

From Mother Terry

This Sunday, we begin our observance of the Season of Creation. During the month of September and up through St. Francis day (October 4), we join with Christians around the world as we renew our commitment to stewardship of the earth.

In our parish, we will mark the season primarily through our prayers. The Prayers of the People will reflect the theme of this year's Season of Creation, the burning bush. From the Season of Creation committee:

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you."

Exodus 3:1-12

"The **burning bush** is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation."

At the Eucharist, we will focus on the Season of Creation by using Eucharistic Prayer 4. This is a prayer beloved by many for its emphasis on thanksgiving for all of creation, including "the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home." But one of the

things I also love about Prayer 4 is its focus on penitence—the acknowledgment we make to God, that “we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again, you call us to return.” In the larger context of this prayer and the celebration of God’s great creation, we are mindful that our failure to live into God’s dream for us includes not only our sins against one another, but our failure to safeguard the creation we are called to steward.

My prayer for us is that this season will be a time of deep reflection on the beauty and the blessing of the world God has made, and on our responsibility to nurture that creation for the well-being of all God’s children, and the flourishing of God’s good earth. I encourage us all to take time over the next month to examine our own lives, and to ask ourselves how well we are living into the promise we make at our baptism, “Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?” Let us pray together, “I will, with God’s help.”

Blessings,
Mother Terry+

Welcome Back Sunday Barbeque Sept 11 – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up, clean up and cooking for the Welcome Back Barbeque. Please email the church office church.office@sjjs.net if you are available!

If you are hoping to join us for the barbeque after the 10am service, please email the church office at church.office@sjjs.net or call to RSVP.



Godly Play...

Godly Play is an imaginative, creative and engaging children's worship experience. Godly Play was created by Jerome Berryman coming out of his work with Maria Montessori. It deeply values children spirituality. We use engaging storytelling, wondering and art to engage children and help them to vocalize their own theology and help them to think deeper about the world.



It is a wonderful way having 'Children's Church'. Instead of being 'entertained' for the part of the service that means the least to them (the Readings/Sermon and Prayers) the kids will be having their own church experience, learning stories, by working with them, and wondering about them.

As a parent who's children have been in Godly Play for several critical years, I love how much my children know the stories, and articulate a deep spirituality and relationship with God.

It's really exciting to bring this back here to St. John's!

We are very lucky that we have many Godly Play stories, we have some amazing stories (Noah's Ark, many parables, the Holy Family...) and it's equally exciting to have some new stories. A big thanks to the volunteers who have been working hard to make this happen.

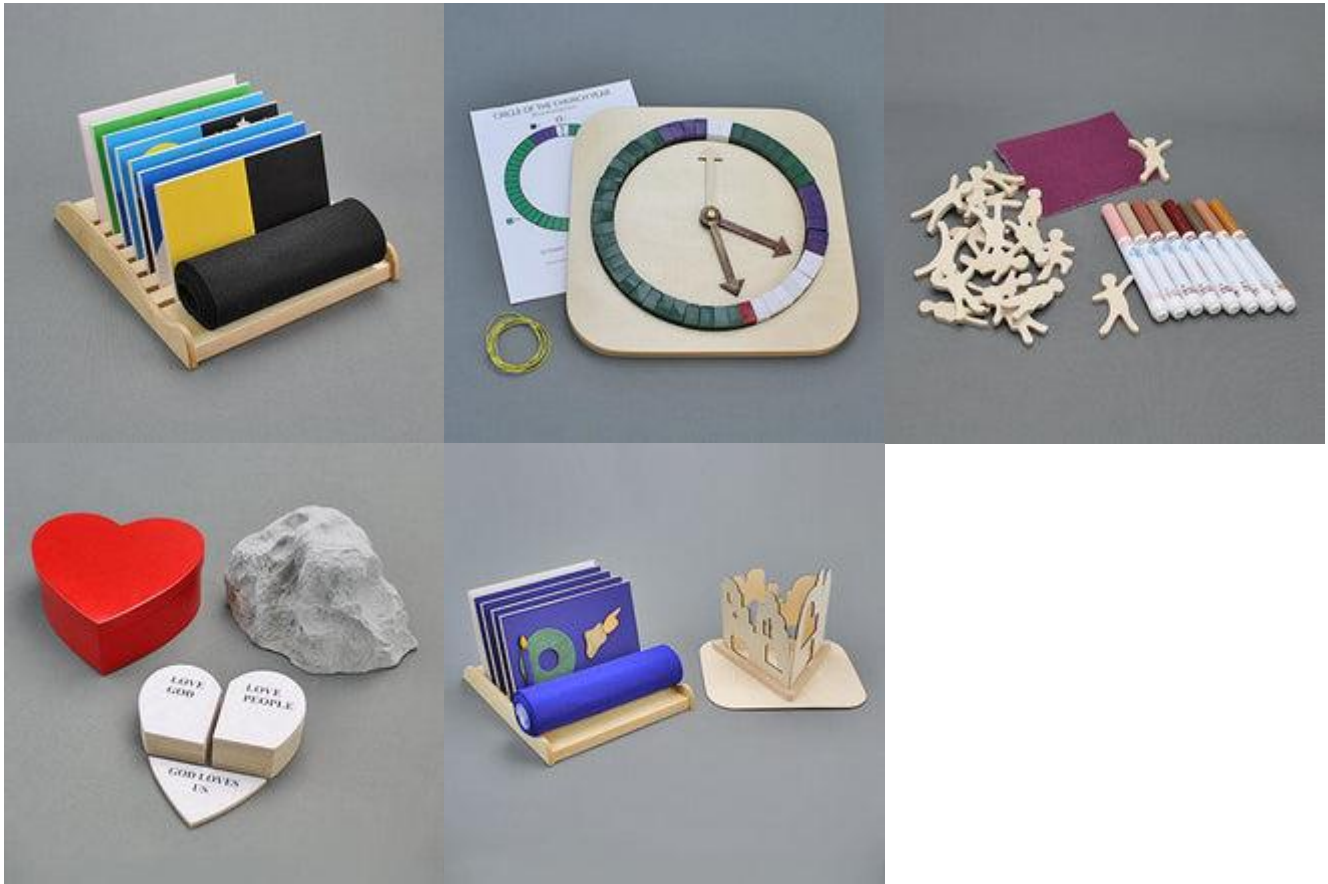
If you would like to know more, please let me know!

God Bless,
Mother Liz

New Godly Play Stories coming this fall....

In order left to right and top to bottom

-Creation, Circle of the Church Year, People of God, Ten Best Ways, and Advent



Stories that we would like to build on...

If you would like to contribute,
please let the Church office know...



Abraham



Green Growing Banner



The Great Family



The Mystery of Christmas



The Ark and the Temple (some things)



Crosses

Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular at SJS – OCT 28 7:30pm

The Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular (RCCO) which Michael Dirk serves on executive as Vice-President and Education Officer will be hosting their Halooween Organ Spooktacular Concert at SJS on Friday Oct 28, 7:30pm.

This also coincides with the 54th Anniversary of SJS's Hallman pipe organ's dedication- and the 5th anniversary of the launch of the organ revitalization campaign. Please join us then.

SJS choir tenor alum Spencer Britten to perform with Vancouver City Opera Sept 13-17:

<https://twitter.com/spencerbritten>

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@sjns.net) anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office(church@sjns.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.

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@sjis.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.

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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Treasurer Donald Wood
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Altar Guild Susan Firus
Parish Administrator Janet Hamilton (Cynthia Jutras, acting)

Please email the office if you would like to have newsletters sent to you.
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