

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing February 11, 2018



Transfiguration of Our Lord

From the Rector

Recently a red blue moon caught the attention of astronomers, professional and otherwise. This Super Blue Blood Moon, besides having a great name, caught the intrigue of many because there were a few things all happening at once. It was a blue moon (the second full moon of the month), a supermoon (when the moon is closer to earth in its orbit) and there was a lunar eclipse all at the same time. Quite amazing! January 31 was a special time.



Not long after, on February 2, the activities of particular groundhogs were noted, to perhaps give a sign of the length of winter. Whether they saw their shadow was the key factor.

In the Church, on February 2, we celebrated and recognized the child Jesus being presented in the Temple and heard once more the words of Simeon:

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

Once more light is the central message.

This coming Sunday we will be recognizing the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on the Last Sunday of Epiphany before the Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14). Transfiguration speaks of Jesus being transformed in front of some of his disciples, and appearing as glowing white, light emanating from his very being. Moses and Elijah appear and the voice of God is heard to say, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Light, its role and its place in our spiritual and physical lives, is certainly a theme at the moment. It is a perfect metaphor for God, God in Jesus Christ, God’s presence in this world and our spiritual journey.

As Lent draws nearer it is also a good word to use as our guide through this penitential season of our Church and our Faith. As we

examine how we can make Lent a holy time and a time of spiritual growth, a pilgrimage toward growing into light is a good image. How can you make Lent a time to focus on God's light in your life? What actions can you take that deepen your experience of the light of Christ transfiguring your life? Where are the places that you want that light to shine more brightly? What will be important for you to give up or take on during Lent that will point you closer to the light of the Holy Spirit moving in your life? Where is the darkness that needs light to guide you anew? What is the light to which God is calling you at this time?

Jesus came as the light of the world, what do those words mean for you during this holy season of Lent?

God of light and grace, God of transfiguration and transformation, guide us closer to your light. Your Son, Jesus, invites us to experience his light in this world, may it shine in and through us as we examine once more your hope and peace. In the name of Jesus, our light and our guide we pray. Amen.

Lenten study: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? This Lenten program has been designed to guide us in our spiritual journey, as we reflect on the Gospel of John.

We will be using a beautiful [prayer journal](#), [small group](#) conversation and prayer, and words from the Gospel of John to inspire our time together. We will meet on five Wednesday evenings during Lent – from Feb 21st until March 21st. If you are interested, please sign up in the Trendell Lounge during coffee time.

Confirmation/Reaffirmation Class

We have four people who will make up our Confirmation/Reaffirmation Class: Pauline, Isabel, Maggie and Dawn. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Pancakes Feb 11 – one more griddle needed!

This Sunday we will serve pancakes during coffee hour to help us prepare for Lent. We have a few volunteers bringing in pancake batter and syrup, and need another griddle and more people for pancake flipping and clean-up. If you want to help out, just ask the other volunteers if you can help when you are here on Sunday.



Annual Vestry Meeting Feb 25

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.

Nominations for Church Committee 2018

If you would like to nominate a parishioner to be a member of Church Committee for 2018 (they will be elected at our Annual Vestry Meeting) then please speak to Louise Hadley. A nominating form is found in the Narthex, and the person you are nominating must be in agreement!

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.

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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.

**“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	10	NM Packet Distribution	
	12	Knitting Group	10am (call office for details)
	14	Scrabble Group	2pm (call office for details)
	14	Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Melissa	9:30am
		Ash Wednesday Evening Service	7pm

Upcoming Community Events

Feb	10	St Augustine's, Marpole: Dinner & Dance	
	17	Bach Choir at the Orpheum: please email Stephen Pickett at family@microtopia.net for more info	8pm
	18	Knitting Supply Sale Fundraiser at Van Dusen	10am-4pm
	18	Vancouver Viols: Alio Modo at St James' viols.stjames.bc.ca	2pm

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.



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Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

Cover: *Transfiguration of Christ* by Fra Angelico
Snowflakes and snowman by SJS parishioner Erin Redfern.

