



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing February 4, 2018



PWRDF and Canadian Foodgrains Bank in South Sudan

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

From the Rector



Jesus went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

In the gospel passage we are considering this coming Sunday, we hear of Jesus stepping out of his routine, his schedule, his stressful life and going to a deserted place to find a place to pray. I wonder what that place looked like? Was it simply a quiet corner of a home or a neighbourhood, or a place well removed from the other people? I picture in my mind a place like a desert or a wilderness area where many of the complications of life are left behind and a simplicity is left. A simplicity centering on silence and the voice and word of God.

I don't think all of us as followers of this Jesus of Nazareth, need to pack in our lives in this place and venture out into a wilderness. But we do need to find places of silence, of quiet of reflection. Places that push to the sidelines those things that tug at our daily schedules and fill them with many important things... but often do not leave room to reflect deeply and intentionally on the light of God in our lives.

But to wander out into that wilderness is an act of faith, trusting that indeed the silence will reveal the voice of God and help you see more carefully your true self as revealed in God's presence. Silence can humble us completely as we ground ourselves in the "really real." Silence invites us into a deeper relationship with God, a pilgrimage of waiting and growing, a journey of awareness of the Spirit of God leading, guiding and calling us. Silence invites us into the space between us and God and moves well past religion to discovering faith in God's abiding presence and love. This is what I understand that Jesus was doing when he left the crowd and found a quiet place to reflect upon his ministry of being the Word of God, the bearer of the Holy Spirit.

Where are those wilderness places for you, where you push aside distractions and focus on the fullness of God? Seek them out, for we need them in our journey of faith.



Bring in Your Palm Crosses

Next Sunday, February 11 is the Last Sunday in the Season of Epiphany. This is the last Sunday prior to the beginning of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday (February 14). We make the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday by burning the palm crosses of the previous year. If you have one or two palm crosses at home, please bring them to church and we will include them in the palm crosses to be burnt.

Pancakes Feb 11

Shrove Tuesday is on February 13 (the day before Ash Wednesday) and traditionally this is the day that Christians will eat pancakes. The tradition comes from the idea of building up oneself (by eating such luxurious things as pancakes) in preparation of the season of fasting of Lent. It is a day where we are encouraged to eat rich foods as we know that in Lent we will be fasting from such things. It is also referred to as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).

“Shrove” comes from the word “shrive” meaning “absolve” in preparation for the season of Lent. This gets into the deeper meaning of Shrove Tuesday, for we are encouraged to confess our sins, clean our souls and celebrate in anticipation of the penitential season of Lent.

That is a description of the day, however, we at St. John’s would like to serve pancakes on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday in preparation of Lent. We are hoping to have a few people willing to make small pancakes which can be served during coffee time. Are you able and interested in helping? Let Janet in our church office know! Thanks!

The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent, marked by the colour purple, starts on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday Services at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Please plan to attend one of these and be imposed with ashes.

During Lent, you are encouraged to mark the season with a form of fasting or taking on something new to mark the season and examine your faith.

During Lent, we will be having a Lent Series focused upon *Meeting Jesus in the gospel of John* which will meet on Wednesdays in Lent.

During Lent our Sunday morning Mass will be more penitential and focused upon growing in our faith and examining our soul.

Keep a holy Lent!

Annual Vestry Meeting

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday February 25. All parishioners are encouraged to come! A parishioner of St. John's Shaughnessy is someone who has been on our parish roll for at least three months. **Vestry reports are now due. Thank you to everyone who has already emailed theirs to the office.**

Nominations for Church Committee

If you or someone you know, would like to serve on Church Committee for 2018, please use the Nomination Form in the Narthex. If you would like more information about the role of Church Committee, please speak to the clergy or the wardens. Thank you!

Evensong for Candlemas Feb 4 at 4 o'clock

Join us for a beautiful service of Evensong as we celebrate Candlemas. Candlemas is the time that we remember Jesus being presented in the temple by his parents shortly after his birth. It was a Jewish tradition to dedicate the first born son to the service of God. While in the temple Simeon and Anna both noticed and were drawn to Jesus and recognized the light of his presence.

Candlemas also became a time to bless the candles of the household, a sign of keeping the light of Christ burning in our own homes.

Confirmation/Reaffirmation Classes

Our Confirmation/Reaffirmation Classes will take place over the months of February, March and April. We have four people who have signified that they would like to be part of this class. If there are others please speak to the clergy. The Confirmation Service for the Diocese will take place on April 21 at Christ Church Cathedral.

Ash Wednesday Feb 14

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday liturgies at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Please return last year's Lenten palm crosses so we can burn them to make ashes.

Lent Series on Wednesday Nights

Please join us on Wednesday nights of Lent as we focus on a Lenten Series *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. We will begin on Wednesday February 21 at 7:00pm in the Trendell Lounge. Please sign up if you are interested in coming to one or all the sessions (this is to help us make sure that order enough of the materials to be used). Join us!

Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study has started up again. We gather at 10:10am, after the Morning Eucharist and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Please join us!

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Father John is now receiving names of members of St. John's Shaughnessy for possible nomination for the ODNW in 2018. Please submit names, with a brief supporting statement, to john.stephens@sjs.net or the office by Feb 14.

Goodbye Spencer and Kallie!

A bit of an emotional morning at SJS as we gave thanks to Spencer and Kallie for their years of service leading our Children's Ministry coupled with sharing their incredible voices with our choir. What privilege it has been to witness their growth through the UBC opera program and as they launch into their next chapter of their careers. Every Blessing and toitoitoi!!- Your SJS family eagerly awaits what's in store for you both in the years to come!!



Pancakes during Coffee Hour on Feb 11th

The Sunday School would like us all to enjoy some fresh hot pancakes together after church next Sunday to begin our journey into Lent. Would you like to help us by bringing in some pancake batter, toppings, or a griddle? Or maybe you can help with set up or clean up, or pancake flipping? Please contact the office and let us know if you would like to provide assistance.





Photo by Peter Kidd

Winter Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive
Christian Formation Series
to discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

Classes will be located in the church
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.
Everyone welcome!

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Wednesday mornings from
January 17 to February 7
right after the 9:30am service





Meeting Jesus
in the Gospel of John

Lenten Study

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

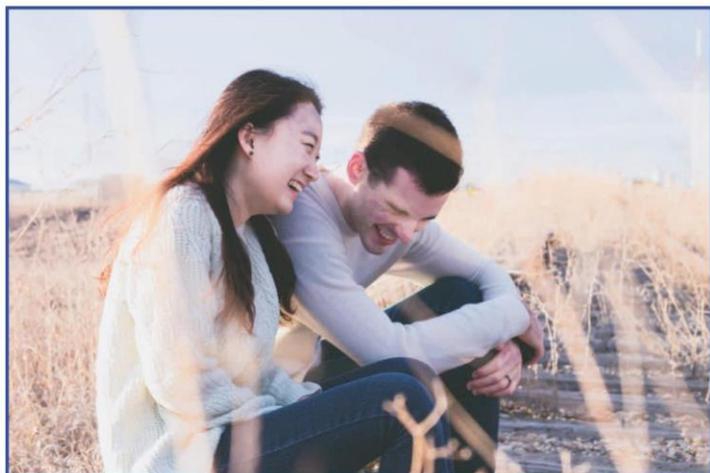
is a five-week journey into deeper intimacy with God through praying with the words of John the Evangelist.

Join the SJS clergy for this fascinating interactive Christian Formation Series! Classes will be located in the Trendell Lounge Wednesdays at 7pm.

FINAL AFFAIRS FAIR

for the Vancouver Archdeaconry

A day to explore our final affairs in regards to wills, funeral arrangements, legacy planning; what our final acts will say about us and our lives.



Mary Hamilton. Lawyer

Mary Hamilton is a Partner in the Wills, Estates + Trusts Practice Group at Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP. Having almost 30 years of experience in wills, trusts and estate administration, Mary has held senior positions with various organizations throughout Vancouver, and was named Vancouver Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* in 2011 and 2017. Mary advises clients about their estate planning and using wills, trusts and other vehicles (including charitable giving) to minimize taxes on death.



Mark Szabo, Funeral Director

While growing up in rural Manitoba, Mark had a newspaper route where he delivered the paper to the local funeral home. It was during that time he realized his calling was to pursue a career in the funeral profession. With over 20 years of experience as a funeral director, embalmer, and now the general manager at Walkey & Company Funeral Directors, Mark has assisted numerous families in both Manitoba and British Columbia, at a time of deep personal loss. Mark is newly married to his wife Manilyn and his interests include antiques of all sorts, motorcycles, vintage cars and spending time in nature.



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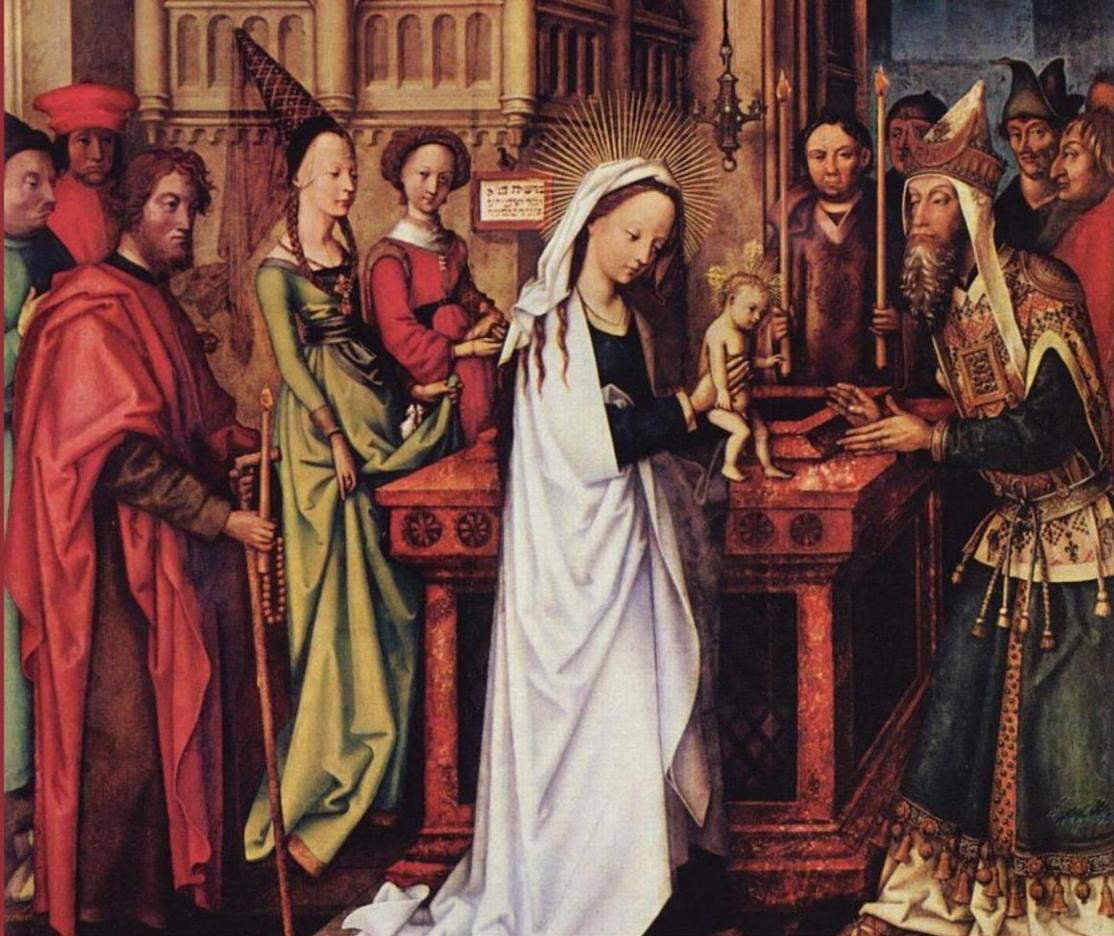
DATE: Saturday, February 3, 2018

VENUE: St. John's Shaughnessy

Trendell Lounge, 1490 Nanton
Avenue, Vancouver BC

TIME: 10—Noon (Registration @ 9:30 a.m.)

Refreshments Served



Presentation of Christ at the Temple by Hans Holbein the Elder, 1500–01

Candlemas Evensong

Feb 4th at 4 o'clock *reception to follow*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.



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**“Remember you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”**

Genesis 3.19



Ash Wednesday

Feb 14

9:30am Holy Eucharist with Ashing
with Bishop Melissa Skelton

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Ashing
with the St John's Choir



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Upcoming SJS Events

Feb	3	Final Affairs Fair	10am (register at 9:30)
	4	NM Packet Prep	11:30am
		Candlemas	4pm
	5	Knitting Group	10am (call office for details)
	10	NM Packet Distribution	
	7	Bible Study	10am
		Scrabble Group	2pm
	14	Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Melissa	9:30am
		Ash Wednesday Evening Service	7pm

Upcoming Community Events

Feb	7	St Jude's Fundraising Theatre Event	7pm
	10	St Augustine's, Marpole: Dinner & Dance	
	18	Knitting Supply Sale Fundraiser at Van Dusen	10am-4pm

Murder! Divorce! Who Done IT!!!! Wednesday Feb 7

St Jude's Anglican Home is going to the Theatre, for an evening of refreshment, entertainment, a little suspense, "Murder by the Book"... We all had such a blast last year, won't you join us at Metro Theatre (1370 Marine Dr SW, by the Arthur Laing bridge). Refreshments and Silent Auction at 7pm, curtain at 8 ... tickets from Paul Bunnell, \$50 (with \$25 tax receipt).

Vancouver Viols: Alio Modo Feb 18 at St James' 2pm

St James' Anglican Church is pleased to present Alio Modo featuring Vancouver Viols. The viol (rhymes with 'mile') is a gentle-sounding instrument that was a popular from the 15th to 18th centuries. During this period music for viol consorts was generally written for groups of two to six players, and Vancouver Viols brings this music to live. The programme for this matinee concert includes JS Bach's *Passacaglia in C minor*, Christopher Tye's *In Nomine: Crye*, in which the instruments imitate the shouts of a street vendor, and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Agnus Dei*, heard here in a new arrangement by local organist David Poon. A concert not to be missed! 303 East Cordova. Feb 18th at 2pm viols.stjames.bc.ca

Volunteers Wanted for Greeting and Hospitality

There are many positions you may volunteer with, including **greeting** and **hospitality**. Please contact the office for more information.



Bach Choir at the Orpheum Feb 17

Stephen Pickett and other choir members and former members (as well as Ed Norman on organ) are participating in the Bach Choir's performance of Gustav Mahler's Symphony #8, the so-called "Symphony of a thousand". He and some members of the choir took part in the first ever performance in Canada in Toronto 1983! It calls for 80 orchestral musicians. There will be 200 singers, including the renowned Vancouver Bach Children's Chorus in their specially written part for the premiere in 1910, and 8 vocal soloists. The first part is a setting of the ancient Christian hymn "Veni, Creator Spiritus" which is followed by a setting of the closing scene from Goethe's Faust as Faust's soul journeys upward to heaven.

This sumptuous choral/orchestral work will be performed in the Orpheum on Saturday 17th February. Please contact Stephen as soon as possible if you would like tickets, by email at family@microtopia.net or chat with him during coffee hour. If there is sufficient interest he will obtain a block of tickets at the group rate of \$30. This rates as the experience of a lifetime.

You can see the choir's web page at:

<https://www.vancouverbachchoir.com/events/mahler-symphony-no-8/>

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People's Warden	Maggie Sanders
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Property Trustee	Peter Kidd
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Choir Director	Ann Chen
Children's Ministry	The Reverend Kathryn Ransdell
Parish Administrator	Janet Hamilton
PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons
Sacristan and MC	Paul Bunnell
Verger/caretaker	Amy Thorogood

Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

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Snowflakes and snowman by SJS parishioner Erin Redfern.

