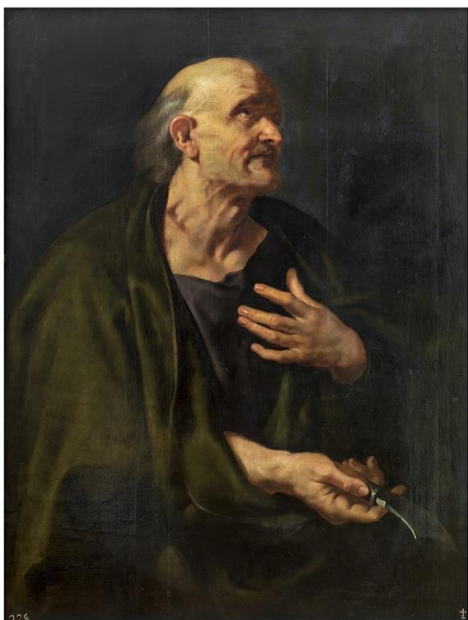


The Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Today is the feast of St. Bartholomew, the Apostle. We will commemorate him this morning in our Thursday Eucharist, but as I prepared a few words for my homily, I thought perhaps it would be of interest to some who may not be able to attend during the workday. While we have very little information about the details of his life, his legacy has inspired countless Christians throughout the ages.



St. Bartholomew (c. 1611) by Peter Paul Rubens

Background

Bartholomew's name is a patronymic, combining *bar* ("son of") with the name *Tolmai* or *Ptolemy*. It is likely that he had a given name, as well. He is mentioned in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) as Bartholomew, and is usually linked closely with Philip. In the Gospel of John, however, Philip is paired instead with someone named Nathanael. It is therefore widely assumed that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person. We might even call him Nathanael Bartholomew ("Nathanael, Son of Tolmai").

The only story about Nathanael Bartholomew, aside from lists of the twelve, comes from the first chapter of the Gospel of John.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Life and Martyrdom

We have no concrete historical information about Nathanael Bartholomew after his mention in Scripture. However, early writers such as the historian Eusebius of Caesarea tell us that he went to preach in India (though some suggest that the “India” used here actually refers to Ethiopia). He is also said to have taken the Gospel to Armenia. There he is said to have converted the king to Christianity, angering those who feared a Roman backlash.

Stories about his death differ. Some say he was thrown into the sea to drown; others, that he was crucified upside down like St. Peter. But the most well-known narrative holds that he was skinned alive and then beheaded. For this reason, his emblem in Christian art is the flaying knife. Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners, plasterers, tailors, leatherworkers, bookbinders, farmers, housepainters, butchers, and glove makers.



The Martyrdom of Saint Bartholomew
by Jusepe de Ribera (1634)

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

Sunday, September 3, 2023 after the 10am service

We will hold a special vestry meeting on **Sunday, September 3 after the 10 a.m. worship service**. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the proposed scope of work to be done on the building envelope. At our last regular vestry meeting, we approved \$200,000 toward this project. Now that we have received bids for the work, however, it is clear that the cost will far exceed that amount. At this meeting, we will discuss our options and make a decision about how to move forward, as good stewards of both our property and our financial resources. More details will be available soon. In the meantime, please reach out to Mike Dezell or to any of the trustees with questions.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please note that in order to vote, a person must have been a member of the parish for at least three months.

Welcome Back BBQ

Sunday, September 10 after the 10 a.m. service



Our annual “Welcome Back Sunday” is September 10, and we’ll celebrate by blessing bags and backpacks at the Eucharist, and by sharing a BBQ after the service. We hope you’ll join us as we kick off a new program year. There will be beautiful music and great company!

If you are planning to attend, please email the parish office and RSVP. If you would like to contribute a side dish, please also let us know what you’re planning to bring.

A signup sheet will also be available Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Weekly Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

We invite you to join us for our mid-week service of Holy Eucharist. If you’d like to receive prayers for healing, there will be opportunity for anointing with holy oil and healing prayers with the clergy.



There's still a spot on the Hospitality Team!



Volunteering for the Coffee Hour team has never been easier. Our newest team member, Lena, the “Coffee Hour Verger”, does much of the preparation and cleanup and as a volunteer you would usually only serve once every 2 months.

Besides hosting and helping our guests, you would bring a few goodies and check the supplies for next week's host.

If you'd like to be on this team please

just email Ken Pepin at: ken.pepin@sjsparish.net

Invitation to serve on the Church Greeter Team

Dear Parishioners:

We are thankful for your presence and ministry at St. John's Shaughnessy. As you know, our church values meaningful times of worship, outreach and fellowship. As we continue to grow and welcome visitors and long-time members, we need to expand our rota of volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings.

Time commitment: 9:30am-10am once every two months on Sunday mornings.

Duties: You will be greeting entrants at the church door; handing out service leaflets; sharing a smile, a “hello,” and the warmth of your presence; receiving the collection during the service and taking it up to the altar at the appropriate time. You will be trained and paired with an experienced greeter.

Please consider joining this ministry. Contact Joan Stewart, People's Warden, at (604) 805-7315 or email jstewart@westerndriver.com

BEADING WORKSHOP



Saturday, September 23
1:30-4:30pm at
St. Philip's Anglican Church
3737 W. 27th Avenue
Vancouver

Beading has an 8,000 year history among First Nations Peoples. Early trade with Europeans included beads which were used for adornment and

ceremonial items. First Nations People and Metis used these trade beads to adorn clothing and household items. The Metis were called “The Flower Beadwork People” by some First Nations People in response to the beautiful work created by the Metis women.

Led by Kerry Baisley, in this workshop we will be introduced to Metis beading and go on to learn different beading techniques as we create a beaded Orange Shirt pin. We will talk about the Residential School experience of Phyllis Webstad and how Orange Shirt Day came into being. This pin can be worn to remind yourself and others of the Children who attended Indian Residential Schools.

Space is limited to 15 participants, so be sure to register today! Please tell us if you have any prior experience beading.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/beading-workshop-orange-shirt-pins-tickets-673344059207>

**Pottery hand building workshop:
spiritual practice of creativity**

August 25th Friday 7pm

September 2nd Saturday 2pm

**At St. John's Shaughnessy Parish
Facilitated by James Hwang**

(Number of participants is limited)



Spirituality in general always includes restoring connection. From my experience of doing pottery over 10 years, pottery in that sense, is not just a craft but also a spiritual practice of being in touch with the soil in a tactile way, being in touch with your body, being in touch with your inner creativity.

The session is offered on two different dates and will include some reflective sharing about creativity and conversations. Since there is no wheel at the parish, it will be slap building, coiling, or pinching. Due to the limits of space, each session will accommodate a limited number of 4 participants, but there will be more sessions if there is a demand.

The materials and kiln will be offered by Hand Eye pottery studio. The fee is for the material and firing fee. It will be decided by the size of the object later, and I speculate approximately 10 CAD for the size of cereal bowl. Please register at jhwang@sjis.net (please indicate what you would like to make, i.e. cup, bowl, vase, plant pot, plate, etc.)

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@sjis.net) anytime! Thank you.

Financial Support – Stewardship

If you would like
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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
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office (church.office@sjc.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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