



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

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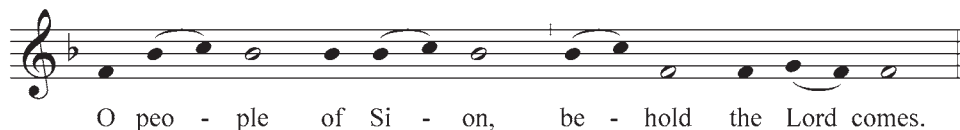
PRELUDE

Chorale Fantasy on "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"
John Propitius (b. 1953)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

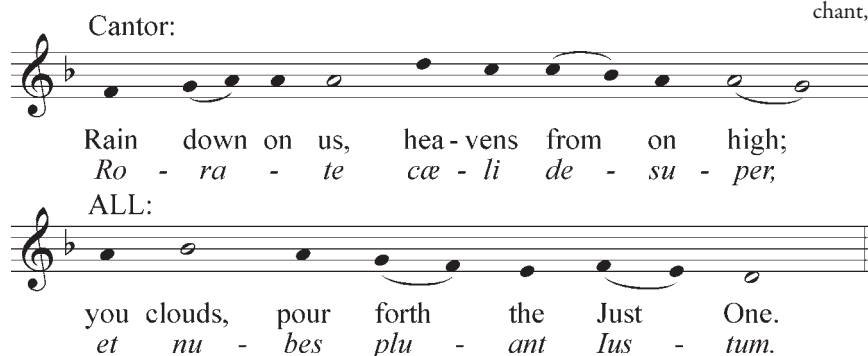
INTROIT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Populus Sion/O people of Sion
Mode VIII, adapt. Thomas B. Stratman (1939–2008)



SPRINKLING RITE

Rorate celi
chant, adapt. Thomas B. Stratman



OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

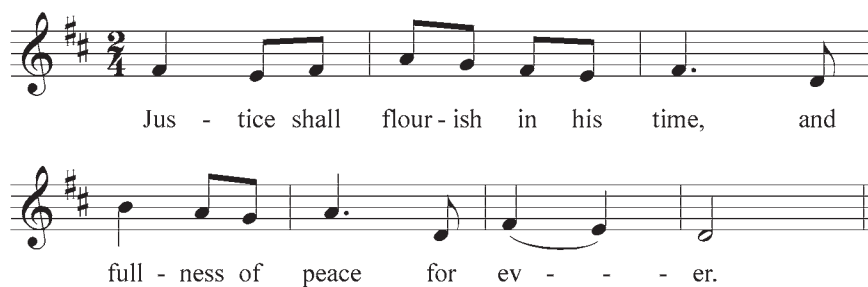
The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 72
Michel Guimont (b. 1956)



SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

ALLELUIA

New Plainsong Mass
David Hurd (b. 1950)



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

[ALL BOW]

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

[ALL STAND UPRIGHT]

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

(10:00)

The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace,
reconciling in Himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia.

(Sunday evening)

Virga Jesse

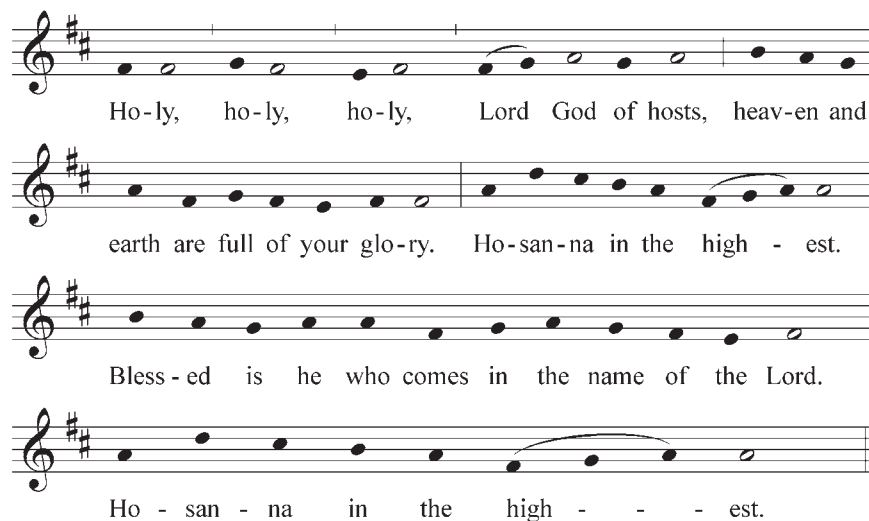
Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Creator of the Stars of night
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

SANCTUS

New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd





We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your



Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

David Hurd



A - men, A - men, A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please kneel following the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.

COMMUNION

Ierusalem surge, et sta in excelso

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high;
and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God.

chant, Mode II

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Psalm 85

J. Robert Carroll (b. 1927)



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va-tion.

COMMUNION MOTET (10:00)

This is the record of John
Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

This is the record of John,
When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: "Who art thou?"
And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ."
And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."
Then said they unto him, "What art thou? That we may give answer unto them that sent us."
What sayest thou of thyself?"
And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the LORD."

John 1:19

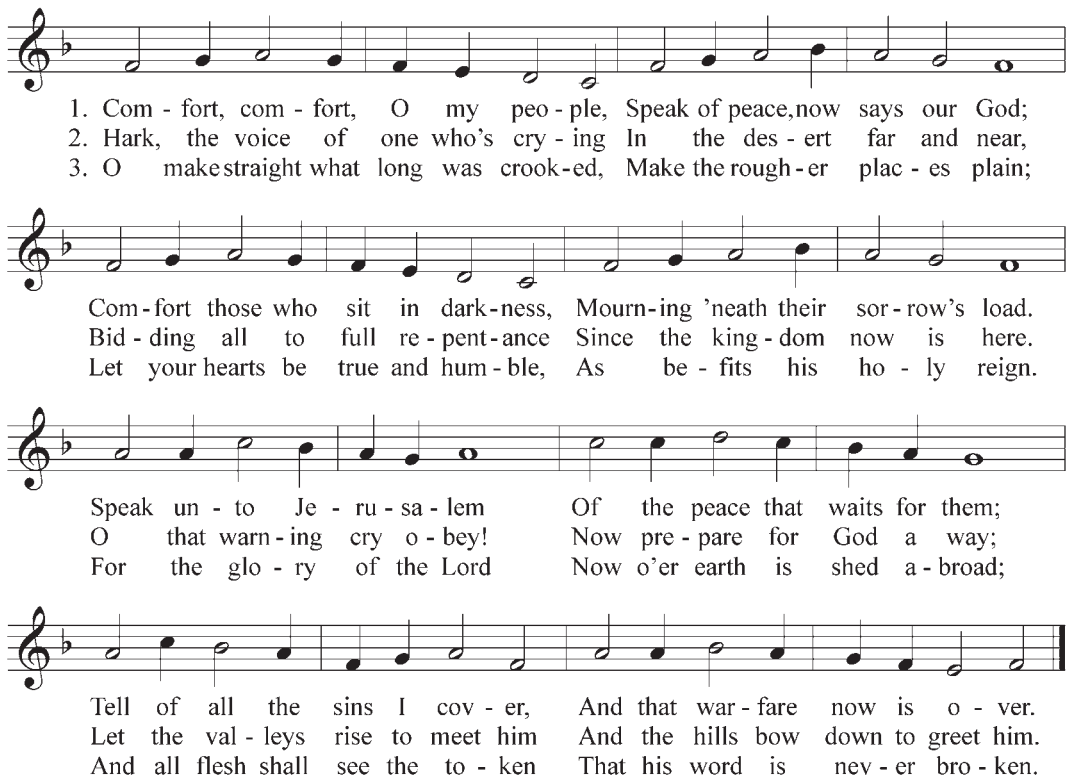
(12:00)

Gabriel's message
Traditional Basque carol
arr. William Llewellyn (b. 1925)

Upon returning to your place after Holy Communion, **please kneel or be seated.**
Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the presider's chair.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Comfort, comfort, O my people
GENEVA



1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now says our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell of all the sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

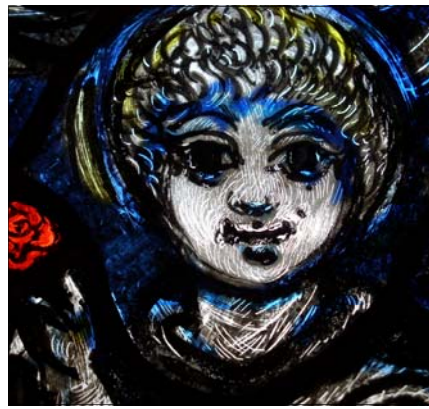
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

HEBREWS 12:1



SUNDAY GIVING AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

RESULTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Total pledges received.....302

Average pledge.....\$58 weekly

% participation so far (out of 2,374 households).....13%

Participation goal.....40% (648 more pledges!)

A huge thank you to all who have turned in a pledge! If you haven't already done so, please remember to drop your commitment card for 2023 in the mail or make your pledge online. Your commitment makes it possible for the Cathedral to plan its budget in the coming year.

Information, Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

SUNDAY GIVING AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL 2023

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Alex Pablo

IN RESIDENCE

Reverend David A. Brant

PASTORAL ASSISTANT for ADMINISTRATION

Lawrence N. Brouse (206-382-4280)

FAITH FORMATION

John Simpson, Director of Faith Formation (206-654-4658)

John Marquez, RCIA (206-654-4640)

Theresa Van de Ven, Children's Faith Formation (206-219-5822)

Andrew Braley, Youth Minister (206-382-2018)

Jennifer Wong, Faith Mentors & Faith Friends (206-619-0816)

Patty Pruitt, Administrative Assistant

LITURGY

Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy (206-264-2086)

Julie Sharples, Peter Burns, Wendell Dyck, sacristy (206-654-4646)

MUSIC MINISTRY

(206-382-4874)

Joseph Adam, Director of Music & Cathedral Organist

Christopher Stroh, Assistant Director of Music & Organist

Stacey Sunde, Director of Youth Music

Marjorie Bunday, Music Office Assistant

SOCIAL OUTREACH and ADVOCACY

Patrick Barredo, Director (206-382-4515)

Cathedral Kitchen: Mick McHugh (Director) (206-264-2091),

Maria Tally (Assistant Director), Tom Bentler (206-264-2091)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Open Position, Parish Mental Health Nurse (206-382-4269)

ST. JAMES IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE

(206-382-4511)

Christopher J. Koehler, Director

Patrick Suhrbier, Senior Immigrant Legal Services

Sayuko Setvik, Tutoring Coordinator

Laura Murtin, Immigration Legal Coordinator

Erica de Klerk, Refugee Welcome Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP and DEVELOPMENT

Maria Laughlin, Director (206-382-4284)

Caroline Okello, Welcome and Volunteer Coordinator (206-654-4650)

PARISH OFFICE

Yanti Kapoyos, Weddings and Funerals (206-382-4288)

Bev Mauser, Louise Mennella, Wedding Coordinators

Mary MacLean, Bookkeeper (206-382-4564)

Maggie Corrigan, Office Manager (206-622-3559)

FACILITIES and GROUNDS

Tang Nguyen, Facilities Supervisor (206-264-2087)

Alan Frasher, Brian Jones, Frank Wang, Abeba Ghezai, facilities

CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8:00am - 10:00am - 12 Noon - 5:30pm

Weekdays 8:00am (M, T, W, Th, F, S) & 12:10pm (M, W, F)

Saturdays 8:00am & "Vigil" 5:30pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00pm

CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 8:30am-9:30am (following 8:00am Mass) and by appointment

BAPTISM

Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Theresa Van de Ven for information, 206-219-5822.

MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Yanti Kapoyos, Wedding Office, 206-382-4288.

ANointing of the SICK

In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death. Call the parish office for information.

FUNERALS

for parishioners, contact Yanti Kapoyos, 206-382-4288

CATHEDRAL COLUMBARIUM

Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

804 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Telephone: 206-622-3559 FAX: 206-622-5303

Website: www.stjames-cathedral.org

WELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese.*

The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

FOR YOUR SAFETY At each of the weekend Masses a Seattle police officer or uniformed security guard is present on the Cathedral campus.

ON THE COVER John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea. *Virgin and Child with Six Saints.* Neri di Bicci, ca. 1456. Detail of St. John the Baptist. St. James Cathedral Chapel.

HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS Join us in Cathedral Hall for muffins from Macrina Bakery, fresh fruit, and the chance to visit with fellow parishioners.

MORNING ROSARY During Advent, you are invited to join in the praying of the rosary immediately following the 8:00am Mass on weekdays. Let us pray!

ADVENT BAZAAR RETURNS TODAY! Join us at Coffee Hour after the 10:00am Mass for a wonderful opportunity to start your Christmas shopping while benefiting good causes, including Catholic Relief Services, Association of Catholic Childhood, and the Seattle L'Arche Community. There are also craft items from fellow parishioners, and more!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Holy Names Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. A parish Advent tradition returns! Scott Webster will read selections from the Christmas classic of Charles Dickens. Holiday drinks and snacks will be provided. Victorian attire is optional!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Masses for the Holy Day will be Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30pm, and Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am, 10:10am (with O'Dea High School), and 12:10pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Every Friday morning, following the 8:00am Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing until 9:30am, with the Rosary at 8:30am. All are invited to join in this time of prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *Throughout the year, because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each of the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Seattle on a Sunday near their feast day.* This week we pray for the parishes of St. Andrew in Sumner, Immaculate Conception in Seattle, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Seattle, and St. Mary of Guadalupe in Ridgefield.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU In this season of counting our blessings, a middle aged neighbor was very thankful to move into an apartment after being homeless for three years. The man works full time and had been able to handle his financial obligations until he made a loan to a friend. Unfortunately he discovered his friend was dishonest and the money he loaned was not returned. This loss made him short of funds to pay his current month's rent in full. Wanting to have a good rental record and to ensure he kept his housing, the man called the St Vincent de Paul Helpline requesting assistance (206-767-6449). With your support, we were able to cover the portion of rent that the man fell short of paying himself. *Information*, Jo Ann Wiesner, 206-291-4012 or wiesnerjo@gmail.com.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Christmas shopping for a good cause! Stop by the Cathedral Bookstore for a wide variety of good books, history, prayer, scripture, and so much more. The Cathedral Bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteers and all proceeds benefit St. James Cathedral. There are also openings to volunteer either weekdays or weekends. *Information*, Caroline Okello, cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4500.

SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION Saturday, December 10, 11:00am Mass. Join Archbishop Etienne and participants from dozens of 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.

YOUNG ADULTS OPEN HOUSE If you are seeking to grow deeper in your devotion to Jesus Christ, you're invited to join an Open House at the Pastoral Outreach Center from 6:30-8:00pm immediately following the 5:30 Sunday Mass on December 11. Come connect with us to learn more about joining a weekly small group as well as opportunities to support social justice in our community. Children are welcome and refreshments will be provided. *Information and RSVP*, Andrew Braley, abraley@stjames-cathedral.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? Seeking a closer relationship with God? Feeling the need for spiritual community and support? Wanting to make the Catholic faith your own? Wondering how to go about joining the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be for you. *Information*, John Marquez, 206-654-4640, jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Are you or is someone you know 17 or older and in need of the sacrament of Confirmation? The sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7pm. Classes in preparation for Confirmation begin on Tuesday, February 28. Catholic Baptism and First Communion are required. *Information and registration*, John Marquez, 206-654-4640 or jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org. Deadline for registration is February 21, 2023.

"DITTY BAGS" FOR SEAFARERS-- DONATIONS NEEDED!

This year, the Cathedral community is invited to collect items to be given to seafarers who dock in the Port of Seattle. Our goal is to donate 100 ditty bags to be distributed during the holidays. **We have the bags, now we just need the contents!** It is an important part of the pastoral welcome and care for seafarers who are berthed during the holidays. It is a wonderful way to give thanks for these often hidden essential workers, who come from all over the world and are far from their families.

What we need for each bag: an adult-sized knit hat ▪ full size (please no travel size) bottle of shampoo and/or body wash ▪ full size toothpaste ▪ toothbrush ▪ deodorant ▪ shaving cream ▪ 1-2 razors

All donations can be left in the Cathedral Bookstore anytime through December 9. You can also have items shipped to the parish office (attention: Maria). Thank you! *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284.

ADVENT GIVING TREE AND SOCK DRIVE Consider sharing a gift with someone who may not receive anything during this upcoming Christmas season. Come by the Mary Shrine to pick a tag off our annual Giving Tree. Each tag contains a gift wish from someone in need in our community. Our Annual "Warm Hearts and Soles" Advent Sock Drive is also underway! Our Goal: 2,022 pairs of socks for homeless men. Both giving programs are easy and fun to participate: simply shop for the item and return it after Sunday Mass in the Cathedral Chapel or Bookstore or have it shipped to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 11. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS Children who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to participate in the Mass in a special way as altar servers. Altar servers add dignity to the liturgy and assist the priest during Mass. Altar serving is a great way for kids to get to know the Mass better, and participate actively in their faith along with other young people. The time commitment is flexible based on your family's schedule, and there are openings at all Masses. *Information*, Corinna Laughlin, 206-264-2086 or claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

SERAPHIM CHOIR (CHILDREN, GRADES 1-3)

If you and your 1st through 3rd grade child(ren) are seeking an opportunity to participate in youth music ministry this holiday season, Seraphim Choir is here for you! The choir meets every Thursday from 4:30-6:00pm and will sing for the first time since the pandemic at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24. Connect with the Youth Music Office to learn more about joining! Snacks and activities are provided at each weekly rehearsal. *Information*, the Youth Music Office, youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4876.

ON GUN VIOLENCE Let us act on the words of that the U.S. bishops shared this past summer: We call on Catholics, lawmakers, community leaders, health care and social service providers, law enforcement, and families to keep pushing for change and offer prayers, support, and generous assistance to victims. For years, the Catholic bishops of the United States have supported policies to strengthen gun laws, as well as emphasized mental health, family, and cultural factors, aimed at curbing gun violence. We support a total ban on assault weapons and limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines. It is sobering to think that as horrible as mass shootings are, they are but a sliver of total annual homicides committed with guns; and gun homicides, in turn, are far outnumbered by gun suicides. May we live to see an America that can celebrate its freedoms without orphaning its children. May the pursuit of liberty one day be a faithful guardian to the pursuit of life. May the Light of God's compassion shine on us and guide our feet out of darkness and the shadow of death, and into the way of peace.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON DECEMBER 10, commemorating the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all of us are entitled. It guarantees the rights of every individual everywhere, without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language, or any other status.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION The Cathedral needs more communion ministers! The need is particularly great on Saturday and Sunday evenings and Sunday morning at 8:00am, but there are openings at all Masses. In order to bring back communion under both kinds (both the host and the chalice), the fullest form of Eucharistic participation, we need many new ministers! Confirmed, practicing Catholics of all ages are welcome to participate in this important ministry. Training is provided. *Information*, Corinna Laughlin, 206-264-2086 or claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

SCHOLA CANTORUM (GRADES 4-8) AND JUBILATE (GRADES 8-12+) Youth Music is calling all newly interested singers, present choristers, and Youth Music alums to journey in faith and song with us this Advent and Christmas Season. Jubilate rehearses on Mondays, 4:45-6:45pm. Schola Cantorum rehearses on Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm. Youth Music will sing the 12pm Mass on Sundays December 4, 18, and January 8; Youth Music will also sing at Advent Readings and Carols, Friday, December 16, 7:30pm, the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24. Please plan to attend weekly rehearsals—all are welcome, even if you'd like to just try it out for the first time. *Information*, the Youth Music Office, youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4876.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP This week, let us respond to the cry of the poor. May we join in solidarity to pray for people drastically affected by climate change

MINDFUL ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT GROUP is a place where parents of adult children with mental illness get support and share resources about mental health care, housing, social engagement, job opportunities and more. The meeting takes place on the last Saturday of the month at 2:00pm via Zoom. *Information*, Terry Proctor, mindfulalternative@gmail.com.

TEEN, YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAITH FRIENDS MINISTRY Faith Friends is a unique blend of our Faith Mentor, children's faith formation program, and an inclusion ministry. The ministry's goal is to give children and teens ages 7- 18 with physical, cognitive and/or intellectual disabilities access to the parish community, social events, and faith formation. Perhaps the most unique aspect of the Faith Friends program is the Faith Peer program. Faith Peers are teens and young adults who have chosen to live out their discipleship and share some of their personal time in dedication and service to the goals of the program. *Information*, Jennifer Wong, 206-619-0816, faithfriends@stjames-cathedral.org, or www.faithfriendsstjames.org.

A guide to Sunday Parking at the Cathedral

*We know that parking in this area is at a premium and we do our best to make it available to you.
In consideration of our neighbors, please note these important Do's and Don'ts!*

PLEASE DO park:

- In the O'Dea High School lot.
- In the Cabrini Tower Garage on Marion Street across from O'Dea High School for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and all Sunday Masses. *The Cathedral pays for parking during these times, and you are encouraged to take advantage of it.*
- In the P-1 parking lot under the Chancery building at 9th and Marion.

Please DO NOT park:

- In any parking spot blocked with an orange cone.
- In the lot adjacent to the Envoy Apartments on 9th Avenue, directly across from the Cathedral.
- In any of the parking places at the Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street.
- In the spaces on Terry Avenue reserved for loading and unloading.

St. James Cathedral Advent Bazaar

Sunday, December 4

Cathedral Hall



The annual **ADVENT BAZAAR**, on Sunday, December 4, 11am to 12pm in Cathedral Hall, will feature the work of Cathedral artists and friends. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to start your Christmas shopping while benefiting a good cause!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- **ETHICAL TRADE ITEMS** from Catholic Relief Services,
- **CHRISTMAS WREATHS** benefiting the Association of Catholic Childhood,
- **HAND-MADE RECYCLED WAX CANDLES** created by members of the Seattle L'Arche Community,
- **CRAFT ITEMS** from parishioners, and much more!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- The annual **WARM HEARTS & SOLES SOCK DRIVE** has a goal this year of 2,022 pairs of new socks for the homeless. Drop socks off in the Cathedral or at the Parish Office.
- Take a tag from the **GIVING TREE** for someone in need. This year we are partnering with **the Skagit Valley Youth Migrant Project, CCS Pregnancy Support Services, King County Juvenile Detention, the Frederick Ozanam House, and St. James Immigrant Assistance.**

*Information, Patrick Barredo, 206.382.4515,
pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org*

Join Archbishop Etienne
for the 25th Annual Commissioning Mass

Simbang Gabi

December 10 | 11am
St. James Cathedral

Livestream
@ArchdioceseofSeattle



Join Archbishop Etienne and Catholics from around the archdiocese for this festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration.

This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.



For more information, contact Deacon Carl Chilo at 206-382-4828

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



Parish Communal Celebration of the SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 12, 2022
7:00 pm

During this 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.

Pope Francis says: "The Sacrament of Reconciliation... enables us to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with our own hands. For every penitent, it is a source of true interior peace." *It has long been a tradition in the Church to confess one's sins before celebrating the great feast of Christmas. This will be the ideal time to do so.*



ADVENT 2022

Advent Liturgies

To mark this holy season of longing and waiting, we change some of our usual liturgical practices. The procession is modified and the altar is decorated more simply. During the liturgies, a greater role is given to silence, to the chanting of psalms, and to the ringing of bells. In accordance with a very ancient tradition in the church, the use of the organ is reduced during Advent.

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a devotion Catholics have adopted from the Lutheran tradition. Prior to each Mass, the priest gathers with the liturgical ministers for the prayer and candle-lighting associated with the wreath. With each succeeding Sunday of Advent, an additional candle is lit on the wreath, a symbol of the dawning of the light of Christ into the world. The Advent wreath used in the Cathedral this year was designed by Father Josef Venker, SJ of Seattle University. The weathered wood base suggests the scripture heard each year during this season: *A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom* (Isaiah 11:1).

Evening Prayer with Music from Taizé

On **Friday, December 2** at 6:30pm, this beloved monthly prayer service returns, with music, candlelight, and silence. Start your weekend with the meditative, peaceful spirit of Taizé.

Vespers: Evening Prayer

4:00pm Sunday afternoons. You are invited to join in the universal prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, a forty minute service of sung prayer concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is celebrated each Saturday morning in the Reconciliation Chapel, from 8:30am until 9:30am.

Communal Reconciliation Service

will be held on **Monday, December 12** 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.

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Thursday, December 8**. Masses for the Holy Day will be Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30pm, and Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am, 10:10am (with O'Dea High School), and 12:10pm.



Prayer during the lighting of the Advent wreath

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of our Advent wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's
promise to bring salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the *Book of Blessings*

Madre de las Americas

Saturday, December 3, 11:30am, Entrance of the Dancers. 12:10pm, Mass with Archbishop Etienne. The Hispanic community of Western Washington comes together at this celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of the Americas. All are welcome both for the procession and the Mass!

Simbang Gabi Celebration

Saturday, December 10, 11:00am Mass. Join Archbishop Etienne 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.

Biblical Prints by Sadao Watanabe

In the Chapel this month, you're invited to view several prints by the renowned Japanese Christian artist Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996). Watanabe illustrated biblical scenes from the Old and New Testaments in the idiom of Japanese folk art. Stop by to view the prints whenever the Cathedral is open.

Cathedral Dedication Anniversary

Thursday, December 22 marks 115 years since St. James Cathedral was dedicated in 1907, and 28 years since it was rededicated in 1994. We will celebrate this anniversary with a special Mass on December 22 at 5:30pm, with the lighting of the dedication candles. Father Ryan will preside.

Advent Rosary

During the season of Advent, you're invited to join in praying the rosary following the 8:00am Mass, Monday through Friday.

A Christmas Carol

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Holy Names Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. A parish Advent tradition returns! Scott Webster will read selections from the Christmas classic of Charles Dickens. Holiday drinks and snacks will be provided. Victorian attire is optional. :) All are welcome.

The Giving Tree

Stop by the Mary shrine to pick a tag off our annual Giving Tree, or visit the Cathedral website for the virtual Giving Tree. Each tag contains a gift wish from someone in need in our community. It's easy and fun to participate: simply shop for the gift and return it after Sunday Mass in the Cathedral Chapel or have it shipped to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 11. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

Sock Drive

Our Annual "Warm Hearts and Soles" Advent Sock Drive is underway! Our Goal: **2,023** pairs of socks for homeless men. Please drop socks off in the Cathedral Chapel or in the Parish Office. If you're ordering socks online, have them shipped directly to St. James Cathedral!

Christmas Masses

The celebration of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Saturday, 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 Sunday, December 25 will follow the usual Sunday schedule: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30pm. Solemn Vespers of Christmas will be at 4:00pm on Christmas Day. Find out more at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

ADVENT MUSIC

Saturday, December 3 at 8:00pm

Medieval Women's Choir

Devotio: Seasonal Music of the Common Life

Sisters of the Common Life,
Brothers of the Common Life:

These were terms used in the Middle Ages to refer to religious communities who lived apart from the world.

They followed a movement called the *Devotio Moderna*, a

new style of devotion that emphasized individual experience and spiritual fulfillment, and in which music played a crucial role. The movement led to some of the most inspiring musical creations of the time. Eric Mentzel, artistic director. Tickets and more info at medievalwomenschoir.org/events/ or 206-717-4550. \$30 general admission or use the pay-what-you-will option on their ticketing page.



Saturday, December 10 at 8:00pm

Of a Rose

Opus 7 is delighted to present our second concert of our 30th-anniversary Year of Celebration – music for Advent and Christmas with harp, handbells, choir & soloists. Celebrate the Joy and Mystery of the season at Seattle's most iconic sacred space. For tickets and more info, visit opus7.org or call (206) 782-2899. Walk-up tickets will be available at the Marion/Terry entrance only. A limited number of pay-what-you-can parishioner passes are available through the Cathedral music office – musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4874.

Friday, December 16 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.

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

Mary, Mother of God & Epiphany

The celebration of Mary, Mother of God begins with the vigil at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 31. On January 1, New Year's Day, Masses will follow the usual schedule, with Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am 12 Noon, and 5:30pm. Vespers will be at 4:00pm on