

St. James Cathedral The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE (Saturday)

"Sarabande" from Baroques Bingham

(Sunday)

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

Lord, whose love in humble service HYFRYDOL







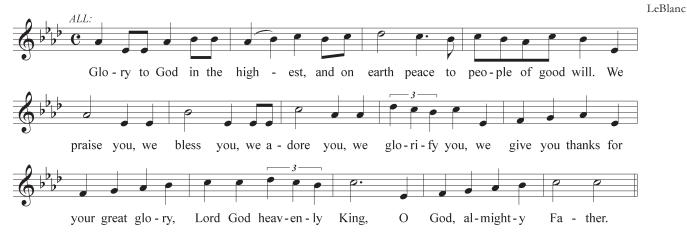
GLORIA (Sunday Evening - No. 341 in Worship hymnal)

Missa de angelis

Vatican VIII

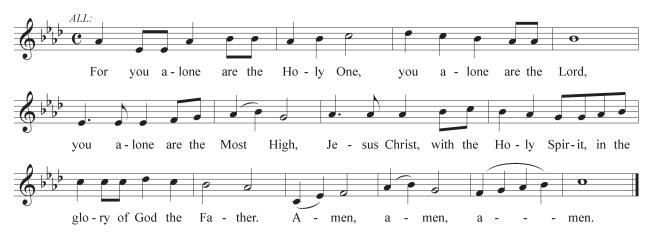
(All other masses)

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict



Cantor or Choir:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.



COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord up-holds my life.

Psalm 54 Guimont

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

ALLELUIA Berthier



GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

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 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

Berthier



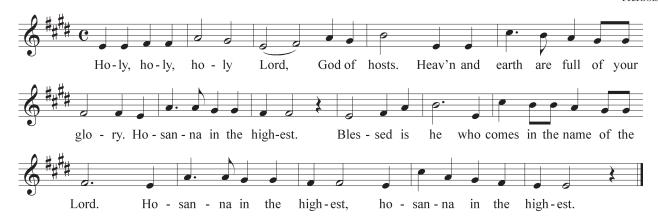
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

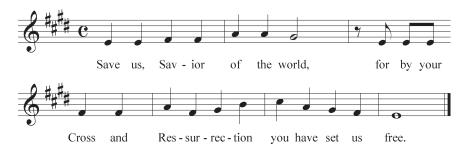
Jesu, the very thought of thee Slater/Halley

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. (St. Bernard of Clairvaux)



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Herbolsheimer



AMEN

Herbolsheimer



THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI Herbolsheimer



COMMUNION

You have ordered that your commandments be kept diligently; O that my ways may be guided toward the keeping of your statutes.

chant, Mode V

(10:00) O salutaris hostia

Dupré

O saving victin who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give strength, bring aid.

But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

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.



THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION (Saturday)

(Sunday)

"Sarabande" from Baroques

Bingham
Prelude and Fugue in B Major

Dupré

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm 8:15 & 5:30 pm 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm Sundays Weekdays Saturdays

LITURGY of the HOURS Weekdays at 12:10 pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT Sundays at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated four

times yearly in preparation for Christmas and Easter. MARRIAGE A formal program of marriage preparation over a period of several months is required, however, registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process 14 months in advance.

ANOINTING of the SICK A communal celebration is held regularly. In other situations (anticipated surgery, emergency) please call the parish office.

FUNERALS for parishioners, please contact John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, 206-274-3173.

"TAIZÉ" ECUMENICAL PRAYER, Fridays at 6:30 pm.

TOURS of the CATHEDRAL Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Groups of 4 or more may arrange a tour by calling Corinna Laughlin, 206-622-3559

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays, after Masses on weekends. Call 206-382-4500 for information

ELCOME! *If you are a visitor to the* Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome vou are – whether vou have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy here in a fitting and beautiful way. We are also able to offer a wide range of services to needy people living in the central district of our city. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our "Welcome Table" at Coffee Hour. A Cathedral staff person will be on hand to assist you.

COVER ART Detail of the Last Supper Relief, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Artist unknown, 1907.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are from Ryan and Reza Cueto in loving memory of their son, Ryan Matthew Cueto, on the third anniversary of his death. *If you* would like to offer flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special anniversary, please contact Jane Mueller, 206-622-3559.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN TEAM! The Cathedral Kitchen needs a volunteer dishwasher for Mondays from 4:00-6:00pm. Information, Teddi Callahan at 206-264-2091 or email tcallahan@stjames-cathedral.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ST. JAMES YOUTH MUSIC We welcome talented young singers from throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle to sing in one of our youth choirs, led by our Youth Music Program faculty. Students will have opportunities to learn and share sacred music both in concert and in liturgy. Tuition is \$80 per semester. *Information and* registration, www.stjames-cathedral.org/music/ youthmusic or email youthmusic@stjamescathedral.org.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL HAS AN OPENING FOR A **CUSTODIAN** to perform basic janitorial and floor care responsibilities. This person will also work with the Cathedral Facilities staff in setting up for special liturgies and events and basic maintenance tasks. This is a full time position with an Archdiocesan Benefits package. Interested applicants should download the Seattle Archdiocesan Job Application at: http:// www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Archdiocese/HR/ Documents/EmploymentApplication.pdf and send it via e-mail, to Tang Nguyen (tnguyen@stjamescathedral.org). A job description and more details can be obtained by contacting the same e-mail or calling 206-355-9378.

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 remember in prayer the parishes of St. Matthew in Seattle, SS Cosmas and Damian in Orting, and Our Lady of the Lake in Seattle.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For parishioners in their 20s and 30s

TONIGHT: WINE, CHEESE, AND FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW On Sunday, September 20, young adults are invited to the Pastoral Outreach Center at 6:30pm for wine, cheese, and other light refreshments. We will especially celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew.

FLAG FOOTBALL This fall, the Archdiocese of Seattle is setting up a flag football league for young adults in the greater Seattle area! Games are on Sundays (but never conflicting with Seahawks games!) starting on October 4, and we'll play at Lakeside School in north Seattle. The regular season ends on November 15, and the Turkey Bowl will be on Saturday, November 21. There will be a fee of \$30 per person. Contact Tom if you are interested.

WATCH THE POPE ADDRESS CONGRESS Young Adults from throughout the city will be watching Pope Francis' historic talk to Congress live at 6:20am on Thursday, September 24 at Christ Our Hope Parish (1902 2nd Ave). Doors open at 6:00am, and Mass will follow the talk.

SABBATH: UNPLUGGING FROM THE CULTURE OF NOW Join us for a three evenings of reflection in the midst of your busy life! Facilitated by Rosanne Michaels and Tom Frasene, this series will discuss how we can make room for God and what the role of the Christian is in today's restless, consumer society. Join us on Wednesdays, September 30, October 14, and October 28, 7pm-9:15pm, in the Parish Outreach Center (907 Columbia St.).

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org Facebook.com/StJamesYoungAdultMinistry

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION! Join the more than 100 children who were at the first class last week. This Sunday, all classes will meet in the O'Dea gym from 11:00 – 11:45. Registration is on site. You can find descriptions of the classes, calendars and the fee schedule on the Kid's Page of the Cathedral website. *Information*, Brenda Bellamy bbellamy@stjamescathedral.org or 206-274-3108.

SEND YOUR CHILD TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Representatives from area Catholic schools will be here TODAY from 10:45am–12:15pm in the O'Dea courtyard. Come discover the value of a Catholic education. Learn more about financial aid. It's not too early to apply for the 2016-2017 school year! *Information,* Theresa Van de Ven, tvandeven@stjamescathedral.org or 206-219-5822.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH NIGHTS WILL RESUME on Sunday, October 4. Youth Nights occur on Sunday evenings from 6:30–8:30 PM in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Open to 8th-12th grade students. Please join us for prayer, catechesis, and lively activities designed to integrate faith into everyday life. All are welcome!

STOCKHOLDERS' DINNER Sunday, September 27 at 6:30pm in Cathedral Hall. Please join our youth mission team as they share stories, photos, and videos of their immersion experience at the NPH home in Nicaragua. The event is free for stockholders. All others are invited to make a free will offering in support of our two sponsored NPH godchildren. RSVP to Joe, jcotton@stjamescathedral.org

PEQUEÑO TOUR We are excited to announce that a small group of NPH students, known as pequeños, will be coming to the cathedral in October. After visiting their home in Nicaragua, we will now welcome them to our home in Seattle. And YOU can be a part of it! Please stay tuned for details regarding a series of events featuring young dancers and musicians from NPH Nicaragua.

QUESTIONS? Joe Cotton, 206-264-2082, jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org

TUTOR A STUDENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR! Catholic Community Services' Youth Tutoring Program is looking for tutors who can commit one hour per week to a student in need. A representative will be at the Ministries Fair this Sunday following the 8am, 10am, and noon Masses. Information, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-382-4235.

JUSTFAITH "COME & SEE" NIGHT ON TUESDAY Encounter the spirit of Jesus in our midst, especially in the lives of people on the margins! Come find out more by with some JustFaith grads on Tuesday, September 22, 7pm-8pm, in the Parish Outreach Center (907 Columbia St.). *Information*, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-382-4235.

WINTER SHELTER TRAINING We still need overnight hosts and breakfast hosts for this season's Winter Shelter! There will be a training on Sunday, September 27 in Cathedral Hall (enter on Columbia St.). *Information*, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjamescathedral.org or 206-382-4235.

CABRINI MINISTRY TRAINING WILL HOST AN INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY in Cathedral Place (803 Terry Ave.), the second floor Room 1 E/W at 11:30am. If you are considering God's call to deeper service in pastoral care Cabrini Ministry invites you to join executive director, Carla Loucks to learn more information about the program. *Information*, info@cabriniministry.org or jsimpson@stjamescathedral.org, 206-274-3173.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Saturday, October 17, 8:00am-5:30pm, Pastoral Outreach Center. This interactive evidence-based training taught by licensed mental health counselors provides basic info about various mental health challenges AND strategies on how to support loved ones or any individual you may come in contact with. Contact Nancy Granger to register.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - 4th Tuesday 1:00 – 2:30 PM Pastoral Outreach Center (Mother Cabrini Room). No Charge. Next meeting: September 22.

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Tuesdays 1:30 – 2:45pm, Pastoral Outreach Center.

"THE COUNSELOR IS IN" - Licensed Mental Health Counselors are available for a free consultation and problem solving session.

FREE CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Gallagher Center, 12 noon – 2 pm. Create various types of art in this supportive atmosphere. No experience necessary! Next workshop: September 24.

MINDFUL ALTERNATIVES FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP – For parents of adult children with mental illness. Share ideas with others about housing, social engagement, employment and more. Next Meeting Sept. 26th. For info contact Terry Proctor at mindfulalternative@gmail.com.

SOMETIMES SITUATIONS IN LIFE FEEL LIKE MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR. Know that you are not alone. Parish Mental Health Nurse and volunteers would like to reach out and lend support to parishioners who are grieving, lonely, ill, or experiencing stress within their lives. Contact Nancy Granger to learn more.

Information, Nancy Granger, Parish Mental Health Nurse, 206-382-4269, or ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org

DO YOU GIVE AT THE OFFICE? Help refugees and immigrants to learn English, become citizens, apply for deferred action, and connect to community resources. When you make a gift through the United Way workplace giving campaign, you can designate St. James Immigrant Assistance. Simply write in "St. James Immigrant Assistance" on the line for the specific agency you want to designate. If you work for Boeing or Microsoft, your gift will be automatically matched, doubling your donation. Visit our website at www.stjames-cathedral.org/immigrant to see what a difference your donation can make. *Information*, Christopher Koehler at 206-382-4511, or ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If you are an adult who has never been baptized, an adult who has been baptized in another Christian tradition or a Catholic who has been baptized, but not received First Eucharist or Confirmation, you are invited to participate in the RCIA, a process of initiation into the Catholic Church. You can learn more by going to www.stjames-cathedral.org/RCIA. *Information*, Kathleen McCabe, kmccabe@stjames-cathedral.org.

INVITATION FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY At least once or twice a year, this story repeats itself: We visit a kind-hearted woman (or man) who asks for a comfortable chair (or bed or small loveseat) because there is none in the apartment. We arrange delivery. A year or so later, we visit again, do not see the furniture and are told, "I gave it to someone else who needed it more than me." Won't you join us in this grace-filled ministry to the poor in our parish? Please stop by the SVdP table at the Ministries Fair today to learn more about what Vincentians do and how we put your dollars to work to help our neighbors in need!

IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS THANKSGIVING WILL BE HERE Two weeks before that is a good time for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a time to look at what your marriage has been, to see events and qualities to be thankful for and to discover ways to enrich your marriage relationship. Your children and parish will be thankful for your example of greater love and joy. Experience the joy of a weekend at the Sheraton Bellevue Hotel, Bellevue, WA November 13-15, 2015. Experience growth in your marriage. For more information call 206-772-2344, our application couple. You may apply on line at www.wwme.org. There is more information there about weekends in the Northwest.

ARE YOU A *DREAM*ER? Certain undocumented youth and young adults are eligible for deferred action and work authorization. We can help you figure out if you are eligible and help you through the entire application process. *Information*, Christine Trigg, Immigrant Legal Services Coordinator, 206-382-4511 or ctrigg@stjames-cathedral.org. Learn more at www.stjames-cathedral.org/immigrant/dreamers.

REMEMBER THE CATHEDRAL IN YOUR WILL The generous bequests of parishioners and friends is critical to fulfilling the mission of St James Cathedral. Each year, we rely on bequests to help us carry out our mission of prayer and outreach here on First Hill. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or e-mail mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

PRAYER WITH MUSIC FROM TAIZÉ Each Friday at 6:30pm in the Cathedral, all are invited to join in an ecumenical service of readings, silence, candlelight, and the music of the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. This simple, reflective prayer is the perfect way to end a busy week.

MINISTRIES FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 after the morning Masses in Cathedral Hall



God has created me
to do Him some definite service.
He has committed some work to me
which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good; I shall do His work.
—Blessed John Henry Newman

On Sunday, September 20, we have our annual MINISTRIES FAIR after each of our morning Masses. This is our chance to explore the many different opportunities for service at St. James Cathedral. It's also a time to celebrate the rich and varied ministries of our Cathedral parish. About 1,000 (!!) people volunteer in dozens of different ministries at St. James each year. Come celebrate the ministries that make St. James the great parish it is and find out how you can share your own unique gifts with the community!

Information, Maria Laughlin, Director of Stewardship and Development, 206-382-4284 or e-mail mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.



Laudato Si

Exploring the Encyclical

Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home, is an appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

St. James Cathedral offers two opportunities to learn what the encyclical says, to engage with its vision, and to respond to the challenge it presents:

PANEL DISCUSSION

Monday, September 21, 7:00–8:30 pm, Cathedral Hall, 804 Ninth Avenue, Seattle (enter on Columbia Street)

An overview of the encyclical, with an exploration of its spiritual and theological roots, a brief review of the science of climate change, and some implications for action and advocacy. **Panelists**:

- Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, Director of Seattle
 University's Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture and
 Associate Professor in the Theology and Religious Studies
 Department.
- **Wes Lauer**, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Seattle University.
- **Jessie Dye**, Program and Outreach Director, Earth Ministry/ Interfaith Power and Light.

Moderator: **Patty Bowman**, Director of Outreach and Advocacy, St. James Cathedral.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Mondays, October 5—October 26,

7:00-8:30 pm, Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street

A four-week series to read and study the encyclical *Laudato Si* in depth, with small group discussion. Copies of the encyclical are available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

All are welcome to any or all of the above events. RSVP is requested but not required. *Information, or to RSVP,* Patty Bowman, pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org. 206-382-4515.

www.stjames-cathedral.org

Welcome Back

Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.

Pope Francis



Have you drifted away from your Catholic faith? Are you disillusioned by what you hear about your Church? Do you desire a life filled with faith?

St. James Cathedral offers "Welcome Back," a 12-week parish program for Catholics out of touch with a Church that once may have been home. It's a safe place to ask questions, learn about changes in the Church, and begin to experience a small community of faith. If you desire, we'll help you return to the sacraments, and move towards becoming an active part of the faith community.

The fall program begins Monday, September 21, and continues Mondays through early December. Sessions are held 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Cathedral Place, 803 Terry Avenue.

For more information, without any obligation, contact Rosanne Michaels at 206.654.4658 or rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org.

LOVE IS OUR MISSION: Pope Francis in the U.S.

A Prayer Guide to the Papal Visit, September 22-27

rom September 22-26, Pope Francis will visit the United States for the first time. His six-day visit will take him from Washington, DC, to New York City, to Philadelphia. During his Masses and public appearances, he is expected to touch on some of the key themes of his pontificate so far: the value of human life at every stage, the crisis of climate change, the poor, migrants and refugees, the challenges facing the family, and the need for the Church to reach beyond her comfort zones to meet people in need. Knowing Pope Francis, there are sure to be plenty of surprises!

You are invited to pray each day during this historic visit. Visit www.stjames-cathedral.org for regular updates throughout the week.

PRAYER FOR EACH DAY

Lord our God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have called us to a mission of love. Fill us with new fire for this mission, that we may bring to all people the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, and help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, faith, love for our planet and love for the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> Based on a prayer of Pope Francis in The loy of the Gospel

Day | Tuesday, September 22

Pope Francis arrives in the United States from Cuba

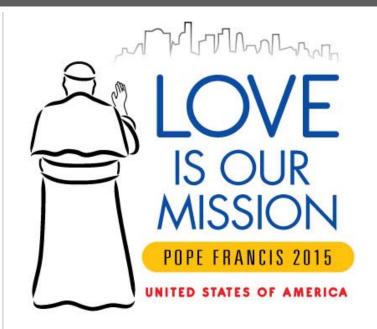
"All of us are asked to obey the Lord's call to go forth from our own comfort zones in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel. ... The Church which goes forth... knows that



the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first, and therefore we can move forward, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads, and welcome the outcast." Joy of the Gospel, 21-23

Prayer Intentions for Today

We pray for the Holy Father's safe journey to the United States. We pray that Pope Francis' first apostolic visit to the United States may be a time of joy not only for Catholics but



for all Americans. May we gain a deeper awareness of the needs of the rest of the world, a greater respect for all life and for our planet, and a renewed sense of the Holy Spirit's presence in our midst.

Day 2 Wednesday, September 23
Pope Francis meets with President Obama at the White House, prays with the US Bishops, and canonizes Junipero Serra

"I say this to you with regret: many grave sins were committed against the native peoples of America in the name of God. I humbly ask forgiveness, not only for the offenses of the Church herself, but also for crimes committed against the native peoples during the so-called conquest of America.



Together with this request for forgiveness and in order to be just, I also would like us to remember the thousands of priests and bishops who strongly opposed the logic of the sword with the power of the Cross." Pope Francis in Bolivia, July 9, 2015

Prayer Intentions for Today

Today Pope Francis canonizes Junipero Serra, the Franciscan missionary who evangelized the peoples of California and established the California Missions. Let us pray in a special way for the native peoples of this land, who still carry the wounds of the violence, exploitation, and displacement their ancestors experienced at the hands of European settlers. Let us pray for a faith and zeal like Serra's, whose motto was siempre adelante, nunca retrodecer—always go forward, never look back.

Day 3 Thursday, September 24

Pope Francis addresses the Joint Meeting of Congress, visits an inner-city parish in Washington, DC, and ends the day with Evening Prayer at St. Patrick's in New York City

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? We have created a "throw away" culture which is now spreading. It



is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression, but something new. Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be a part of the society in which we live; those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised - they are no longer even a part of it. The excluded are not the "exploited" but the outcast, the "leftovers".... a globalization of indifference has developed."

loy of the Gospel, 53-54

Prayer Intentions for Today

As Pope Francis addresses the Congress today, the first time a In Philadelphia, Pope Francis joins in the World Meeting of Pope has ever done so, let us pray for our nation, that partisanship may give way to a shared concern for those most on the margins of society, those most excluded from "the American dream."

Day 4 Friday, September 25

Pope Francis addresses the UN, visit the 9/11 Memorial, and meets with migrant families at a school in East Harlem

"In the face of the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees who flee death from war and from hunger, and who are walking in search of life and hope,



the Gospel calls to us, asking us to be "close" to the littlest ones, those who count for nothing, to give them concrete hope. To say to them, "courage, patience!" is not enough. Thus, I send out an appeal to parishes, to religious communities, and to monasteries and sanctuaries across Europe to give concrete witness to the Gospel by welcoming a family of refugees... mercy is another name for Love."

Angelus, 6 September 2015

Prayer Intention for Today

Let us pray for all migrants, fleeing war, hunger, poverty, or violence in search of a better life, that the world community may find humane and compassionate ways to welcome them.

Day 5 Saturday, September 26

Pope Francis goes to Philadelphia where the World Meeting of Families is Underway

"Each Christian family can first of all — as Mary and Joseph did welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak with Him, guard Him, protect Him, grow with Him; and



in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord. How many difficulties Mary and Joseph had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of every family. This is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome lesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grandparents.... Jesus is there. Welcome him there, in order that He grow spiritually in the family."

General Audience, December 17, 2014

Prayer Intentions for Today

Families. Let us pray for all families, that they may be like the Holy Family of Nazareth, united in love in the midst of the challenges they face.

Let us pray for broken families, especially for children who grow up without a loving family, for parents who have lost a child, and for all who struggle in family life.

Day 6 Sunday, September 27

Pope Francis meets with Bishops, visits a jail, and ends his visit to the United States

"My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, yes, the courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Lord's Cross: to build the Church on the Lord's blood which was poured out on the Cross; and to profess the one glory: Christ crucified. And in this way, the Church will go forward. My prayer for



all of us is that the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, will grant us this grace: to walk, to build, to profess Jesus Christ crucified. Amen."

From Pope Francis' first homily as Pope, 14 March 2013

Prayer Intentions for Today

Let us pray for Pope Francis' safe return home, and let us pray that the words and actions we have heard and witnessed on his first apostolic visit to the United States may inspire us to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel with renewed faith, hope, and love.