



# Life @ SJC



*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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## SJC News - December 2019

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### Merry Christmas from SJC

We at SJC want to wish you all the best that Christmas can bring. May hope, joy, peace and love be yours during the holiday season and into the new year.

We invite you to ponder the recent words of Pope Francis regarding the season of Advent we are currently in: "Advent is the time to welcome Jesus' coming... as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God."



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### And speaking of Christmas...

It has become something of a tradition for SJC faculty and staff to decorate their office doors during the Advent season. Each year the doors are judged by one of our board members, who hands out praise or shame depending on the efforts or lack thereof.

After an underwhelming entry last year, Shawn Flynn, SJC's VP Academic and Dean, raised the bar with his winning door decoration this year, complete with emblems of St. Joseph and books co-written by faculty members. Very impressive!



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### Jean Vanier, the Egerton Gospel and Catholic Twitter!

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to join us for one or more of these Thursday lectures, which are

open to all:

**Jan. 16, 6:30-8:30 pm in SJC 1-02:**

“Becoming Human: Remembering Jean Vanier (1928-2019)” -- Viewing and discussion of “Belonging: The Search for Acceptance” (2002), followed by panel discussion

**Feb. 6, 3:30 pm in SJC Boardroom:** Dr. Lorne Zelyck, Book Launch: *The Egerton Gospel*

**Mar. 19, 4:00 pm in SJC Boardroom:** Hailey Siracky, Dr. Sean Hannan & Dr. Jeffery Brassard, “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Catholic Twitter”



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## Major Academic Conference at SJC

St. Joseph's College has the honour of having been chosen to host the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Region of the AAR (American Academy of Religion), SBL (Society of Biblical Literature) and ASOR (American Schools of Oriental Research).

May 15-17, 2020, scholars from Alaska, BC, Alberta, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will gather at SJC to hear and present papers on Near Eastern and Mediterranean archaeology, the Hebrew Bible, the History of Christianity, the Study of Islam, the New Testament, Women in Religion and numerous other topics.



[Read more here.](#)

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## Spaces Available in SJC Residence

It's not too early to apply for a spot in the SJC Residences. We are already receiving applications, so make sure you don't miss out on the chance to live right in the heart of campus. Remember, our residences are open to any and all University of Alberta students, so be sure to tell you friends about us!



[Find out how to apply here.](#)

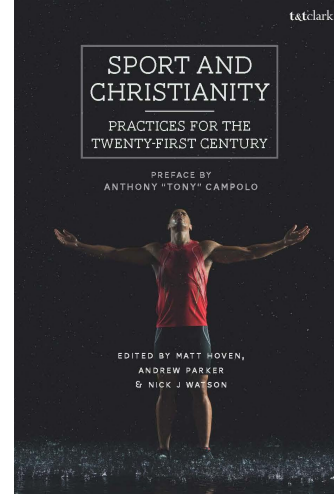
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## New Edited Volume by SJC Prof

Dr. Matt Hoven, Associate Professor of Religion and Education and the Peter and Doris Kule Lecturer at SJC, has co-edited a volume called *Sport and Christianity*, which considers the connection between sports

participation and faith-based values. The volume includes chapters by 17 authors, with an introduction by Tony Campolo.

[Read more here.](#)



## Not too early to think about Bethlehem...

Well it is Christmas, right? What more appropriate thing to do at this time of the year than to consider taking the course "Christian Scriptures in the Holy Land"?

Course participants will fly to Israel on May 3, returning on May 22. During the three weeks in between, they will learn about the New Testament while visiting the places where Jesus and the apostles lived and ministered: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Caesarea, Nazareth, Galilee and more. For more info, contact Sara McKeon at [sjcdean@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdean@ualberta.ca) or 780-492-7682.



## Alpha in the New Year

The Alpha course, a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith, will be running again during Winter Term, starting on Tuesday, January 14th at 5pm in the SJC Boardroom and continuing every Tuesday after that till the end of term. Alpha is open to all U of A students and SJC parishioners. [Read more here](#) or contact campus minister Theresa Robinson ([theresa.robinson@ualberta.ca](mailto:theresa.robinson@ualberta.ca)).



## Soup's On Us

Here are the dates during Winter Term for this ever-popular SJC event. Come and enjoy a free bowl of delicious soup, along with buns and cake.

**January 15:** Society of St Vincent de Paul  
**January 29:** Franciscan Friars  
**February 12:** Edmonton Catholic Schools  
**February 26:** SSVP  
**March 11:** SSVP  
**March 25:** Elvis Iginla  
**April 8:** SSVP



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## Our Christmas Campaign

For those of you already on our physical mailing list, you should have received Father Terry's Christmas Campaign letter in the mail. Not on our physical mailing list? If you want to be added, send an email to [sjcdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdev@ualberta.ca) with your contact information (address, phone number and email address). [Read Father Terry's Christmas Campaign letter here.](#)

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## Thank You for Your Generosity to SJC



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You can support St. Joseph's College by clicking on the **button above**, emailing [sjcdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdev@ualberta.ca) or calling **780-492-7681** or **780-492-9240**. If you call and cannot get through to a human, please leave a message; we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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**Fall & Winter Mass  
Times**

*The spiritual life is not a life before, after, or beyond our everyday existence.  
No, the spiritual life can only be real when it is lived  
in the midst of the pains and joys of the here and now.*

- Henri Nouwen

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