



25 December 2021

newsletter



Christmas



Come worship with us
from your livingroom
or in-person!

I bring you good news of a
great joy which will come
to all the people; for to you
is born this day a Saviour,
Christ the Lord.
Luke 2.10-11

Christmas Services

Dec 24th

5pm Children's Service with Communion (online only)

Drive-through Reserved Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

10pm Christmas Eve Mass

12+ proof of vaccination required for this service

Dec 25th

10am Christmas Day Service with Carols

Merry Christmas!

Well, here we go again! Sometimes we can laugh or cry and this year I done a lot of one and little of the other! On Sunday I said that we were on Christmas Plan B and I was working toward Plan C (which I hoped we wouldn't need!)

With rising case counts and new Public Health Orders we need a little of Plan C, but not the whole thing! Christmas is still here!

So... without further ado.. here is a modified Plan C for SJS this Christmas

In-person Coffee Hour SUSPENDED To keep everyone safe Bishop John has suspended coffee hour for the next few weeks- we will resume when the Covid numbers improve! Online Zoom Coffee hour will continue.

December 24th Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm *ONLINE ONLY*

Sadly, we have moved this service online only. We will livestream this service at 5pm similar to last year. You are invited to watch and worship and sing from the comfort of your homes! This allows us to be as safe as possible, especially where children are concerned!

December 24th Drive Thru Reception of Reserved Sacrament 6pm-7pm

After the end of the Livestream Family Service I will be outside for those who would like communion this Christmas but do not feel able to come to our later service. You drive up Nanton (heading west) towards Granville and enter the east side of the church driveway, sanitize your hands, put your mask on, roll down your window and receive communion.

Hopefully some Christmas Carols will be playing as we see each other face to face to welcome the baby in the manger!

December 24th Midnight Mass Candlelight Christmas Eucharist 10pm

****IN PERSON AND ONLINE****

Our Christmas Eve Eucharist will be both in person and online. Those coming in person will need to show proof of vaccination (if over 12 years of age), come and sing Christmas Carols, (with masks firmly on) hear the great stories and celebrate the coming of the baby! We are asking people to sit in bubbles, to keep masks as we celebrate with Joy the coming of Jesus.

December 25th Christmas Morning 10:00am Christmas Carol service
IN-PERSON ONLY

Come and join in with singing as we celebrate Christmas. People will be asked to keep to their bubbles and keep their masks on. (*no coffee hour to follow*)

December 26th Christmas Lessons and Carols and Eucharist 10am
(no 8am service) *IN-PERSON AND ONLINE*

Please join me in welcoming back Mother Georgina as she leads us through Lessons and Carols with Eucharist- a joyful, song-filled service! (*no coffee hour*)

December 27th-January 3rd OFFICE IS CLOSED

The Church office will be closed this week so staff and clergy can have a well-deserved rest. For Pastoral Emergencies please call Mother Liz 604 754 6743.

January 2nd Epiphany 8/10am *at this point... IN PERSON AND ONLINE*

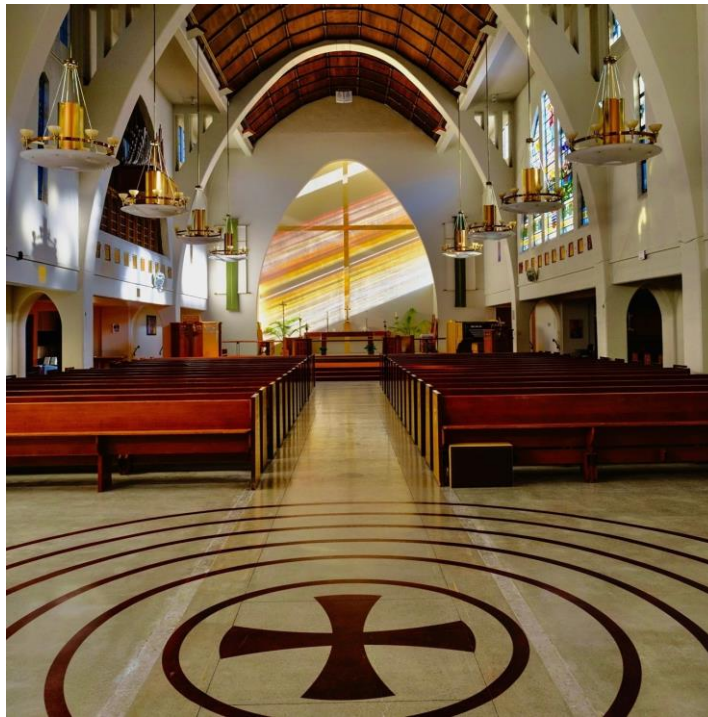
Come and welcome Mother Terry! Blessed chalk and short home service will be available so that you can chalk your doors with your hopes for the New Year!

This is not what we wanted, but sometimes life happens and we laugh and we cry and hopefully we laugh more than we cry, and this year we are still together, whether in person or online. I know the situation is changing each day, and many of us are not comfortable to come, or worried about coming. I know too that people are also needing community, music and joy of Christmas. There are not right or wrong decisions about whether you come or watch from home only the best decision for you!

Even in this strange year, I wish you joy this Christmas. Joy in your home, joy in the World and joy in your hearts.

Merry Christmas,

Mother Liz



Advent Reflection Final Session TONIGHT Dec 22 at 7pm

The penitential season of Advent invites Christians to prayer and reflection as we prepare ourselves for the incarnation of God in Christ.

Saint John's Shaughnessy welcomes you to join in a series of [Zoom](#) reflection sessions offered at 7pm on Wednesdays in Advent –December 8 and 22. Each session will focus on a selected passage from Deacon Pitman Potter's *Fever Dreams* collection of sacred spiritual texts, followed by night prayer.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079829374?pwd=K29Va2M2Z3pZY0FUcUhoenVIRG9ndz09>

Participants do not need copies of *Fever Dreams* - selections for each session will be circulated in advance. Those who wish to acquire a copy of *Fever Dreams* for a \$20 donation to the Neighbourhood Ministry may do so by contacting the Neighbourhood Ministry website:

<https://neighbourhoodministry.com> or ministrymcu@gmail.com

These [Zoom](#) sessions will provide opportunities for reflection and discussion on the challenges we face during this trying time. Please join us! For those who may wish to pursue individual reflection,

[Fever Dreams materials for Week 3](#) (week of Dec 15) are available at:

<https://www.stjohnsshaughnessy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-Session-3-FD-Excerpt.pdf>

Midweek Meditation 8pm Wednesdays

This is a beautiful service of Compline (or Night Prayer) and a reflection. A great way to end a day. You can watch it at any time, just follow the link from our website www.sjs.net May God be with you.

Podcasts

If you like to listen to podcasts, why not include a podcast of Mid-Week Meditation or the Sunday Sermon? They are now available as a podcast under the heading of **The Anglican Angle from Shaughnessy**. You can get the podcast from: *Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast*.

Virtual Coffee Hour after the 10am Sunday Service

Join us for a virtual coffee hour using [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970734514?pwd=Z0hoS1g0SlU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09). You can pop in any time between 11am and 12:30pm on Sundays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970734514?pwd=Z0hoS1g0SlU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09>

SJS Prayer List: Please keep in touch if you add names

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us monthly. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again. We followed this protocol before the pandemic and are going back to that. Thank you.

Church Photographers Needed

Do you love photography? Do you have a camera that takes great photos in low light settings? Please contact the office if you would like to take photos during and/or after services at SJS.



Online Worship

To access our worship online you can go to our website at www.sjs.net and click on the link there. Or you can access it through: a Facebook Live feed, a Youtube live feed and a Twitch live feed. To access one of the live feeds, select one of the following links:

- [St John's Shaughnessy on Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJzbg4009j4WMkaRBvTE-zQ) or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJzbg4009j4WMkaRBvTE-zQ>
- [St John's Shaughnessy on Twitch](https://m.twitch.tv/sjsnanton) or m.twitch.tv/sjsnanton
- facebook.com and search for "St John Shaughnessy"

Once the service ends, it will be available on each of the streaming platforms to view later using the same links.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways but financial giving is certainly one.



If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Janet in the office (church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church via one-time (or several times) donations using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

If you are already donating using the PAD program, please contact us anytime to confirm your donations for 2022. PAD forms are in the Narthex or can be emailed. Thank you for your generous support!



Christmas Shopping List

When shopping for Christmas supplies, please keep our friends on the street in mind, as well. Following is a list of items from which to choose. Please consider expiration dates on items and remember that our friends are mobile, so large, family-sized tins of food, while very generous, are very heavy to carry all day. We are collecting all through December & January. Thank you for your generosity.

- Boost or Ensure Nutrition Drinks (3 month shelf life)
- Self opening Tinned Meat & Fish
- Juice Boxes (3 month shelf life)
- New warm socks & men's medium underwear Nut/
- raisin-free Soft granola bars (3 month shelf life)
- Sleeping Bags (or \$50 donation for one)
- Winter Coats/Toques/ Gloves
- Boots (size 10,11,12)
- Rain Gear
- Fruit/pudding cups
- New personal sized hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer
- Christmas Treats (no nuts or caramel)
- Candy Bars (no nuts or caramel)

"Mutual Transformation"

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am (no 8am on Dec 26)

Sunday online service

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

Wednesday online service

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

Rector	The Reverend Terry Dirbas
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz erceliz@vst.edu
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People's Warden	Maggie Sanders
Treasurer	Donald Wood
Property Trustee	Michael Dezell
Vestry Clerk	The Reverend Karin Fulcher
Music Director	Michael Dirk organist@sjs.net
Choir Director	vacant
Children's Ministry	vacant
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Verger/caretaker	Regan Gorman 604 441 5399

Please email the office if you would like to have newsletters sent to you.
Newsletters, leaflets and online videos are posted on the website.

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