

From the Rector

As I write this, it is Friday, January 6—the feast of the Epiphany. This is the day when we celebrate the manifestation of God's glory in Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. It also marks the conclusion of the Christmas season, as we turn our attention in the weeks to come to Jesus' baptism and the manifestation of his divinity in his earthly ministry.

Tonight, I will be the guest preacher at the Epiphany mass at the Church of the Holy Trinity in White Rock. Since Epiphany rarely falls on a Sunday, I'm glad to have the opportunity to observe the feast with "smells and bells" in my husband's parish. Please know that you are most welcome to join us at 6 p.m. for the service, and for a dinner afterward to benefit the Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program.

One of my favourite parts of the Epiphany mass is the reading of the Epiphany proclamation. This is a tradition that originated in a time when calendars were not readily available. Since many of the dates of the liturgical year are determined by the date of Easter, it was necessary to announce all those dates to the faithful at the beginning of the year. While technology makes it easy for us to look these dates up more easily, it is still a lovely tradition. I would like to share this year's Epiphany proclamation with you.

Dear friends in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the Paschal Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the sixth day of April and the evening of the eighth day of April.

Each Easter – as on each Sunday – the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the twenty-second day of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the eighteenth day of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the twenty-eighth day of May. And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the third day of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

Faithfully,
Mother Terry+

Do you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you've always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. All questions will remain anonymous.

Special Vestry – Sunday, January 8 after the 10 a.m. service

We will hold a brief special vestry meeting on January 8 after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve minor changes to our bylaws to bring them into compliance with the canons of the diocese. The proposed amendments will be circulated by a separate e-blast next week. Pending subsequent approval of the bishop and diocesan council, changes would take effect following our annual vestry meeting in February.

Hospitality and Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

Please contact the office (church@sjs.net) for more details if you are interested in greeting or helping out with hospitality on Sunday mornings.

Welcoming our new verger Patrick!

We are excited to have him on our team. Here is his introduction:

Hello, my name is Patrick. I'm originally from London, ON. We (my wife Alisha, dog Hazel and I) just relocated to Vancouver for Alisha to attend Nursing School at BCIT. I currently split my time between St John's, as a free lance software developper, and finishing up some research projects from my schooling. I'm excited to be joining the St John's community and look forward to meeting everyone!

WNM items for Homeless Needed

Thank you so much for your kind donations! We are a little low on pudding cups, protein (small cans of tuna or chicken), fruit cups and as always socks. We are quite well stocked at the moment for other items.

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.

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.

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Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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