

Message from the Rector

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
-2 Corinthians 4:6

This season after Epiphany is all about light. From the light of the star that guides the wise men to the baby Jesus, to the light that breaks forth at his baptism and declares him God's Son, to the metaphorical light that emanates from him as he calls his disciples and manifests God's healing power. Week by week, we see our world lit up by Jesus' presence. And this Sunday, the whole season culminates with the Transfiguration-- the revelation before Peter, James, and John of Jesus bathed in God's glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. The light is now literally visible, radiating from Jesus himself.

Between the short days of winter and news of earthquakes, floods, war, and so much more, the world has seemed dark for a long time. But spring is at hand. There is gathering light in our midst. And the truth, for us as believers, is that the source of our light isn't in the circumstances of our daily living. Our light comes from knowing God's glory revealed in Jesus. Our light comes from the joy of knowing God loves us enough to send his Son into the world to teach us, to heal us, to pray with us, to rejoice with us, and even to die and rise for us.

As we prepare for a time of fasting and praying during Lent, let's take care that we remember where our light truly comes from, and that we don't lose sight of it, even in the dark times. And let's do our best to share the light with those who are experiencing dark times.

Many people have asked how they can help, after the recent earthquake in Turkey. Please see below for more information about giving through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

Mother Terry

The PWRDF is the compassionate service agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, always ready to respond in-house and through partnerships to alleviate the suffering of those who are experiencing catastrophic events around the globe.

The PWRDF is currently accepting donations for the ACT Alliance which is already working on the ground to help in Turkey and Syria. ACT's website says it's '... composed of more than 140 faith-based member organisations working in long-term development, advocacy and humanitarian assistance'.

Read more about ACT's efforts in Turkey and Syria on PWRDF's site:

<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-act-alliance-response.../>

Donate directly to the PWRDF appeal at:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx...>

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 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

Ash Wednesday

Do you have any palm crosses at home left from last year? Please bring them to church on Sunday to be used to make this year's ashes.

Do You Have Questions?

About Faith

About Jesus

About Liturgy

About Life

About St. John's

Then this may be the Course for YOU! Transforming Questions is for anyone: young or old, cradle Christian or new to church, a believer or an explorer.

A place to join with others and ask the questions that have been burning in your brain and/or heart!!

Beginning Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church and for 8 Tuesdays following (we shall take a break for Holy Week) we shall meet for fellowship, conversations and questions – and perhaps some answers!

Video presentations, small group discussions, and a time to get to know each other better –

Please join us.

But PLEASE RSVP to

Deacon Karin Fulcher –

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Father James Hwang - jhwang@sjs.net

Notice of Annual Vestry

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26, following the 10 a.m. worship service. Please mark your calendars for this important gathering.

All those with reports to submit for vestry are asked to send those to the parish office no later than February 15, to allow time for the vestry booklet to be compiled. Your timely submissions are greatly appreciated!

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.

Send us your sign suggestions!

We are looking for suggestions for messages to put on our sign board on Granville Street throughout the year. Please email the office (church@sjs.net) with your ideas!

Pulling Out All The Stops

On March 4, 2023, Master Musicians from three continents will give the first of its kind, cross continental Pipe Organ performance and education workshops in Africa.

As part of a collaborative effort to bring the pipe organ to places the instrument does not exist, pipe organist (Michael Dirk, UBC and VSO instructor of organ and vice president of Vancouver RCCO) will perform at Vancouver St-John's Shaughnessy (3700 pipes) an arrangement

of a Rwandan traditional song (Humura Rwanda) written by Vancouver composer Denis Bédard. This performance will be broadcasted through live streaming to Rwanda providing the accompaniment to a Rwandan choir singing an arrangement of a traditional song called Humura Rwanda.

Where this project gets bold is where a Rwandan music student will be performing specific parts of the song on a digital keyboard to activate and be heard back on the Vancouver pipe organ!

"I can't wait to see the look on their faces when they play the real thing for the first time!" exclaimed Gilles Parenteau, project coordinator and retired Selkirk College music instructor, Nelson BC.

Since there are no pipe organs in Rwanda and considering the sheer size of the instrument, this world premiere will give the opportunity to Rwandan musicians to experience the pipe organ's magnitude and play in real time (across continents) our cherished patrimonial instrument. This will be possible via telemidi technology under the direction of Matt Bray (PhD student Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia). The telemidi signal (musical instrument digital interface) will be traveling near the earth circumference through over 35,000km of internet links.

The performance is scheduled for March 4th and will be live and available on the internet. (links and info can be found at virtualsymphony.org/rwanda). Six other African countries will be invited to view the performance, with promotion made by SAGE Colleges & Institutes

Canada, office located in St-Lucia,
Caribbean.

Parenteau and Dominique Soutif (former Juno awarded CBC producer, Ottawa, Ont) are coordinating and producing this new music merging the organ with traditional and original songs from Rwanda. Jacques Murigande (artist name Popo and former Canadian Juno recipient) is the director of the School of Creative Art and Music in Rwanda.

Funding for this project is provided by the Canada Arts Council.

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For more information or to line up an interview, please contact Gilles Parenteau e: gilles_parenteau@hotmail.com t: 250-505-5739

Introducing the pipe organ in Rwanda
Facebook

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090374703368>

Website: <https://www.virtualsymphony.org/rwanda>



Michael Dirk - Vice president Vancouver
RCCO and Pipe Organist



Gilles Parenteau (Canadian composer and
retires Selkirk College music teacher)
with Jacques Murigande (artist name
Popo and former Canadian Juno
recipient) in Rwanda



Rwanda, Africa: Music students who will be playing a pipe organ in Canada

Here's an article from a recent SJS chorister/section-lead. Some of our members will be cheering him on this coming Sunday:

<https://www.createastir.ca/articles/spencer-britten-midsummer-nights-dream-vancouver-opera>

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.office@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.

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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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