

From our Curate

Following the examples of the Apostles – How life changes



The Church celebrates the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul on June 29th. These two saints were considered to be pillars of the foundation of the Church. They both dedicated themselves to proclaiming the Gospel as Christ's disciples and witnessed their faith through martyrdom.

Interestingly, they have lived a very different life from the beginning to the end. Peter was a poor fisherman, an uneducated simple man who was described as enthusiastic but impulsive. Paul was raised to be a Pharisee, a Roman citizen at that time, an intellectual man with high education. Peter set an example of faith with humility and simplicity, Paul shed light on faith with wisdom and clarity. Peter was the apostle to the Jewish Nation; Paul was to the Gentiles.

On top of that, there is another significant difference between Peter and Paul. Peter, who had encountered Jesus from the beginning of Jesus' ministry, took a long time for his conversion. His relationship with Jesus had grown over mistakes and misunderstandings. On the other hand, Paul encountered the Risen Lord, and since then he had become a totally different person, from a persecutor of Christians to a Christ bearer until death.

This reminds me of a famous debate between teachings of Chinul and Seongchol in Korean Zen Buddhism. Chinul, a 12th century monk, claimed that the sudden awakening was followed by gradual cultivation. In other words, even with awakening,

one needs to put efforts to continue the exercise of the mind. He stressed that a mere awareness of wisdom could not lead one to the realization of Buddhistic nature without practice of compassion.

Regarding this teaching, Seongchol, a 20th century Zen Buddhist, argued that if a kind of awakening required gradual cultivation, it was just an intellectual knowledge but not true awakening. According to Seongchol, true awakening entails a radical change, i.e., complete enlightenment.

Probably, you may have a moment of “I’ve never been the same” in faith. Or you may have an experience of seeing yourself and the world in a new light, but still struggle with the same weakness. I am not contending here which one should be the true conversion. As much as the Church holds these two saints together as great examples of our faith, I think one path is not against the other.

Rather, God’s calling for each one of us is unique. Our encounter with Christ may plant a seed in our life to grow over time, or turn everything upside down all at once. Or our journey may be combination of changes and resistance. What is important is not how but why. God at times leads us on a totally different path because He loves us. God at times helps us to prepare for a new path because He loves us. As long as we have faith, hope, and love in God, we know that we all have the same destination at the end of our journey.

Fr. James



Congratulations to **Róbert Zacharovský**, who not only passed the examination for the Service Playing Certificate in the Royal Canadian College of Organists, he also achieved the highest marks in Canada for 2023! For this he is awarded the Kathleen Williams Prize of \$200.

The Vancouver Civic Theatres Silent Movie Mondays presents Charlie Chaplin Shorts with musical accompaniment by our own **Michael Dirk** on the historic WurLitzer organ at the Orpheum Theatre. Following the show, Keith Blackmore of Vancouver Film School will host a lively discussion about the movies and the role of silent films in the evolution of film history with Bob Woolsey - the Head of Film Production at the Vancouver Film School.
Monday, July 10 at 7:30pm.

Tickets at Ticket Master.



The Kandeels Have Safely Arrived!

On Tuesday, members of our refugee committee were joined by Mother Terry as we welcomed the Kandeel family to Canada. It was a joyful reunion of their extended family, many of whom are already in Vancouver having been sponsored by St. Philip's. The occasion was even more special because much of the family had never met the two youngest children before in person. It was a moving and very holy experience to be a part of this celebration.

Now the next phase of work begins as we help get them settled! Many thanks to all who have contributed or who are planning to participate in this effort.

Tonight at Saint John's Shaughnessy:

**LA MAÎTRISE DES PETITS CHANTEURS DE QUÉBEC ON TOUR
SUMMER 2023**

C'est beau le monde

**St John's Shaughnessy
Anglican Church**

1490 Nanton Ave.
Vancouver, BC

June 29

7:30 p.m.

**WHEN MUSIC MAKES
THE WORLD FLOURISH**



**La Maîtrise
des petits chanteurs
de Québec**
DEPUIS 1915

Starting soon



Looking for something this summer for kids? Always wished there was a place to invite families over the summer to grow deeper in faith, play in community, and grow together in love? Aspire Bible Camp is coming this summer, and we want you! This collaborative offering of a vacation bible camp, spearheaded by Lauren Odile Pinkney, Children, Youth and Family Minister at Christ Church Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner for Youth and the Reverend. Alex Wilson Vicar of St. Anselm's, seeks to offer an accessible vacation bible camp experience for parishes of any size.

Partnering with **the Reverend Terry Dirbas at St. John's Shaughnessy** and the Reverend Laurel Dykstra of Salal and Cedar, Aspire Bible Camp runs from **July 17-21**, and is made possible by grant funding from the diocesan Anglican Initiatives Fund and the Parish Ministry Development department Together we will hire youth to help deliver the program, working alongside mentors, as they develop their own leadership while engaging with kids of all backgrounds. We can't wait for what is going to be a summer of real fun together!

Have a passion for ministry with kids, training in *Godly Play* or *Messy Church*, or know of a youth/young adult who might want to work with us? [Contact Lauren by email to find out more.](#)

Parishes are invited to participate in the drop off and pick up, as well as hosting snack times. This will give them the ability to engage with the parents and celebrate the joys of kids learning together about Jesus.

Registration opens now, and the \$75 fee gives kids a limited edition Aspire Bible Camp T-shirt and snacks everyday. We ask that participants bring their own lunches.

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 Ann 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.

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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