

Consecration Sunday Is Coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this fall.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card.



The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Faithfully,

Ken Pepin, Rector's Warden



Small Group for Spiritual Practice A Tree of Life

Oct 17th - Nov 21st (5 Tuesdays, no session on Nov 7th)

7:00pm - 8:00pm

in person at St. John's parish

Facilitated by James Hwang and Karin Fulcher

Using scriptures and literature related to the metaphor of a tree, we will find God in our hearts and within our daily lives.

It will be a time for us to find God-seed in us, be rooted in God, connect inner and outer life, discover seasons of our journey, and open a fruitful life throughout 5 weeks course.

Each session will last about an hour and involve reflection and sharing.

If you are interested or have any questions,
Please email : jhwang@sjs.net

New Parish Administrator!

We are delighted to welcome Deanna Ferguson to our team as our new permanent parish administrator. Deanna comes to us with ten years of experience in parish administration, most recently at St. James Anglican Church. She is in the office Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please join us in welcoming her to St. John's!

Labyrinth is Open

Beginning next Thursday, October 19th the Labyrinth here at St. John's, Shaughnessy will be open for walking on Thursday mornings from 8am to 9:45am.

For those who would like to stay, a service for Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers begins at 10am followed by a low-key Bible Study.

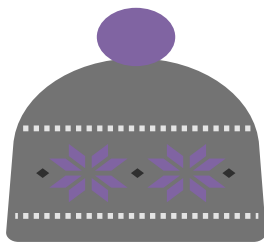


Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry

As always, we are very grateful for the generosity of parishioners for packet materials that go out to the folks on the street.

Here's what we are a little low on at the moment:

- Socks (always socks, but especially as Fall is here and Winter is approaching)
- Meal Replacements (Ensure or Boost)
- Soft Granola Bars – not crunchy
- Fruit Cups
- Clothing: warm and waterproof jackets, shirts, sweaters, gloves, hats or toques





Reimagining Home: Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Epiphany Chapel Vancouver School of Theology, 6030 Chancellor Blvd. Vancouver

Our current culture of isolation and unaffordability is impacting everyone - from students, to families, to retirees; uncertainty, instability and loneliness crosses demographic lines. The conversations and news stories around housing challenges are prolific today. Is there a better way to do "do home"?

Through presentations, workshops and storytelling, you are invited to reimagine how we can approach our understanding of home. Peche Kucha style displays - short, visually driven presentations offer an opportunity to hear from experts and those with lived experience in areas of shared living, porous and invitational hospitality, economic practicalities and considerations and more.

There will be time to share your ideas and hear from others. Come ready to participate, learn and contribute. Join in with other curious people to expand your understanding and challenge our preconceived ideas of how we consider housing and home.

Registration includes snacks and lunch and an invitation to connect and converse with the presenters.

[Register with Eventbrite](#)



Solemn Choral Evensong

for All Faithful Departed

with prayers for those who have been
laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ 4 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY
1490 NANTON AVE.**

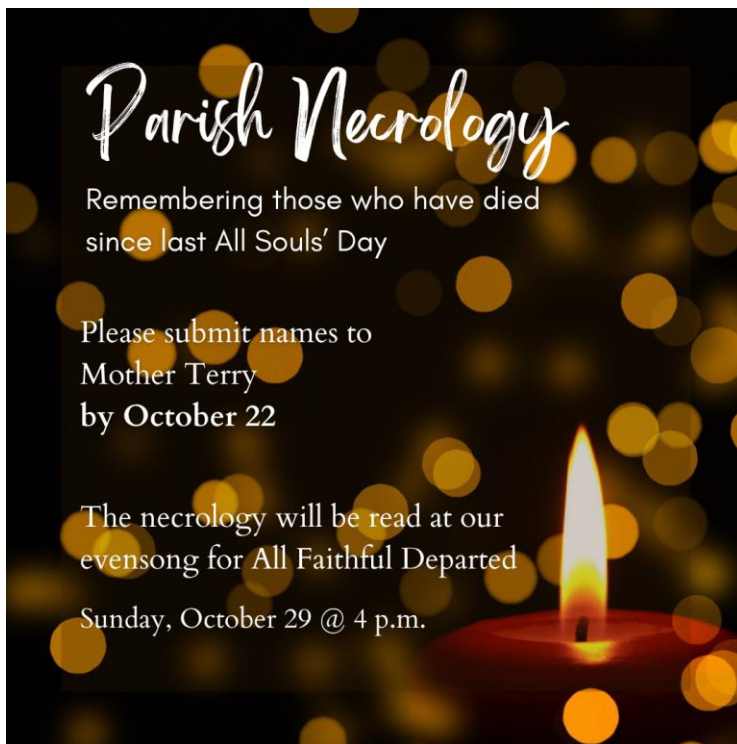
Parish Necrology:

Please submit names by October 22

At our choral evensong on October 29, we will observe the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. While this is a service to remember all those who have gone before us, there is also a long tradition of reading the parish necrology, or list of those who have died since the last All Souls' Day.

If you have family members or close friends who have died in the past year, please submit their names to

Mother Terry by October 22. Please also reach out to their loved ones to let them know about the worship service, and that they will be named in our prayers that evening. Often their relatives will choose to attend, and it can serve as a wonderful way to offer support to those who are still grieving.



Trick-or-Treating at Church Sunday, October 29 after the 10 a.m. service

Children and “children at heart” are invited to wear costumes to church the morning of October 29. (Please keep costumes “family friendly.”) After the service, young people are invited to trick-or-treat around the church. Volunteers to host a station for trick-or-treating are needed. We would also be grateful for donations of candy for this event. **Please contact Father James to sign up or for more information.** Thank you!

!!HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!!



The original organ for St John's, Shaughnessy was an 'organ transplant' from Canton, Ohio's CrossRoads United Church containing 1478 pipes crafted in 1920 by the Estey organ company for their opus 1869. By the early 60s this instrument was due for a significant overhaul, and it was determined more cost effective to replace with new, which also enticed the prospective organist Fred Carter to immigrate from Armagh Ireland to SJS. The \$85k (equivalent to 3 Shaughnessy homes at the time) contract was awarded to the Hallman organ company of Kitchner Ontario.

What was salvageable of the redundant Estey organ was incorporated into a hybrid house

theatre style organ in Victoria. When the 3600 pipes of the Hallman arrived in 1968, it enjoyed the title of being GVRD's largest pipe organ until 2001. In addition to its grand size, it has several novel features: two sets of pipes which sound below audible range (16Hz); 9 sets of pipes sounding antiphonally from the gallery, a horizontal copper state trumpet, a gallery console and movable master console on the chancel. Though having had exceptional care for decades by local technician Marianne Huestis, by its 50th year, it too needed a significant overhaul.

Headed up by Music Director Michael Dirk and the exceptional talents of Steve Miller of Calgary, the electronics were updated from analog to digital, and several other enhancements including a few more ranks (oboe, clarinet, flute, and string), chimes, new silent blowers and swell expression motors.

Dedicated Oct 28, 1968 by Archbishop Godfrey Gower, the 55th anniversary will be celebrated the night prior on Friday Oct 27, 7:30pm by local members of the Royal Canadian College of Organists Vancouver Centre (for whom Michael Dirk serves as co-president). This free/by-donation recital features local organists dressing up in costume and offering the spookiest and scariest music written for the 'king of instruments' (Bach Toccata & Fugue in d minor, Phantom of the Opera, Böellmann's Suite Gothique etc). Costumes are encouraged, and there are Halloween treats for the kids and the young at heart!



In the news...

Did you catch our very own Michael Dirk in the Global News story on Silent Movie Mondays? If you missed it, you can view it here:

<https://globalnews.ca/video/10026745/silent-movie-mondays-return>



Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 p.m. 18th Annual RCCO
Organ Spooktacular
Halloween Concert

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10 a.m. Trick-or-Treating after church
4 p.m. Choral Evensong
for All Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10 a.m. Remembrance Day Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10 a.m. Consecration Sunday
Stewardship Luncheon
**Note: There is no 8:00
service this Sunday!

EVERY THURSDAY

8 a.m. Labyrinth Open for Meditation
10 a.m. Healing Eucharist and Bible Study

St. John's, Shaughnessy
1490 NANTON AVE.

Calendar

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 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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