

From the Rector

This week, I got invited to a birthday luncheon for someone I do not know very well. Has something similar ever happened to you? I received an invitation by which I felt both flattered and obligated. To make things even more complicated, the invitation was for the day before our family was moving into a new home, so there was much preparation to be done at my house, and I wasn't sure if I could spare the time to go to a social function. Yet I felt I shouldn't say no.

I am so happy that I listened to that nudge of the Holy Spirit and took the time to attend, even on a difficult day! I went to that event thinking I needed to “perform” on behalf of the parish, but instead I was ministered to. There was a fascinating and inspiring presentation, made by the guest of honour, about her own personal ministry—one of which I hadn't been aware at all! And I had a wonderful time getting to know some new people. By the time it was done, I didn't want to leave. From start to finish, I felt completely blessed to have been in that place at that time.

This has happened to me so many times in my ministry—thinking I'm going to go minister to someone else, but they end up ministering to me. People I've served on mission teams, who showed me what it's like to live and breathe joy, even amid extreme poverty. People I've visited who were dying, who witnessed to their faith in ways that increased my own. Youth I've mentored who have grown into adults whose passion and enthusiasm inspire me and bring me incredible hope for the future.

That's the thing about ministry—we are meant not just to give, but to receive. If we all just gave, who would be the recipients? In this Sunday's Gospel, we'll hear again the story of Jesus sending the disciples out with nothing, encouraging them to engage in their mission by making themselves dependent on others' hospitality. Rather than sending them out to be powerful, all on their own, he sends them both to do good deeds in his name, and also to receive the ministry of those whom they visit.

As we seek to follow his example more closely, let's pay attention not just to the ministry we're called to do for others, but the ministry we might receive from them. Whether we give or we receive, God is present. May we have eyes to see it.

Mother Terry+

Feasting with the Saints has been postponed!



But don't worry! It will return in September. Instead go enjoy, learn about Saints and eat their food, and we'll all return in September ready to Feast, and cook and eat and drink and ponder these amazing people!

Myrrh-flowing Icon of the Maniavskiy Monastery, Ukraine

Special Vestry July 10. We will hold a very brief special vestry at the end of our in-person worship service on July 10, for the purpose of approving additional volunteers to administer the chalice. If you would like to administer the chalice and you have not yet been licensed by the bishop, please let us know so that we may include you in the resolution.

SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office (church@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office(church@sjs.net) for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know. **We are accepting donations of old garden tools.**

WNM items for Homeless Needed

Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

Free Filing Cabinet Ready for Pickup



Free to a good home. Two drawer filing cabinet in fairly good condition, 36" wide, 18" deep, 28" high. Please email the Parish office (church@sjs.net) to make arrangements to come and pick this cabinet up. If we have received no word that anyone is interested within two weeks, the filing cabinet will be placed in an online listing to give away.

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 and 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 Cynthia in the office (church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church 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.

**Congratulations to our Sunday Verger
Ethan Baker on his recent graduation!**



Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

Wednesday online service

8pm Midweek Meditation

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