

From the Rector

Last week we had an especially robust coffee hour! It seemed to last quite a bit longer than usual, with many people attending and staying quite a while. Everyone seemed to be really enjoying the time together. Many thanks to all who attended, to those who prepared coffee hour and those who helped tidy up afterward, and to all who signed up for a turn at hosting in the months to come.

Coffee hour is an important part of our ministry. It isn't just about having a good time—it's also an opportunity to build relationships with each other, and to welcome new people into our community. I would encourage us to see this time as holy, and to make a point to stay for fellowship whenever we can. I know we're all busy and it is tempting to rush off to the next thing, and we all need to do that every once in a while. But that time together in community is a part of nurturing our own spiritual health, and that of others. It is also the primary way that newcomers get to know the parish and come to feel like they belong.

Speaking of newcomers, I'd also like to encourage us to do a little "fishing for people." When we're at coffee hour, let's keep an eye out for those who might be new, or those whom we haven't gotten to know yet. It's tempting to just sit with the people we know well (and we should absolutely maintain those relationships), but we also need to keep in mind the goal of incorporating new people into our fellowship, so that everyone feels connected. Let's make a point of chatting with different people, and of introducing ourselves to people we don't know.

We should also keep in mind that visitors often don't make their way over to the Trendell Lounge. Many people have a hard time entering a room full of strangers, wondering what they're getting into, or if they'll have anyone to talk to. While we do make announcements during the service about coffee hour, it is often very helpful if people are personally invited. If you introduce yourself to a visitor while you're in the church, I hope you'll also ask them to come over for coffee. "Will you join us for coffee hour, even just for a few minutes? I'd love to introduce you to some of my friends." Even if they decline, at least they will know we were thinking about them.

Finally, if anyone would like to help us think through how we welcome newcomers, please send me an email at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. I'd love to brainstorm ways to help people get connected to the parish.

Blessings,
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.

Upcoming Parish Events

February 5 at 3 p.m. - Choral Evensong
February 6 at 11 a.m. - Property Committee Meeting
February 7 at 7 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting
February 19 after 10 a.m. service - Pancake Breakfast (in anticipation of Shrove Tuesday)
February 22 - Ash Wednesday (services at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.)
February 26 after the 10 a.m. service - Annual Vestry Meeting

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.

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.

Organ Virtuoso Loreto Aramendi

Saturday, February 4th, at 7.30 pm : St James' Anglican Church, Vancouver

St James' Music Series presents Loreto Aramendi, an international concert artist and main organist of the Basilica of Santa María del Coro in San Sebastián, Spain. She has given numerous recitals in Europe, Argentina, Japan, Russia, and the

United States, and her extraordinary skill and musicianship have been highly praised. What sets Loreto Aramendi's concerts apart are the symphonic transcriptions of works by Liszt, Fauré, Rachmaninoff, and Saint-Saëns, which show off the rich tonal colours of the organ necessary for interpreting orchestral music, which are otherwise unheard in strict organ repertoire. As well, the organ transcriptions require a musician of exceptional virtuosic and artistic skill – and that, Loreto Aramendi has in spades.

This will be the first time for this Spanish virtuoso to perform on Canada's West Coast as she embarks on a tour in Canada and the USA. A rare opportunity to hear this extraordinarily-talented musician perform on the mighty pipe organ at St James' Church, this is a concert not to be missed !

The Gesualdo Six Return

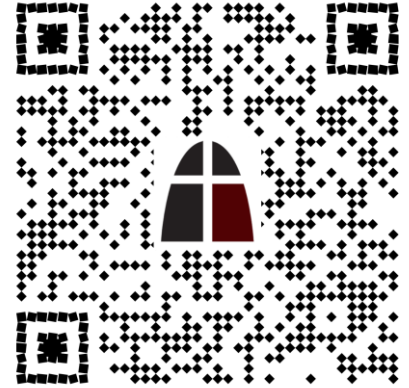
Friday, February 10th, at 7.30 pm : St James' Anglican Church, Vancouver

This outstanding choral group from the UK made their Canadian debut at St James' in 2018, and it was glorious. Now, five years later, The Gesualdo Six return to Vancouver to present a programme of music from their most-recent Album, including selections by Cristóbal de Morales, Josquin des Prez, William Byrd, Howard Skempton, Donna McKevitt, Eleanor Daley, John Tavener, and Richard Rodney Bennett.

The 2018 Gesualdo Six concert at St James' was a sold-out, and the same is expected for their 2023 appearance.

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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