



ADVENT 2021

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Wednesday, December 8**. Masses for the Holy Day will be at 8:00am, 12:10pm, and 5:30pm.

Simbang Gabi Celebration

Saturday, December 11, 11:00am Mass. Join Bishop Elizondo and participants from some dozens parishes for the festive opening celebration of *Simbang Gabi*, a novena of Masses in which we prepare for Christmas in company with Mary. This colorful and prayerful Mass includes the blessing of *parols* (traditional star shaped lanterns from the Philippines) and helps us to focus our Christmas celebration on the coming of Jesus, Light of the World. All are welcome.

Communal Reconciliation Service

will be held on **Monday, December 13** at 7:00pm. During these beautiful service of readings, reflection and song, we will open ourselves to experience the gift of God's gracious and loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

Cathedral Dedication Anniversary

Wednesday, December 22 marks 114 years since St. James Cathedral was dedicated in 1907, and 27 years since it was rededicated in 1994. We will celebrate this anniversary with a special Mass on Tuesday, December 21 at 5:30pm, with the lighting of the dedication candles. On Wednesday, December 22, Archbishop Etienne will join us for the 12:10pm Mass during which we will formally bless and dedicate the Cathedral Columbarium.

Christmas Masses

The celebration of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Friday, December 24, and continues with the Mass during the Night—Carol Service at 9:00pm, Mass at 10:00pm. The Masses of Christmas Day on Saturday, December 25 will be 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30pm. Solemn Vespers of Christmas will be at 4:00pm on Christmas Day. *Socially distanced seating is available for the Masses of Christmas Day only; no socially distanced seating is available on Christmas Eve.* Contact Caroline Okello, cokello@stjames-cathedral.org for information. Please note that on Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family), Masses will be at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12 Noon, with Vespers at 4:00pm. *There will be no 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, December 26.* Find out more at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

Mary, Mother of God & Epiphany

The celebration of Mary, Mother of God begins with the vigil at 5:30pm on Friday, December 31, and continues Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am *only* on New Year's Day. Masses on the Epiphany will be on Saturday, January 1 at 5:30pm and Sunday, January 2 at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon, and 5:30pm, with Solemn Vespers at 4:00pm.

ADVENT MUSIC

Friday, December 17 at 7:30pm

A Service of Readings and Carols

St. James presents our annual Service of Readings and Carols. In the soft glow of candlelight, St. James adult and youth choirs and organists perform music for the Advent season, with traditional readings from Holy Scripture heralding Christ's birth. This prayer is open to all; freewill offering.



Friday, December 31 at 11:00pm

New Year's Eve Gala Concert with Cathedral Cantorei & Chamber Orchestra

The New Year's Eve concert is back! Celebrate with music of Baroque composers Antonio Vivaldi and Arcangelo Corelli. The beauty and power of the voices of St. James Cathedral Cantorei join Baroque chamber orchestra in Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and *Gloria*, and the orchestral strings sparkle in Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*. \$30 suggested donation or pay-what-you-can. Purchase of tickets in advance offers seating within a reserved section. Information, visit www.stjames-cathedral.org/music, email musicooffice@stjames-cathedral.org, or call 206-382-4874. *Please take note that according to current King County regulations, people ages 12 and older are required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result from a testing provider in the last 72 hours to attend this concert.*

**Information, 206-382-4874 or
www.stjames-cathedral.org/music**