

From our Curate

Welcome to those who have been away during the summer and also to those who joined St. John's, Shaughnessy recently.

Although it is not the beginning of the year, September feels more like a beginning with school starting again, and having taken some time off.

I still remember the first day of the new school year during my early childhood days. Everything was new. New textbooks, new notebooks, new classroom, new friends and teachers—all of these created a sense of just unwrapped freshness. As a shy boy, the first day was always tough, feeling inadequate and anxious, like a fish out of water. But soon, as I got to exchange names and make some friends, things turned into adventures. Probably many others also must have felt quite nervous, not knowing what to do, whom to be with, and that might be the common ground for us to connect to one another.

As we are gathering around the new beginning at St. John's Shaughnessy, we as adults may have forgotten about that naïve uneasiness or excitement. Some may say it is another year, the same as last year. Things are a matter of course, and it's just the same old, same old. However, it does not have to be a predictable, repetitive thing.

What if we imagine we are back to school again? If we compare our parish life to school, there might be many different subjects. We have various committees and teams to live and serve as Christians. There are people who are dedicated to gardening, managing the parish building, greeting people and serving at coffee hour, neighbourhood ministry, volunteering at a care home, helping the refugee families, serving at the liturgy, altar guild, teaching at the Sunday school, singing in



the choir, participating in administration, attending spiritual formation programs, and more.

What would you like it to be your new subject this year? Or if you have been taking a subject, what would be the upgraded goal for this year? What would you like to learn, to do more of, or to make more meaningful to you and to others? In addition to that, who would you like to get to know more? Who are the new people that recently joined our community?

I am not saying what you are doing is not enough, or that it is your obligation to give more to the community. But it is always good to be inspired and challenged, because the growth itself that comes through enthusiasm and passion is God's gift for each one of us. And as we are one body, individual growth and prosperity of community go hand in hand.

As we start a new school year from this welcome back Sunday, I would like to gently invite you to be ready to move to the next grade of your own and make this year's St. John's Shaughnessy full of joyful and meaningful moments. Welcome back!


Fr. James

Memorial Service Invitation

Our Treasurer, Donald Wood, would like to invite the parish community to his sister's memorial service this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's, Shaughnessy. A light reception will follow in the Trendell Lounge.

Please join us if you can, and please remember Jacquie and all who loved her in your prayers.

In loving memory of
Jacqueline Ann Bayne
(Sister of Donald Wood)
November 23, 1940 - March 17, 2023



Requiem Holy Eucharist
Saturday, September 9, 1:30 p.m.
St. John's, Shaughnessy
1490 Nanton Ave.

The parish community is warmly invited to attend.



Welcome Back BBQ – This Sunday!

Our annual “Welcome Back Sunday” is this Sunday, 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.

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.

Beginning next week, on September 14, we’ll have a low-key Bible Study afterwards.

All are welcome!





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.

Kerry has been serving as the Missioner for Indigenous Justice for the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster since 2020. Previously Kerry worked in positions ranging from Emergency Child Welfare, a Regional Social Worker in the Yukon, and Medical Social Work in Residential Care. He retired as a Director of Client Relations and Risk Management in Richmond Hospital with Vancouver Coastal Health. He is a past Board Member of the I27 Society for Housing and a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia.

This workshop costs \$15/person and space is limited to 15 participants, so be sure to register today! Please let us know if you have any beading experience.

[Beading Workshop - Orange Shirt Pins Tickets,](#)
[Sat, 23 Sep 2023 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Welcome Back Sunday BBQ
Blessing of Backpacks

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

3 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

6 p.m. Taizé Prayer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

4 p.m. Neighbourhood Gospel Band
Concert

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
for All Faithful Departed

EVERY THURSDAY

10 a.m. Healing Eucharist and Bible Study

St. John's, Shaughnessy
1490 NANTON AVE.

Calendar

There's still a spot on the Hospitality Team!

Volunteering for the Coffee Hour Team has never been easier. Our newest team member, Rena, 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

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@sj.net) anytime! Thank you.



TAIZÉ PRAYER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 6PM

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY
1490 NANTON AVE

Taizé is a form of Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in France.

One is invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection.

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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