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## From the Curate

Last Thursday, there was a clergy day gathering and the theme of the study was liturgy. Rev. Richard Leggett and Rev. Rob James gave a wonderful talk and I would like to share some of the contents from the lecture and my own thoughts.

In the lecture, Rev. Richard articulated the nature of worship in the contemporary Anglican tradition. Anglican worship is ecclesial, liturgical, and missional.



It is ecclesial in a sense that it is an act of community, not abstract but concrete, where baptismal assembly gathers to exercise their own gifts and vocation. In worship, we come together to sing praise to God, and reaffirm our identity as Christians. However, this community always exists for the world, not for its own profit since that is the way Jesus Christ is and we are His body.

Anglican worship is liturgical. It is a work that brings the salvation history into the present moment. God's time (Kairos) is expressed into our time (Chronos) in this worship. It is a public work, and the assembly is sanctified in the world and for the world. The structure of worship both unites diverse communities and makes a space for the particular character of those communities.

Anglican worship is missional. During the lecture, it was emphasized that liturgy that is not lived outside is not liturgy. Through the liturgy, we engage in the world trans-culturally (share the same identity), contextually (reflect the world we live), cross-culturally (hold diversity), and counter-culturally (bring a new way of life).

Every Sunday, we gather, we listen to God's words, we offer our prayers for ourselves and for the world, we prepare the gifts and participate in holy communion, and we are sent back to the world as we carry our mission.

As I think of liturgy, an image of a heart comes to my mind. The heart contracts and relaxes to pump blood. Every beat keeps our body alive with blood circulation. Same is our worship.

We gather together to give thanks to God, to reaffirm our identity, and receive blessings from God. We join the table of the Lord, and by receiving and being received, we are united as one body. Then, we go out to the world to expand what we have just experienced. We bring Good News to others, we pray with the afflicted and lonely ones, and we bear blessings for others, and we invite people to our table of life.

What has been begun by our Lord Jesus Christ will be continued by His body, until all will be gathered together at the banquet under the new heaven and on the new earth.

*Fr. James*

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*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](mailto:terry.dirbas@sjs.net). All questions will remain anonymous.*

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## **Labyrinth is Open**

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 of 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 need 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 & waterproof jackets, shirts, sweaters, gloves, hats or toques

## **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](mailto:church@sjs.net)) anytime! Thank you.

## Pottery Hand Building Workshop - Spiritual Practice of Creativity

December 2nd Saturday 2pm | St. John's Shaughnessy Parish | Facilitated by James Hwang

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 separate on different date 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 limited number between 2 and 4 participants, and you may inquire other specific dates of your own if you are registering with someone (non-parishioner is welcome as well).

The materials and kiln will be offered by Hand Eye pottery studio. To get the final piece, it will take about 2 weeks, and once it is bisque fired, you will get an email to choose which glaze you would like to use. 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. Number of participants is limited. Please register at [jhwang@sjns.net](mailto:jhwang@sjns.net)





## Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 4 pm



Join us for an inspiring candlelit service  
to prepare for the birth of Christ and the Season of Advent.





YORK HOUSE SCHOOL



## *Winter Carol Service*

*December 7, 2023 at 7 pm*

St. John's Shaughnessy Church, 1490 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver

**ACW Christmas  
Open House**

Tuesday, December 5  
11:00am - 2:00pm

#3 - 6678 152 street, Surrey

It's time to bring in our Christmas donations for:  
Mission to Seafarers, Union gospel Mission,  
Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry

It won't be Christmas without you.  
Join us for tea & treats  
and a cheerful visit with friends  
& your ACW family.



# Upcoming Events

St. John's, Shaughnessy  
1490 NANTON AVE.

## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

4 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7 p.m. York House Winter Carol Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

10 a.m. Holy Baptism

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent  
\*\*Note: No 8:00 service or  
coffee hour

4 p.m. & Christmas Eve Services

10 p.m. *More info coming soon!*

EVERY THURSDAY

8 a.m. Labyrinth Open for Meditation

10 a.m. Healing Eucharist and Bible Study

Calendar

## 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@sjis.net](mailto:church.office@sjis.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

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