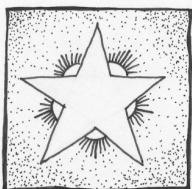


The Nativity of the Lord

AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL



VIGIL MASSES OF CHRISTMAS – Christmas Eve, 4:00pm and 6:00pm

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral, *celebrant*

MASS DURING THE NIGHT – Christmas Eve at 10:00pm

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle, *celebrant*

MASS AT DAWN – Christmas Day at 8:00am

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle, *celebrant*

MASSES OF CHRISTMAS DAY – Christmas Day at 10:00am and 12 Noon

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IMPORTANT COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- You must keep your mask/face covering on whenever you are in the Cathedral. Your mask must cover both your nose and your mouth at all times.
- Always observe social distance of at least six feet between family groups.
- Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.
- Clergy and readers will remove their mask for the spoken parts of the Mass.
- Please do not move around the Cathedral before or during Mass.
- Communion is given only in the hand. Maintain six feet of separation between household groups in the procession. Wear your mask. Hold your hands out as flat as possible so that the minister can easily put the host on your open palm without touching your hand. After receiving the host, immediately lower your mask with one hand, put the host in your mouth, and then put your mask back on and return to your place.
- Following the procession, please exit by the door nearest you. This may not be the door you came in. Maintain social distance as you leave the Cathedral.
- Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Christmas, 2020

Dear Friends,

Along with our Archbishop, the Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, I welcome you to St. James Cathedral on what has to be the most unusual Christmas any of us has ever experienced. But, pandemic or not, it is still Christmas, and we need to celebrate – perhaps more than ever before. We need to celebrate the fact that the God who took on our flesh and blood when the Word became flesh so long ago, is still taking on our flesh and blood, still rejoicing in what it means to be human, still suffering our limitations, still offering us hope and joy. So, my friends, celebrate we must!

And whether we are able to be present in the Cathedral for Christmas Mass, or are joining in the prayer via livestream, I hope that the joy of this wonderful feast will find a place in your heart.

Any of you who have been downtown lately, have no doubt seen the great star on the old Macy's building near Westlake Center. It's better than ever this year, with LED lights and a dizzying array of color possibilities that are constantly changing. That star has a history that almost no one in Seattle knows about – only people who have been around a long time, like me. I still remember the old Bon Marche department store, the forerunner of Macy's, that originated the star back in the early 1950's. In the huge display window below the star, there was an elaborate, life-sized nativity scene. And quite a scene it was. I was fascinated by it as a boy because very few minutes, on cue, a Christmas carol would float out over the street corner and heavy velvet drapes would open up to reveal a life-size manger scene with Mary, Joseph, and the Child. Before long, shepherds, cleverly propelled on a track would arrive on the scene from one side, and then from the other, the Magi. It was magical. In a way it's sad that almost no one knows that what's now being called the Seattle Star was originally the Christmas star, the star of Bethlehem.

But whether anyone knows the story or not, I think it's great that the star is there. This Christmas, more than any other, perhaps, we need a star to lift our spirits, a star to bring a little light into our lives that have – let's face it – had more than their share of darkness for the past nine months or so.

And, of course, we need the light of Christmas, the light of Christ!

Do you know how the date for Christmas came about? The gospels don't give us a date - they just tell us the story. It wasn't until the early middle ages that the decision was made to celebrate the birth of Christ during the very darkest days of the year - at the time of the winter solstice - when the days begin, gradually but ever so steadily, to get longer. Can you think of a better time to celebrate Christmas, the birth of the one who came to bring light into a dark world?

And along with light, Christ brings hope and joy. And we need those, too - this Christmas, especially, don't we! We've had enough darkness, enough disappointments, enough sadness, enough uncertainty. It's time we got some hope and some joy.

And so, my friends, in welcoming you to the Cathedral this Christmas to celebrate the Eucharist, whether in person or virtually, my prayer is that, perhaps more than in other years when you were busying yourselves with frantic, last minute plans and preparations, you will find moments of peace, quiet harbors of silence, that will allow you to receive the hope and joy that Christ wants to bring to you and your loved ones. And my prayer is that the star that led the Magi to the manger will lead you to that same place - to Christ our Savior who is our light in darkness!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Father" on the top line and "Ryan" on the bottom line.

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan
Pastor of St. James Cathedral

Prelude

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Christmas Eve (4:00pm & 6:00pm)

Selections from *A Ceremony of Carols*
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Christmas Eve (10:00pm) & Christmas Day

Noël étranger
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our firmed;
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger;
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his Gospel is Peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his Holy name.
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)

Meditation on “Quelle est cette odeur agréable”
James Biery (b. 1956)

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION (Mass during the Night)

Roman Martyrology

The birth of the Savior is announced in traditional chant.

As the lights come up following the Christmas Proclamation, please extinguish your candles.

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE PLEASE RISE *Sung by the Cantor*

O come, all ye faithful
ADESTE FIDELES, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

PENITENTIAL ACT *Sung by the Cantor*

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GLORIA *Sung by the Cantor*

Christmas Gloria
Daniel Laginya (b. 1959)

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6 (Christmas Eve)
Isaiah 62:11-12 (Mass at Dawn)
Isaiah 52:7-10 (Christmas Day 10 & Noon)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Sung by the Cantor*

Psalm 89 (Christmas Eve)
Michel Guimont (b. 1950)
Psalm 97 (Mass at Dawn)
Guimont
Psalm 98 (Christmas Day 10 & Noon)
Guimont

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14 (Christmas Eve)
Titus 3:4-7 (Mass at Dawn)
Hebrews 1:1-6 (Christmas Day 10 & Noon)

ALLELUIA *Sung by the Cantor*

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GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14 (Christmas Eve)
Luke 2:15-20 (Mass at Dawn)
John 1:1-18 (Christmas Day 10 & Noon)

HOMILY

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne (Mass during the Night, Mass at Dawn)
Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

CREED

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 KNEEL

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

CANTOR

*Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine,
et homo factus est.*

ALL RISE

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 All join in the response, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BLESSING OF THE FIGURES FOR THE MANGER SCENE (Christmas Eve 4:00pm, 6:00pm)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak mid-winter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign;
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,—
But what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

SANCTUS *Sung by the Cantor*

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MYSTERY OF FAITH *Sung by the Cantor*

St. James Mass of Carols

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the Cantor*

St. James Mass of Carols

PLEASE KNEEL FOLLOWING THE LAMB OF GOD.

COMMUNION

THE EUCHARISTIC BREAD given during Mass has great significance for Catholics: it is the body and blood of Christ, our Lord and God. We invite those who do not share our Catholic faith to be seated at this time.

Upon returning to your seat, PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

Gesù bambino
Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Frederick H. Martens (1874-1932)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION *Sung by the Cantor*

Hark, the herald angels sing
Mendelssohn, arr. David Willcocks

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World
J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

BECAUSE OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS,
ALL ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CATHEDRAL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
TO TAKE PICTURES, LIGHT A CANDLE, OR VISIT THE MANGER SCENE.
THE CATHEDRAL IS OPEN DAILY FROM 7:30AM - 4:00PM FOR VISITS.
THE CHRISTMAS CRIB AND CHRISTMAS DÉCOR WILL REMAIN IN THE CATHEDRAL
THROUGH THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10.

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