



I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Detail of the Ceremonial Bronze Doors, St. James Cathedral. Ulrich Henn, sculptor

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2, 2008

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE LITURGY WE ARE ABOUT TO CELEBRATE,
PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELLULAR PHONE.

SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT (10:00am)
SCRUTINY OF YOUTH ELECT (Noon)

PRELUDE (Saturday & Noon)
(8:00, 10:00, Sunday 5:30)

I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639
“Quasi Presto” from *Symphony No. 2*

Bach
Vierne

INTROIT

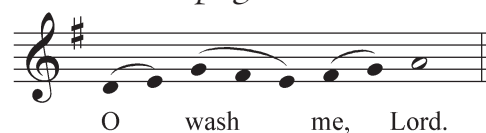
Introit for Lent IV – *Letare, Ierusalem* adapt. St. James Cathedral



SPRINKLING RITE

Psalm 51 *Asperges me*

chant



The season of Lent is a season of baptismal renewal. At the beginning of each Mass we are sprinkled with the holy water that recalls our baptism in Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS No. 796

GRADUAL PSALM

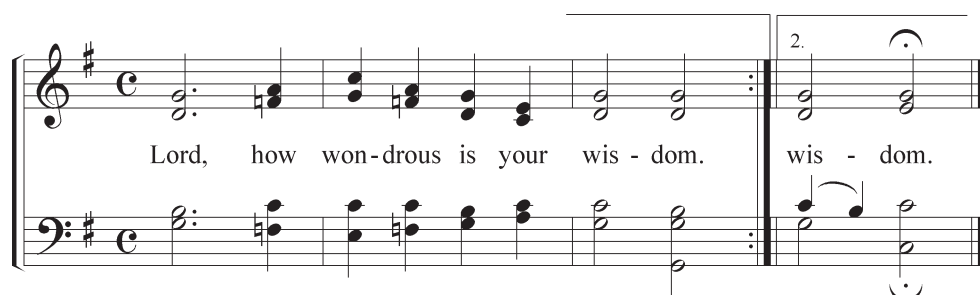
Psalm 23

Kreutz



GOSPEL TRACT

Stratman



HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

CREED No. 238 *chanted on one tone*

(Sunday Evening)

chant, *Jubilare Deo*

Presider Credo in unum Deum,

Schola Patrem omnipotentem factorem cæli et terræ,
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.*

ALL

Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum,
Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum.

*We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,*

Schola Et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula.

eternally begotten of the Father,

ALL

De - um de De - o, lu - men de lú - mi - ne,
De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.

*God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,*

Schola Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt.

*begotten, not made,
one in being with the Father:
through him all things were made.*

ALL

Qui pro-pter nos hó - mi - nes et prop-ter no-stram
sa - lú - tem de-scén-dit de cæ - lis.

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:*

ALL BOW AT THE WORDS OF INCARNATION, SUNG BY THE SCHOLA:

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

*by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

ALL

Cru-ci - fi - xus é - ti - am pro no - bis
sub Pón-ti - o Pi-lá-to; pas-sus et se-púl - tus est.

*For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.*

Schola Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas.

*On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;*

ALL

Et a - scén - dit in cæ - lum,

se - det ad déx - te - ram Pa - tris.

*he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.*

Schola Et iterum venturus est cum gloria,
judicare vivos et mortuos,
cuius regni non erit finis.

*He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

ALL

Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Dó - mi - num et vi - vi - fi -

cán - tem: qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - ó - que pro - cé - dit.

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

Schola Qui cum Patre et Filio simul
adoratur et conglorificatur:
qui locutus est per prophetas.

*With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.*

ALL

Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - thó - li - cam

et a - pos - tó - li - cam Ec - clé - si - am.

*We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.*

Schola Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

*We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.*

ALL

Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.

*We look for the resurrection
of the dead,*

Schola Et vitam venturi sæculi.

and the life of the world to come.

ALL

A - - - - - men.

SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT (10:00 and Noon)

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT No. 296

Litany of Saints

PRAYER OF EXORCISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS (10:00) *Come open, Lord, the heart and ear*

Schein

ANOINTING WITH THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS (Noon)

DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

chant, adapt. Stratman

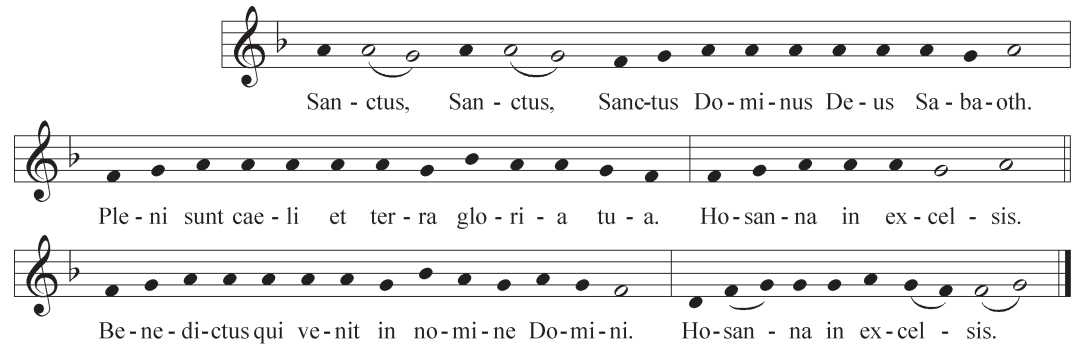
Cantor: I give them life long and full,

ALL: And I show them my power to save, says the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS

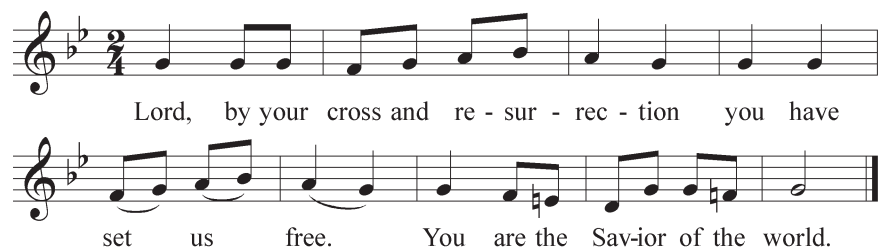
chant, *Jubilare Deo*



San - ctus, San - ctus, Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.
Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Proulx



Lord, by your cross and re-sur-rec-tion you have
set us free. You are the Sav-ior of the world.

AMEN No. 350

chant

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII



R. 1, 2 mi-se-re-re no-bis.
R. 3 do-na no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION

The Lord made some clay with his spittle,
and he spread it over my eyes;
I went forth, I washed myself,
I began to see, and I put my faith in God.

When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please
KNEEL OR BE SEATED. This is the norm for large assemblies in the Archdiocese of Seattle
and we thank you for following our practice.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 607

I heard the voice of Jesus say

KINGSFOLD

PROCESSION (Saturday & Noon)
(8:00, 10:00 & Sunday 5:30)

Thou, O Jesus, op. 122, no. 1
Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Brahms

Bach

St. James Cathedral - Seattle

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

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

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. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

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.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER with music from Taizé, Fridays at 6:30 pm.

TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL Groups of 6 or more may arrange a tour by calling Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

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

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WELCOME *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. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy 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.*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION will be taken up this weekend. The collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence, and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE Read or listen to Father Ryan's homily of last Sunday online. Find out about coming events, including our Holy Week and Easter schedule. www.stjames-cathedral.org.

CATHEDRAL BLOOD DRIVE Our annual blood drive, sponsored by the Health and Healing Committee, will be held Tuesday, March 11, in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Sign up at coffee hours on Sunday, March 2, or March 10, or contact John Simpson, 206-274-3173. or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOOKSTORE: Journey through Lent to Easter with the guidance of one of our many books and pamphlets by favorite authors Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Megan McKenna and more. We also have James Martin's latest book, *A Jesuit Off-Broadway*. A new shipment of Icons and Vatican Library items are now available. For those of you attending the bible study group *What Paul Meant* by Gary Wills is available.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND HOLY HOUR On Friday, March 7, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately following the 8:15 am Mass, and will continue until 1:00 pm, with Holy Hour Noon. You are welcome to join in all or part of this prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

YOUNG ADULTS FIRST FRIDAY GATHERING is on March 7 and our very own Patty Bowman has agreed to spend the evening with us. Patty has a wonderful way of drawing us into the life of our St. James community. Join us at 7:30 in the Fireside Room at the Pastoral Outreach center for an enjoyable evening. *Information* TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018, or youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org.

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. Joseph in Chehalis, Vancouver and Pe Ell.*

JOURNEY OF THE ELECT

This week we celebrate the second of the three Scrutinies with the retelling of the story of the man born blind. This Gospel challenges our Elect to reflect more deeply upon their lives, with particular focus on the “blind spots” that prevent them from even seeing the effects of sin and evil in their lives and in the lives of others. Later this week, the Elect will be presented with our Creed. The Church “lovingly entrust to them...this ancient text that has always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer.” The Creed is presented in order to enlighten the Elect and it recalls the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of the human race. The Elect are to commit the Creed to memory and will recite it publicly on Holy Saturday. Continue to enter into these solemn rites in prayer with our Elect as they prepare for baptism, Eucharist and confirmation, and to pray for them every day, for your prayers do make a difference!

CHORAL PRAYERS OF J. S. BACH Friday, March 7, 8:15 pm and Saturday, March 8, 8:00 pm. Cathedral Resident Ensemble, Seattle Pro Musica will perform J. S. Bach’s powerful settings of great Lenten prayers and Psalms, including Psalms 88, 137, 122, 51. For more information and reserve passes, visit www.seattlepromusica.org or call 206-781-2766.

SANDWICHES FOR ST. MARTINS may be brought to the Coffee Hours Sunday, March 9 or to the parish office before 3:00 pm on Monday, March 10.

LENT BIBLE STUDY-ONGOING STUDY OF THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL We continue our two-year study of St. Paul’s writings by focusing on his letters to the Galatians. Join us on the Tuesdays of Lent from 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor.

Homework: Please read the entire letter to the Galatians. No Bible experience necessary. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? You are invited to participate in the RCIA, a process of initiation into the Catholic community of faith. It is a process which encompasses the study of Scripture, Catholic teaching, and Christian values—the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action—all with the support and involvement of the parish community. A new inquiry session will begin April 9 on Wednesday evenings. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

LISTENING DEVICES Did you know the Cathedral has an assistive listening system? If you have difficulty hearing the spoken word, please talk to an usher about borrowing a listening device to use during Mass.

BABYSITTING available each Sunday during the 10:00 and 12:00 Masses in the Pastoral Outreach Center, Mother Cabrini Room. Enter through the courtyard at Ninth and Columbia.

THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM is a program which encourages us all to be good stewards of our health by participating in physical exercise. Our goal is to log enough miles to reach Jerusalem by Easter. (Right now we’re treading water off the coast of Lisbon!) While many do this by walking, we are finding that some parishioners are swimming, biking, treadmilling, elliptical training and weight-training too. More importantly, though, during the journey we are encouraged to reflect on our own call to discipleship and see how best we might join with the disciples of Jesus as they walked with him as “followers of the way.” If you have miles to log or would like more information, we’d like to hear from you! *Information*, Sr. Claudette Conrad, cconrad@stjames-cathedral.org.

COMPACT DISCS FOR THE HOMEBOUND The audio ministry to the homebound is currently making the change from cassette tapes to CD’s. This change may be an economic hardship for some. Thus, if you would like to donate a new CD player or one you are no longer using we would welcome your help! At present we need ten CD players. *Information*, John Simpson 206-274-3173 or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to join them in their ministry to the poor and suffering on First Hill, Capitol Hill and Downtown. Based on Christ’s model of compassion, members conduct one-on-one visits to our neighbors in their homes and assist with rent, food, clothing, furniture, utilities & other necessities. Members also strive to bring hope & God’s abundant love to those they serve. *Information*, Melissa Sanders, 206-328-6595, mlsanders25@gmail.com or Jijo Jose, 425-260-3476, jijo_jose@hotmail.com.



Jean Denis and François are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by Catholic Relief Services and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through Operation Rice Bowl and purchasing Fair Trade products, we support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.



During our first century, St. James Cathedral has had few, if any, better friends than the Carmelite Sisters of Seattle Carmel. Their prayers have sustained and supported us in ways we will never know. For many years they painstakingly laundered the Cathedral's altar linens week after week, and when we undertook the major renovation and restoration of 1994, I am convinced it was their prayers more than anything that made the project so wonderfully successful. I am deeply grateful for their generous assurance of prayers for us during their centennial year and I encourage each parishioner of St. James to pray very specially for them as they continue their silent yet powerful ministry of prayer in our midst.

Father Ryan

March 2, 2008

Dear Parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

On July 8, 2008, our monastery will be celebrating one hundred years of existence in Seattle. Bishop Edward O'Dea's encouragement and invitation to make a foundation in Seattle led four Carmelite nuns to board a train in Baltimore headed for the Pacific Northwest in July of 1908. Our monastery is the seventh foundation of Carmelite nuns in this country and the first one on the west coast. This marks an important milestone in the history of our community, and as such, we have designated a Jubilee Year that began with the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in July, 2007, and will conclude with the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in July, 2008. What better way to celebrate than through praise and thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings our Carmelite nuns have received throughout the years?

We therefore would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for God's goodness to us through you, who have sustained and nurtured our way of life in a variety of ways, both known and unknown. One act of which you may be unaware occurred in 1960, when we were building our present monastery. For a variety of reasons, it was necessary for us to move from the monastery on Capitol Hill, but we did not have the financial resources to do so. A very special and particular grace came to us on Christmas that year. Archbishop Thomas Connolly requested all the parishes to contribute one half of their Christmas collection to the Monastery Building Fund. It was the generous response to this request of the Archbishop that made our move to Shoreline possible. So your parish had a part in that for which we are most grateful.

With joy in our hearts, we will offer our prayers during the month of March, 2008, for all your many intentions. We shall pray for your good health, personal holiness, unity and peace and the success of all your efforts to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate through your various ministries.

Over the last 100 years, our small band of sisters has had the privilege of serving as a consistent and steady presence before the Lord, interceding for all the needs of the Archdiocese, your needs and the countless needs of the world. We, in turn, ask your prayers for us and for all those who will follow in our footsteps, that this one hundred year milestone will be the first of many for Carmel in the Pacific Northwest.

Your Devoted Sisters of Seattle Carmel



Cathedral Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Pastoral Outreach Center
1:00pm to 3:30pm, 4:15pm to 7:00pm

Your Community Blood Center

Puget Sound Blood Center is an independent, volunteer-supported, nonprofit community resource. It is a key link in the healthcare network, providing blood, tissue and specialized laboratory services in Western Washington and across the Northwest. Blood Center physicians offer 24-hour consultation to the medical community on transfusion and transplantation medicine issues, and provide valuable education aimed at improving patient care.

Who needs blood?

Most of us will require a blood transfusion at some point in our lifetimes. To meet the transfusion needs of patients in our community, at least 900 people must donate blood through the Puget Sound Blood Center every weekday.

Who can donate blood?

Most people can donate blood. Those who are at least 18 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds may donate blood every 56 days. Those 16 or 17 may donate with a signed Blood Center permission slip; there is no upper age limit. Some health conditions or medications may temporarily or permanently prevent people from donating blood.

The perfect gift for Lent!

Sign up at coffee hours on 2/24, 3/2 and 3/9. Or e-mail jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org to sign up or to find out more. Or call 206-274-3173.

At left: St. Luke the Physician. *Madonna & Child with Saints* (detail), Neri di Bicci, ca. 1456

Sponsored by St. James Cathedral's Health and Healing Ministry

PRAYING WITH THE DOORS

3 in a series of 3

March 2, 2008

This spring, the Seattle Art Museum is privileged to host a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit of three panels of Lorenzo Ghiberti's Renaissance masterwork, the bronze doors of the baptistry of the Cathedral of Florence. A series of inserts in the bulletin help us celebrate this event and learn more about "the Gates of Paradise" and our own magnificent bronze doors created by Ulrich Henn.

Our ceremonial bronze doors, beautiful as they are, weren't made just to look at—or to pass through on great occasions! They are intended to challenge us, to make us stop and reflect on the great mysteries of our faith. The following questions may help you reflect on the doors and perhaps look at them in a different way.

1. **Adam and Eve.** The journey begins as our first parents set out from Eden. At the Easter Vigil, the great Exsultet reminds us, "O, happy fault! O necessary sin of Adam that gained for us so great a Redeemer!" In our Christian faith, the expulsion from Eden is inseparable from the salvation Christ won for us. Do you see this Christian view of the fall reflected in Ulrich Henn's vision of the story?



2. **God's Covenant with Noah.** A rainbow arcs overhead, and Noah kneels, in adoration, in awe, even in jubilation. What a contrast this scene forms to the violence of the flood that lasted forty days. When have you had an experience of God's mercy following a particularly difficult time in your life?
3. **Moses leads his people through the Red Sea.** The crowd of people that follows Moses includes all of us— young and old, men and women. Some carry heavy burdens. A mother tenderly protects her infant. A young child turns around in amazement at the sight of the waves like a wall on their left. Who do you identify with in this crowd?
4. **The Baptism of the Lord.** What does Jesus' gesture and expression reveal about his attitude toward baptism? What does the figure of John the Baptist say to you?
5. **Healing Stories.** Look at the figure of the paralyzed man, sitting up for the first time. Jesus heals not just the body, but the soul. Below, the man born blind reaches out for Jesus with one hand while the other seems hesitant, unsure. Life in Christ demands huge changes from us. Are we ready to be healed?
6. **Beatitudes.** This scene is situated right before Palm Sunday, suggesting that acceptance of Jesus' teachings means setting out on the way of the Cross. Look at the faces of those gathered around Jesus as he teaches. Find yourself among them.
7. **Palm Sunday.** Study the figure of Jesus. In the images of Christ's ministry, we saw Christ speaking, gesturing, healing. How does Henn capture the *silence* of Christ during his Passion? Sometimes Christian life demands action on our part; and sometimes simply patient endurance of suffering. When have you experienced this in your life?
8. **Crowning with Thorns and Crucifixion.** We see Christ surrounded by a turbulent, accusing, hostile crowd. This is contrasted to the image of Christ,

solitary, bent double, seemingly crushed under the weight of the cross. Jesus experiences both the humiliation of public disgrace and the desolation of total abandonment.

9. **Tympanum.** The story of salvation is brought full circle in this dramatic vision of the Heavenly City. An angel pointed the way out of Paradise; now an angel points to the way back in—the triumphant Lamb of God. The cross has become burnished gold. The Lamb who was slain is at the center of the vision, and from him pour forth rivers of living water, trees bearing an abundance of fruit. What does this suggest about the Easter mystery we are about to celebrate?

Ghiberti's "Gates of Paradise" were created not just to dazzle the viewer, or to gain a reputation for the artist (though they achieved both of these things surpassingly well!). As sacred art, they are intended to challenge, to teach, and above all, to illuminate sacred mysteries.

1. **Creation of Adam and Eve.** Many artists focus on the anguish of the expulsion from Eden. But for Ghiberti, this story is about beauty—the beauty of creation, the sublime beauty of the human being created in the image and likeness of God. Are we able to see the beauty of God in our fallen humanity? In the least of our brothers and sisters? Does our own self-image reflect our belief that we are made in God's image and likeness?



2. **Jacob and Esau.** In the story of Jacob, stealing his brother's birthright with the help of his mother, we see God "writing straight with crooked lines." Ghiberti's composition of this panel suggests this. The busy figures are grouped here and there, but the magnificent soaring arches of the space in which they are situated suggest the divine order that God brings out of human chaos. "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." God is not ashamed to be called our God.
3. **David and Goliath.** This panel is crowded with dozens of figures. A battle rages; Saul, clad in armor and raising his sword aloft, plunges down on the enemy in his chariot. But it is not Saul who actually wins this battle. In the foreground we see the little figure of David, cutting off the head of the massive, sprawling Goliath. The soldiers fight, but God has already given the victory—to the most unlikely victor imaginable. It is not our strength, but God's grace, that wins the day. As David the Psalmist would sing, "Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory."

—M & C Laughlin

Putting God First

Week Three: Living as a Steward

Scripture

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

(Colossians 1:24-29)

from the Bishops' Pastoral

Everyone has some natural responsibility for a portion of the world and an obligation in caring for it to acknowledge God's dominion. But there are also those who might be called stewards by grace. Baptism makes Christians stewards of this kind, able to act explicitly on God's behalf in cultivating and serving the portion of the world entrusted to their care. We find the perfect model of such stewardship in the Lord. "For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col 1:19-20); and finally it will be he who "hands over the kingdom to his God and Father" (1 Cor 15:24).

Although Jesus is the unique priest and mediator, his disciples share in his priestly work. Baptism makes them "a royal priesthood" (1 Pt 2:9) called to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the Lord of all. In exercising this office, they most which the Master expects a return. He will judge individuals according to what they have done with what they were given.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response
U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

The book of Genesis describes how God created us in "the divine image and likeness." As part of this "resemblance" to God, we are called to share in His work of creation and redemption. Work, then, is not a punishment for sin, but a collaboration with God in His work. Our stewardship of creation calls us to a great reverence for life and for the created world. We are not only to appreciate the beauty of nature, but to be ecologically aware and concerned. We are called, too, to find meaning in our day to day work and interactions with other people. We are also called to be collaborators in the work of redemption. We, the baptized people of God, are "a royal priesthood." This involves the active practice of our faith and a life of prayer and penance.



Loaves & Fishes

St. James Cathedral Chapel

Questions for Reflection

1. How do you relate your Christian faith to ecology, to your personal care for the environment?
2. "Certain types of Christian piety intensify this problem of putting so much emphasis on the life of heaven that human activity on this earth is devalued," James Bacik has written. "Teilhard [de Chardin] sensed the great conflict in the hearts of many believers who live double lives because... they are not able to find real organic connections between their worship on Sunday and their work during the week." What do you think about this statement? Are you able to find "organic connections" between faith and work?
3. Think about someone who is living (or lived) the life of a Christian steward. What's special about that person? Is he or she a happy, joyful person or someone who's often sad or depressed? What's the connection between the way we give and way we feel?
4. Our culture seems to think that suffering is without meaning and is to be avoided at all costs. How is the Christian understanding of suffering counter-cultural? Have you experienced the redemptive power of suffering which St. Paul speaks of in the passage at the left?

This Lent, more than 80 Cathedral parishioners are participating in Putting God First, a five-week course of study, prayer, and faith sharing based on the U. S. Catholic Bishops' now-classic 1992 Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. For more information on Putting God First, contact Maria Laughlin, Director of Stewardship & Development, 206-382-4284 or e-mail mlaughter@stjames-cathedral.org

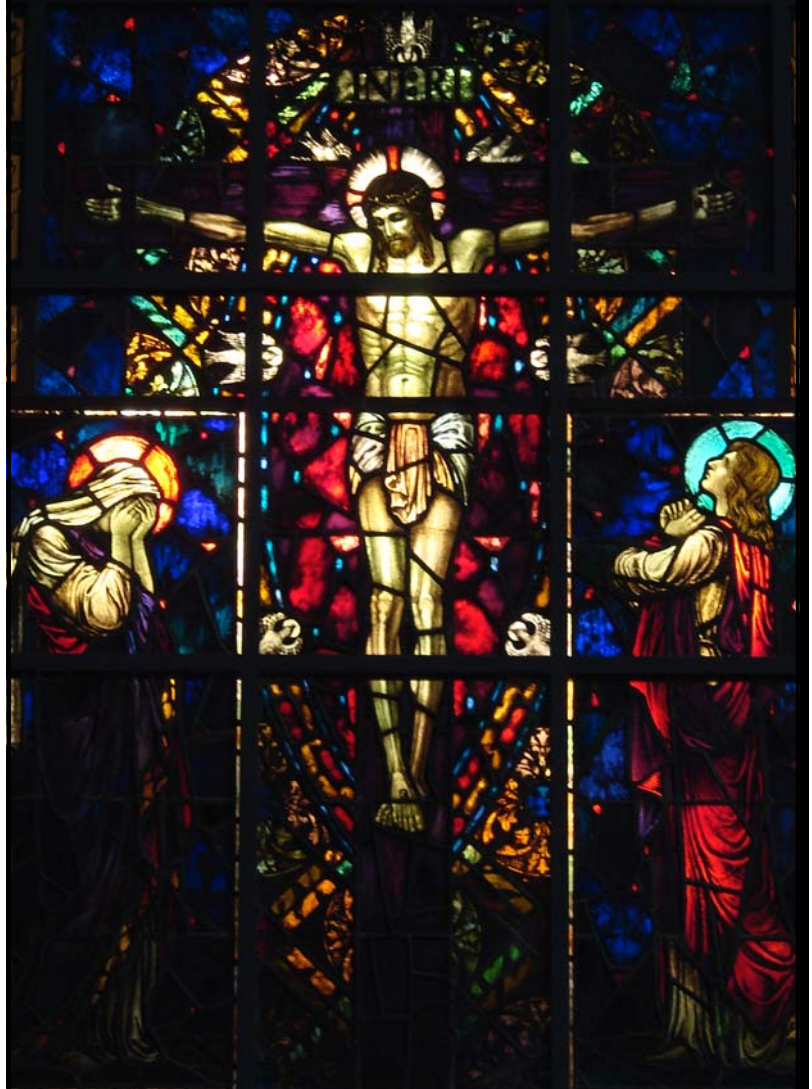
TRE ORE

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 21 NOON—3:00pm

St. James Cathedral observes the traditional Good Friday devotion of TRE ORE (“Three Hours”) with music and homilies focused on the words of Christ from the cross.

This year, Father Patrick Howell, SJ, will preach on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Father Michael G. Ryan will preside. The Cathedral’s Young Women’s Ensemble Jubilate! and members of the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra perform Pergolesi’s *Stabat Mater*. James Savage, conductor, Clint Kraus, organ.



FATHER PATRICK HOWELL SJ serves as Vice President for Mission and Ministry at Seattle University. Previously, he was dean of the innovative School of Theology and Ministry. For many years Father Howell has contributed significantly to pastoral outreach to people with mental illness and their families.

He entered the Jesuits in 1961 after graduating from Gonzaga University, Spokane. He did further studies at Boston College and the Gregorian University in Rome, and he earned a Doctorate in Ministry from the Catholic University of America in 1985. Prior to receiving his doctorate he was principal of Gonzaga Prep (Spokane). He was a co-founder in 1985 of the new Institute for Theological Studies, a creative, joint venture with the Archdiocese of Seattle for the formation of Catholic lay leadership.

Father Howell is well-known for his regular column on the religion page of the Seattle Times. He has written two major books *Reducing the Storm to a Whisper: the Story of a Breakdown* and *A Spiritguide through Times of Darkness*.

Sunday Parking at St. James

There are two items of interest this week with regard to parking. The first is that effective next Sunday, March 10, the Archdiocesan parking lot directly across Ninth Avenue from the Rectory will no longer be available for our use. Construction commences tomorrow on an Archdiocesan Low Income Housing project on that property. There is ample parking available for all Masses at one of the other lots reserved for Cathedral parking on Sundays. These lots are marked with "Cathedral Parking" signs.

The second item regards the parking survey we conducted shortly before the end of the year. A synopsis of the results of the survey is presented on the reverse side of this page. We think you will find the results interesting and we are grateful to all of you who participated in the survey.

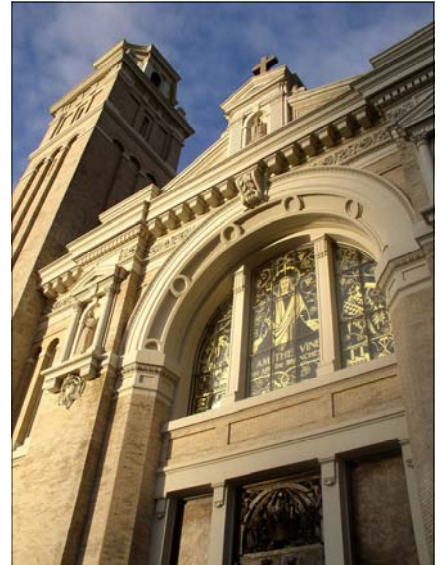
A couple of issues emerged from the survey which we are will be acting on in the next couple of weeks. The first was some unhappiness that parking places were reserved for Cathedral staff members in the O'Dea lot on Sunday. The staff have heard this and have agreed to give up their reserved parking places on weekends.

It also emerged that the Cabrini Garage is seldom filled to capacity and that spaces are available at virtually every weekend Mass. We encourage you to use this free parking on weekends.

The next issue had to do with access and egress issues at the Cabrini garage both for vehicles and pedestrians. We are working with the garage management to come up with safer pedestrian access and a better traffic pattern for vehicles exiting both Cabrini and the O'Dea lot onto Marion Street. Look for traffic marshals in orange vests in the upcoming weeks as we implement the new plan.

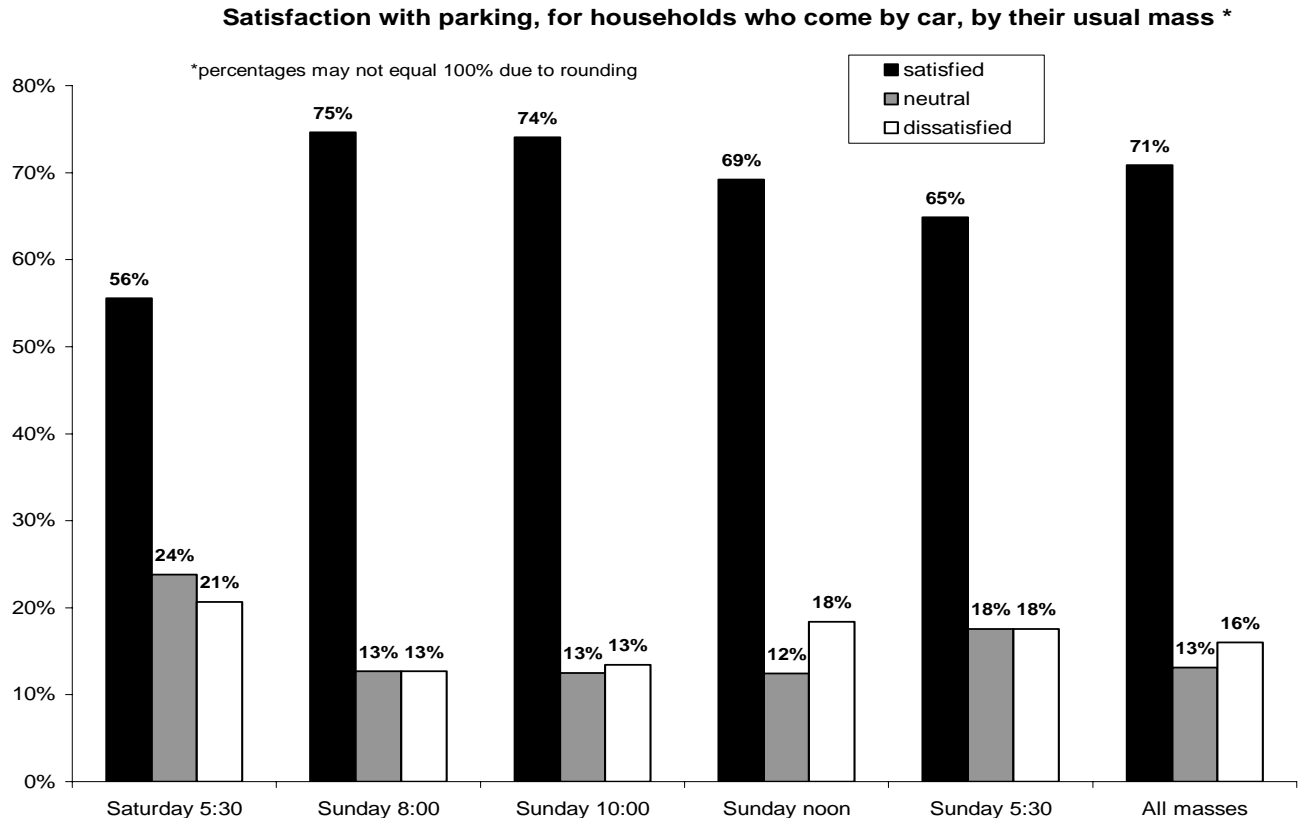
Finally, even though the survey was focused on Sunday parking, issues about evening and parking emerged in comments in the survey. These are important enough issues that we intend to conduct another survey specifically on these issues.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this very important issue.



Parking Survey Results

*The survey was conducted at all Masses in the first weeks of November.
Thanks again for your participation!*



- More than three out of four households come to St. James by car (77%) and almost 1 in 5 walk or use public transportation.
- About 1/3 of households live less than 5 miles away, 1/3 live 5 to 10 miles away, and 1/3 live more than 10 miles away.
- Most people who come by car are satisfied with their parking (71% for all masses combined).
- Even more people who come by other means are satisfied with their transportation (80%).
- About three out of four households come to St. James once a week or more (73%).
- There are different patterns for households coming to each Mass; for example the Sunday 10 am Mass has more people who come from farther away, and the Sunday noon Mass has more people riding with other household members.