesus Christ is quite striking and one could analyze it many ways. But as I peered at the face, hands, clothes and face of Christ, as depicted by da Vinci, there are a number of things that go through my mind. Let me share a few of my musings with you.

- I wonder how Jesus would respond if he saw this painting and was told the selling price this week.
- I wonder why Jesus has an orb in his hand and what that might signify.
- I wonder what words the Jesus of the painting is about to say: The last shall be first? Blessed are the poor in spirit? Peace be with you?
- Jesus' right hand is formed into a position of blessing. What blessing would he be praying for the Church in 2017 and as we move toward a new liturgical year beginning with the first Sunday in Advent?

I hope that this painting will not be locked away in a safe somewhere. I hope it will not be hidden away only to appear at the next time it is auctioned off. I think it is very important that this particular image of *Salvator Mundi*, be seen regularly and with great passion, to remind us that Christ has blessed us and continues to bless us. He calls us blessed people. He calls us to live into this blessing. We need to be reminded of this

regularly, that Christ was not simply an image for beautiful and expensive art but rather the one who calls us to life in his name.

In the gospel passage for this coming Sunday Jesus told a parable about a land owner entrusting much money to the employees of the company. If we turn the parable into a land owner offering a blessing to the employees, it seems very related to the painting *Salvator Mundi*. How will you live as a child of God and blessed in every way?

St. Paul in the letter to the Thessalonians for this Sunday, wrote this: *But you, beloved, are not in darkness… for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness…* A beautiful challenge to us in response to the blessing, the light of God known to us.

O God of blessing and trust, weave your love into our actions, turn our attention to blessing, form our souls to be messengers of your heavenly voice. For we are called to live the talents you give to our lives in ways that bring You glory and reveal your love in our world and our living. For we blessed by and through you. In the name of Christ, we pay. Amen.

Advent

The First Sunday of the season of Advent is on December 3. The liturgical colour changes to purple as we enter a season of preparation and openness to the coming of Christ, as we celebrate his birth at Christmas. Traditionally the four Sundays of Advent have had these four themes associated with them: **Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace**.

Please join us in marking these Sundays with the lighting of candles and preparing our hearts and souls to once again honour and celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives and our living.

Christian Formation

Our series on Anglican Worship continues on Tuesday evenings in November at 7:15pm. Please join us even if you have not come to any of the other sessions. We are really enjoying learning more about our liturgy and our traditions in worship!

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has filled in and brought to the church your financial pledge and gift to the Ministry of St. John's for 2018. To date we have received 21 pledges and we anticipate that this number will increase over the next few weeks. The Stewardship Campaign, based on the theme, **St. John's Shaguhnessy… we are worth it!** has encouraged us to look carefully at how we respond to God's gifts to our lives and support God's work in the world of today.

Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love. --Henri Nouwen

Special Vestry Meeting November 19

On November 19 after the 10:00 AM Mass, we will have a special vestry meeting at which members will be asked to approve a new set of Parish by-laws. These by-laws were originally presented to members for review and discussion at the last annual vestry meeting, and have been revised to incorporate comments received from members and Church Committee. This revised version (copies in Narthex) will be presented for approval at the November vestry meeting.

The vestry consists of all baptized persons who are 16 years or older who are regular worshippers within the Parish and whose names have been on the membership role of the Parish for at least 3 months. To be entitled to vote at the special vestry meeting, a member must have, within the 12 months preceding the date of the meeting, provided an identifiable commitment of time, talents or financial resources to the Parish or have been in receipt of the ministrations of the Parish because of illness or other incapacity. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Fr John Stephens

Neighbourhood Ministry seeks winter clothing

Our Street Outreach volunteers are seeking the following to distribute to our homeless neighbours - Rain Gear - pants, coats, boots, heavy gloves, toques, tarps. Please leave in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Calling all Gardeners! Garden clean up November 27th

We will do a final weeding and put the garden to bed for the winter on Monday, November 27, 10-12. We'll have tea and cookies afterwards in the choir room. **Please note date change, 27th not 20th.**

SJS Christmas Artisan Fair! Sunday Dec 10th at 11am

Exquisite knitwear, crafts, framed photos, photo cards, ceramics and much more. Artists, please contact the office to reserve your table, and for more information. Baking, jams, etc. also welcome. Parishioners pay a flat fee for the table rental, and also donate an item for the silent auction. All proceeds from table rental and silent auction will be donated to the Neighbourhood Ministry. Artists keep their proceeds, or donate to a charity of their choice.

Michael Dirk at the Orpheum! Friday Nov 24 7:30pm - tix $19.27

An evening of celebration, silent film, and live vaudeville, with your hosts Bill Richardson and Maestro Bramwell Tovey.

A tribute to 90 years of entertainment! Join us for a roaring 20s themed birthday bash to celebrate the iconic Orpheum.

- Disney's 1928 silent animated film, *Steamboat Willie* accompanied by the **Michael Dirk** on the *Mighty Wurlitzer* organ

- Vaudevillian performances including tap dance, circus, and an excerpt for the musical *Ragtime*, all presented by Vancouver Civic Theatres 2017 Underutilized Spaces grant recipients
- Buster Keaton's classic silent film, *The Blacksmith*, accompanied by Maestro Bramwell Tovey on the piano

http://vancouversun.com/entertainment/music/party-like-its-1927-the-orpheum-turns-90

https://vancouvercivictheatres.com/events/orpheum-90/

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Are you interested in helping out at coffee hour? Training and written instructions provided. We will pair you up with someone who has done it many times, so you'll never volunteer alone. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Even if you only want to volunteer a few times a year for special events, we would love to hear from you. We are also in need of more greeters!

SJS Knitting Club Mondays at 9:30am (except holidays)

New members and beginners always welcome. Join us in the choir room for lots of encouragement and good conversation. Please contact the office for more information.

SJS Scrabble Club Wednesdays at 2:00

Scrabble Club meets every Wednesday afternoon in the choir room. This is for people who take Scrabble quite seriously so bring your Scrabble dictionary! Improve your Scrabble skills and share a cup of tea and snacks with us. We always have a great time. Please contact the office for more information.

WISH Women's DTES drop- in centre in need of items

Are you doing some pre-holiday cleaning and organizing? Consider donating your old, used bedding, pillows, towels and warm clothing to WISH. Please leave in the Narthex, marked Janet or WISH. Thank you.

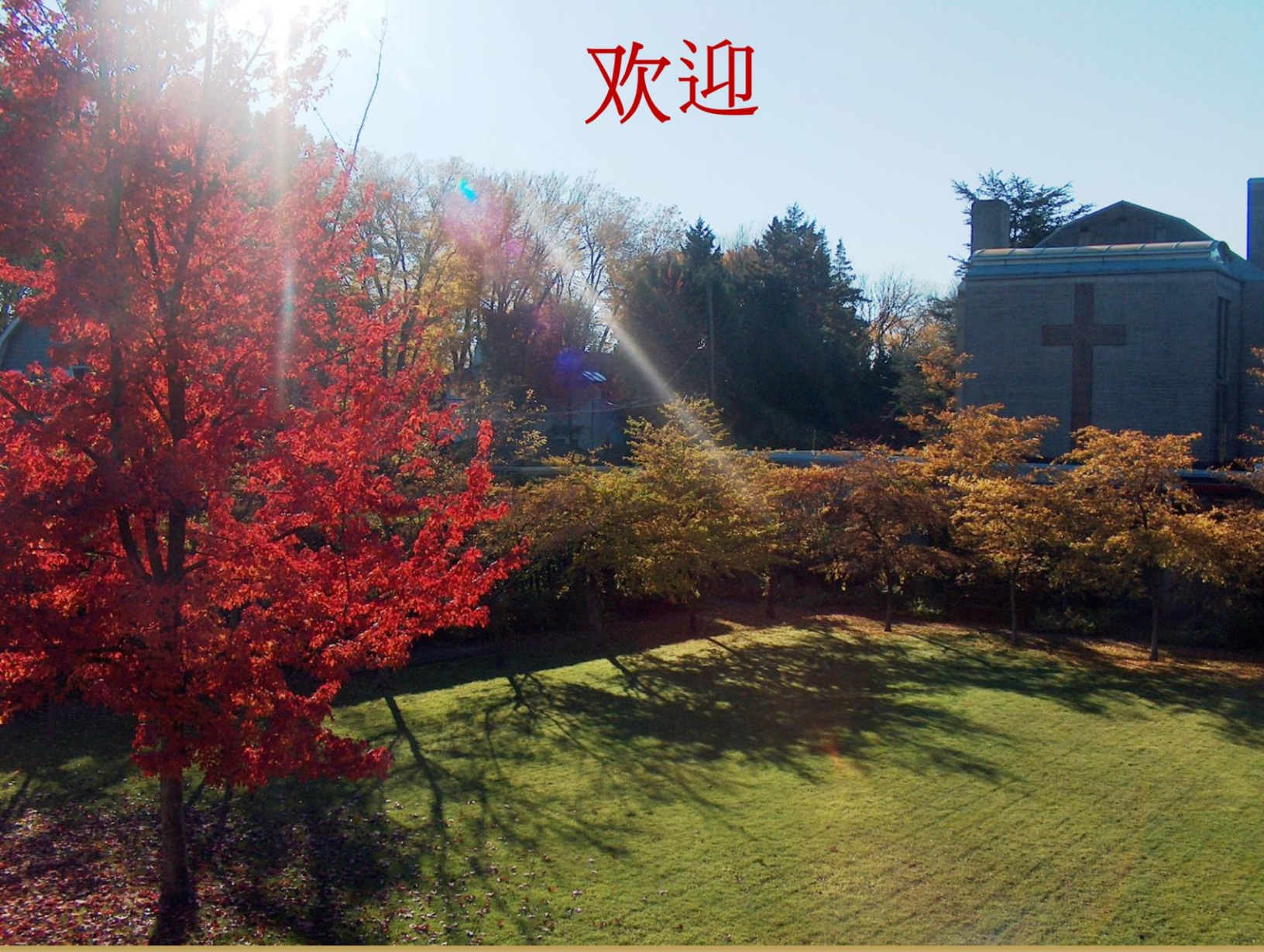


Photo by Julie Riggs

Autumn Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive
Christian Formation Series.
Classes will be located in the church
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.

Wednesday mornings from
September 13 to November 29
right after the 9:30am service

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Anglican Worship

Why we do what we do

Come and be part of an exploration
of Anglican worship as we examine our liturgy.
We will offer insights and opportunity
to examine our traditions and practice.

7:15pm in the Trendell Lounge

Nov 7 Gather and Tell
Nov 14 Bless and Break
Nov 21 Vestments and Vessels
Nov 28 A Teaching Eucharist

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Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3

4:00 o'clock

Join us for an inspiring candlelit service
to prepare our hearts for the birth of the
Christ Child and the Season of Advent

Reception to follow

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Christmas Artisan Fair

and silent auction

11am - 1pm Sunday Dec 10th

Exquisite knitwear, framed photos, ceramics, greeting cards, and more.
Artists, please contact the office to rent your table!

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Neighbourhood Ministry Report

On Saturday, Team 4, Nancy and I and Charlotte, a social work student with the Mobile Care Unit, set off from St. Philip's. We were sent off by Don Lamb, Margaret and Marian with sandwiches, fruit, hard boiled eggs and lots of warm winter clothing.

At 4th and Highbury we met a large group: The regulars: T, M, D and J all have housing. J just moved indoors a week ago. R says he has housing lined up for January, but in the meantime, has been going to a shelter some nights.

We also met two men new to us. Both are homeless. W is an older man. He was willing to fill in the forms for the Carnegie Outreach Program. He had been at Kits showers that morning, and we told him if he went next week he could get help with other BC housing forms. D is also homeless, said he had filled out forms already.

Some of the group took some warm clothing and all were happy to receive the food.

Beside the Hostel at Jericho we found M on his bike. He has housing and seemed warmly dressed and well equipped. He was very chatty but in Spanish. Took some food but did not need more clothing.

At 4th and Vine we saw P selling megaphones and T who lives near that corner panhandling. Both were happy to take some food.

Along 12th on the east side of Granville we met D pushing a cart full of cans and bottles. He is a pleasant First Nations man, has housing, but was happy to take some food. He looks well.

Just at Broadway and Granville we met once again R, D and D whom we had just seen at 4th and Highbury. I was happy to see R again as he had asked about shoes, and in the busyness at 4th and Highbury I had forgotten to show him what we had in the car. So he was able to choose a pair.

On Broadway we found S at his usual place in front of the London Drugs. He took a bit more of a packet than usual. He says he has completed housing forms.

By then we were out of packets and time. We dropped a few perishables off at the 17th and Dunbar building.

Mary for Team 4

The Nativity by Noel Coypel

Christmas Carol Service

With the choirs from York House School and
St John's Shaughnessy

Tuesday, 12 December 7pm

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A beautiful candlelit service
followed by a reception in
the Trendell Lounge

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Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion