

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Ezekiel 33:7-11
- * Psalm 119:33-40
- * Second Reading, Romans 13:8-14
- * Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20

Call to Action - Roles to Fill on Sundays

In September we will be returning to our normal parish activities, and a new schedule will be set for Readers, Greeters, Welcome Table hosts, Coffee Hour, and more. We especially need more Eucharistic Administrators and Intercessors, and guidance and training are available. We would love to have more volunteers in these and many other roles. If you are curious, please contact Father Shawn, the Wardens, or Donna in the office.

Mark your calendars for the Welcome Back Potluck on Sunday, September 13th after the church service. Our potlucks are always amazing! Sign up on the flip chart in the lounge with the food item you are bringing to share and if you can volunteer to help on the day.

Jean's Box Outreach - Jean's Box collects items all year long for **North Shore Crisis Services, Lookout Shelter, and the Mission to Seafarers**. Needs include toiletries & feminine hygiene products, treats and more. With summer in full swing, some items to consider: sunscreen, insect repellent, bottled water, light clothing, and sun hats. Socks, underwear and seasonal clothing are needed. We ask that you only donate new clothing or cleaned almost-new clothing.

Please Check the Doors - As our church building ages and settles, sometimes doors do not close the way they should. We ask all of you to be vigilant when opening or closing the Lounge and Nursery doors, to ensure those doors close securely behind you. Report any problems to Donna in the office, or to Bob on the Property Committee.

Programs Returning in the Fall - Here are some of our programs returning in the Fall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Will return Tuesday September 8th

Soup & Buns & Conversation - 1st Wednesday
Starts up again October 7th

Choir Practice - Thursdays 7:00pm
Practice starts back on September 10th

Greeters & Welcome Table - Sunday Services
Greeters and Welcome Table hosts will be back at it starting September 6.

Sounds of Silence - Mondays 7:00pm
Will return on September 21

Elections Canada By-Election - Monday

Aug. 31, 2026 - Reminder that St. John's Lounge will be in use all day Monday for the North Vancouver federal by-election.

Vacation Alert

Kathryn Atkinson will be away August 31 to October 5th. In the Wardens' absences, please reach out to Father Shawn, or to Donna in the office.

Father Shawn will be away for several days in September and October.

REFUGEE FAMILY CO-SPONSORSHIP

UPDATE –Mir's six family members fled from Afghanistan in summer 2023 and have remained in hiding in a neighbouring country ever since. The family lives in fear of being reported to the police and deported back to Afghanistan.

The Canadian government has already completed their review of the sponsors (Mir and his group of friends) as well as co-sponsor St. John's Church and approved them. We are still waiting for the government's final decision regarding the family's applications for permanent residency in Canada. As of August 28th the IRCC website shows an estimated total time frame for processing sponsor plus refugee application of 38 months. It's been about 28 months since Mir's family submitted their refugee applications.

Last month the family members received emails from a Canadian embassy requesting additional documentation and information about their personal histories. Diane and Warren worked with Mir to successfully complete this task.

Mir has appreciated the support provided by St John. He sent the following earlier this week: "Thank you so much for your kind words, support, and prayers. We truly appreciate everything you have done for me and my family throughout this...

...process. I am also praying and hoping that their... applications will be reviewed soon and that they will all receive their visas. Thank you again for all your help and kindness."

We hope that the Canadian government will soon come to a decision and allow Mir's family to come to Canada.

- Diane and Warren Johnson

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

"God's grace is the water of life which fills our souls in baptism, making us new in His love."

—Author Unknown

We are entering the Season of Creation, and St. John's Church is happy to be celebrating four Baptisms over the next two weeks. When you read these words and contemplate your own Baptism, what comes to mind? How will you renew your baptismal vows, and support the newly baptised in their faith journey?

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Aug 30 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, Aug 31 * *Elections Canada Polling Place (Lounge) - all day* * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * *AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm*

Tuesday, Sept 1 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * *Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

Wednesday, Sept 2 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * *Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm*

Thursday, Sept 3 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * *AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm* *

Friday, Sept 4 * *Church Office is Closed* * *Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am* *

Saturday, Sept 5 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* *

Sunday, September 6 + September 13: Baptisms!