

9 January 2022      newsletter



# The Baptism of the Lord

## Message from Mother Terry

"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" -Luke 3:22

Though Christmas is only a couple of weeks behind us, this week we jump forward in the story of Jesus, to the beginning of his adult ministry. It might feel strange to us that the authors of the Gospels didn't give us much of a window into Jesus' formative years, but in the story of his baptism, which we'll read this Sunday, we do get to witness a profound moment of transition in his life.

In our twenty-first century culture, we go through rites of passage in which our parents often express their appreciation of our growth, their pride in our accomplishments, and their affirmation of us, as people. Whether it's a confirmation, graduation, wedding, or some other event, it is common for parents to beam with pride and assure us of their love for us as we enter new phases of life. And in this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the words of Jesus' Heavenly Father, expressing delight in him as he begins a new stage of ministry. God calls him "beloved" and says God is "well pleased" with him.

Perhaps you can recall a similar affirmation—a time when your “big moment” had come and your parent or trusted adult mentor assured you of your goodness and potential. Or perhaps you always sought approval that never seemed to come, no matter how hard you worked. Our words have the power to build up, or to tear down. Our voice means the world to those in our care, whether they be our children, our grandchildren, our students, or people we don't even realize look up to us.

But regardless of our circumstances and the mistakes we may have made with our own speech, that voice of God that spoke to Jesus also speaks to us. Whoever we are, whatever we've done—we are God's children, God's beloved. And through the grace of God, when God looks at us, it is the goodness of Jesus that God sees. So no matter what you've heard or



wished you'd heard from your parents—or what you've said, or wished you'd said, or wished you'd never said to your children—hear the word of God, for you today: "You are my Child, my Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Love,

Mother Terry+

### **Celebration of a New Ministry**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

We hope everyone can join us for Mother Terry's induction service on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The service will be live-streamed so you can join us from the safety of your livingroom. People may also come join us in-person, but you must be fully vaccinated, and our greeters will be checking for proof of vaccination at the door, just like on Christmas Eve. Every second pew will be roped off, and please wear your masks for the entire service. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

### **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](http://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=Z0hoS1g0SIU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09). You can pop in any time between 11am and 12:30pm on Sundays. You may need to wait several minutes for someone else to join you!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970734514?pwd=Z0hoS1g0SIU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09>

## **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. 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](http://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](https://m.twitch.tv/sjsnanton)  
[facebook.com](https://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@sjns.net](mailto:church@sjns.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!**



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## 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

**Sunday online service**

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

**Wednesday online service**

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

Rector	The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas	<a href="mailto:terry.dirbas@sjs.net">terry.dirbas@sjs.net</a>
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Rector's Warden	Judith Downes	
People's Warden	Maggie Sanders	
Treasurer	Donald Wood	
Property Trustee	Michael Dezell	
Vestry Clerk	The Reverend Karin Fulcher	
Music Director	Michael Dirk	<a href="mailto:organist@sjs.net">organist@sjs.net</a>
Choir Director	vacant	
Children's Ministry	vacant	
Parish Administrator	Janet Hamilton	
PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons	
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Newsletters, leaflets and online videos are posted on the website.

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Email and voicemail are checked regularly and often, so please reach out.

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