

Alleluia



the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Welcome!

This is a diverse and safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist and welcome 2SLGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the life of the community.

This morning in worship...

Gathering the Community

Come and Journey, 482

the Collect for the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Acts (10:44-48)

Psalm 98

The First Letter of John (5:1-6)

Love Is the Touch, A. Robertson & J. Bell

the Gospel according to John (15:9-17)

the Sermon and the Nicene Creed

the Prayers of the People and Confession

the Peace and the Offering

Wind upon the Waters, 408

Holy Communion

One Bread, One Body, 73

Spirit, Open My Heart, Ruth Duck

If You Love Me, Natalie Sleeth

Sending the Community

the Blessing

Glorious in Majesty, 618

For Children

The children's table is open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, talk to the office. All our volunteers and staff require a criminal record check.



Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine (or juice) at communion. There are gluten-free wafers for those who need them. Prayers for healing with anointing are offered beneath the cross.

Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Stewardship

We are so grateful for your ongoing financial support.

Financial Update to Mar31/24

Summary of Results:

Givings	\$59,338
Expenditures	<u>\$70,338</u>
Shortfall	\$(11,000)

We offer a variety of ways to give financially to the parish including

offering envelopes,

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD),

CanadaHelps via the website,

and **e-transfers** at

st.dunstans@telus.net.

Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

Acts 10

Gentile Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5

The writer affirms that faith in Jesus Christ conquers the world.

John 15

The mutual love and self-sacrifice of Christians for one another mirrors the love between God and Christ.

Next Sunday...

Ascension Sunday - 10:00 am

The Reverend **April Stanley** is preaching and presiding

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53



...Community Care at the Parish

Reconciliation The minister is available to hear confession by appointment.

Listening Prayer Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Lesley Wieler at lesleywieler@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain If you wish someone to be remembered in our Prayer Chain Ministry, please email the office.

This Week for Spiritual Refreshment...

Compline Wednesdays at 9:30pm, online only
A responsive said form of prayer, of less than 15 minutes duration, to end each day.

Centering Prayer Fridays at 11:30am, in person and online
20 minutes of silence and connection with God.

Lectio & Labyrinth Fridays, from Noon to 1pm, in person and online
A chance to practice our journeying and listening together.

Upcoming Services...

Ascension Sunday - Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 am

Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am

Trinity Sunday - Sunday, May 26 at 10:00 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 am



Sermon Notes....

New Rector Search Update...

As of last week, our parish profile has gone live on the diocesan website! You can also view the profile and job description on our St Dunstan's website. The job will be posted until May 17 after which time Peter Wolfe and Lesley Wieler will be meeting with the Bishop's Advisory Council to discuss candidates to interview. This meeting with the bishop will take place on May 21st. Interviews will be scheduled and completed in the following weeks after this. Please continue to pray for the right person to apply and for our Search Committee as they continue the discernment process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to connect with anyone on the search committee: Peter Wolfe, Lesley Wieler, Irene McGuinness, Kathleen Wiens, Bruce Kennedy, or Janette Kovacs

Volunteers needed...

We need a crew to look after the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Charlie Fox.

Upcoming Events...

Men's Coffee Social

Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 am

Every 2nd Wednesday at 9 am
Join us for coffee and fellowship
For more information contact Joe Baker
phone/text at 604 751-5919 or
email papajoe.sask@gmail.com

Ladies Craft Social

Friday, May 10 at 10:00 am

Bring your craft and join us for
some fellowship on the second
and fourth Friday of the month.

Upcoming Events cont'd ...

Prayers for Palestine and Israel: A 30 minute Prayer Vigil

Tuesdays from 12:00pm - 12:30pm on zoom

In response to the ongoing and heartbreaking violence in Palestine and Israel, Katherine Murray will be leading a 30-minute prayer vigil every Tuesday from 12:00pm - 12:30pm on zoom. We will gather to pray together for all those suffering in the region. This time will include prayer, scripture, silence, poems, songs.

Messy Church

Friday, May 10 at 4:45 pm

Come for a story, stay for dinner.

Messy Church is a casual service for children and their families. We play games, listen to stories, create works of art, share communion and eat dinner together.



Pilgrim Journey - Inspiration Point

Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Facilitated by Dede Nicholson

An invitation to join in a 2-hour (approximate) pilgrimage walk at Aldergrove Regional Park. As pilgrims, this will be a time to set intention, to be curious and become aware of our inner and outer space. It will be an opportunity to seek inspiration and listen for what God may be speaking to our hearts as we observe the beautiful creation around us and with each other. At the end of the pilgrimage participants are welcome to gather at the Fox and Hounds Pub.

Contemplative Fellowship and Spiritual Practice

Saturdays, May 18 & June 15 at 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

These in person, small group gatherings will provide an opportunity to experience, through practice, a variety of long established ways to add a contemplative component to everyday life for everyday people.

Fee: By donation to support offerings through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

No registration required.

Facilitated by Joe Baker and Elaine Chatwin

Outreach at the Parish...

Monday Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

Low-cost counseling from Trinity Western University. To connect with an intake worker call 604-513-2113.

Tuesday Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

We cook and serve soup on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 to help.

Thursday Community Meal 5pm.

Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for ensuring our Community Meal continued through the winter months. This meal is at the heart of our ministry at the Parish of St. Dunstan. It is our primary way to ensure that the hungry are fed and so to exemplify the love of God through Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.



For more information, please visit PWRDF.ORG. There you can read all about the good work it does, current areas of need, and how you can participate.

Spring Gala - ABBA is coming to St. Dunstan's

Saturday, June 1 at 5:30 pm

Our Spring Gala is back by popular demand with entertainment by the ONE and ONLY Alyssa Nielsen

3 Course Menu

Disco Ball dancing

Silent Auction

Prizes for the Best '70's outfit and much more!



Tickets available on the website

As we draw closer to the ABBA Gala June 1, we are looking for "nearly new" items for the Silent Auction. If you have anything you think might fit the bill, please let Patricia, Wendy or Irene know. Items can be left on the table in the main hall with the Silent Auction sign. Deadline for items: May 26.

Weekly Devotions

Follow the Daily Office Lectionary in the Book of Alternative Services for your devotions beginning on page 47 or 66. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services, ask the minister and they will gift you one.

Opening Prayer Pray responsory 4 on page 103.

Readings

Monday	Leviticus 25:35-55, Colossians 1:9-14, Matthew 13:1-16
Tuesday	Leviticus 26:1-20, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, Matthew 13:18-23
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:27-42, Ephesians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:41-46
Thursday	Daniel 7:9-14, Hebrews 2:5-18, Matthew 28:16-20
Friday	1 Samuel 2:1-10, Ephesians 2:1-10, Matthew 7:22-27
Saturday	Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29, Ephesians 2:11-22, Matthew 7:28-8:4

Prayer Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.

Prayer of the Day *Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer



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