

During the month of November, we remember all the deceased parishioners of St. James Cathedral. In a special way, we remember our benefactors, 1988-2008, whose generous bequests continue to sustain the mission of our parish:

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Our Lord JESUS CHRIST the KING

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL November 23, 2008

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank every one of you who has made a Sacrificial Giving commitment to the parish for the coming year. For some of you, given the precarious situation with the economy, making a commitment this year was also making an act of faith. Your sacrifice is personally very moving to me and I am deeply grateful. Many of you who always make a commitment have yet to do so and I encourage you to do so this week if at all possible. And, then, to those of you who have not been in the habit of participating in Sacrificial Giving, I make an earnest plea that you consider doing so this year and that you do it in a way that will involve some sacrifice. Too many of us are still content to make our parish giving an afterthought instead of a planned thought and this usually results in dropping a dollar or two in the collection basket when it comes around. Of course, if that represents a sacrifice, I understand, but I don't think it always does – not when you consider that many of us think little or nothing of spending significant amounts to buy a latte, an article of clothing, a DVD, the latest electronic gadget, or even a new car. Considering the cost of such things, I hope you will agree with me that a weekly planned gift to your parish - made out of gratitude to God for all God's gifts in your life - isn't asking too much.

This Saturday morning, November 22, I am in Milwaukee attending the ordination to the Diaconate of one of our parishioners, Todd Strange. Todd is known to many of you since he served here as a Eucharistic minister for a number of years. He is a wonderful young man, a gifted minister, and a product of our RCIA! His ordination is taking place at Sacred Heart Seminary near Milwaukee. Todd will be ordained to the priesthood here in the Cathedral in June and will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving here on the Feast of Corpus Christi. I know he will be grateful for your prayers.

As always, it will be a joy to gather with you here in the Cathedral at 9:30 am on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Mass. This Mass is always one of the high points of the year for me and I know it is for many of you. I know I don't need to encourage the hundreds of you who come for this Mass every year because you would never miss it. But to those of you who have never been to this Mass, I would offer a word of invitation and encouragement. It will quickly become an indispensable part of your Thanksgiving celebration! To all who do come, a reminder that at the Offertory we always invite people to come to the altar with their gifts of non-perishable food items which will be shared with a local food bank. Happy Thanksgiving! huibeel Orgen

Father Michael G. Ryan

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate,

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELLULAR PHONES.

PRELUDE

(8:00) Verset for the Feast of the Dedication "Prélude" from Symphony No. 3

Messiaen Widor

ENTRANCE

DIADEMATA



PENITENTIAL RITE

(10:00)

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Vatican XVI

DISMISSAL TO THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Noon)

GLORIA chant/Lee

(10:00)

"Gloria" from Harmonie Messe

Haydn



ELSIS DEO.

Glory to God in the highest, Lord God, heavenly King, We worship you, we give you thanks and peace to God's peo- ple on earth. almighty God and Fa - ther. we praise you for your glo - ry.

GLORIFICAMUS TE.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world:
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

Lord God, have Lamb of God, mer- cy on us;

re- ceive our prayer.

With the Holy Spirit,

you alone are the Most

High Je- sus Christ.

in the glory of

God the Father, A - - men.

AMEN.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS No. 964

PSALM RESPONSE



ALLELUIA



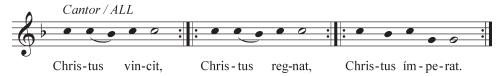
HOMILY

Father David A. Brant (Saturday Evening) Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

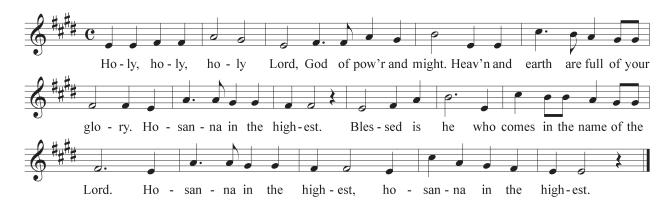
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

(10:00) Tu Rex gloria Potiron

SANCTUS

St. James Mass for Peace

Herbolsheimer



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

St. James Mass for Peace

Herbolsheimer



AMEN

St. James Mass for Peace

Herbolsheimer



LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI Vatican XVIII



"Agnus Dei" from Harmonie Messe

Haydn

COMMUNION

(10:00)

Amen I say to you: in as much as you have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me. Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

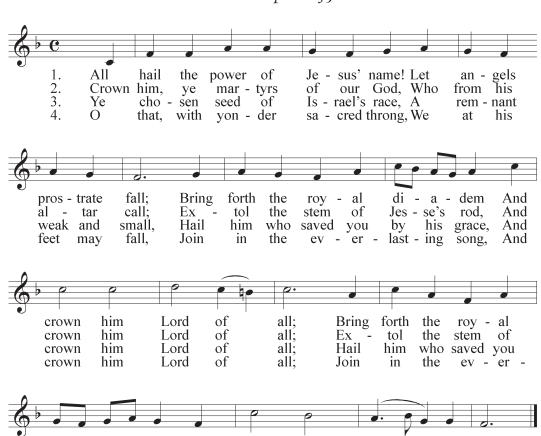
The right hand of the Lord has done valiantly,
The right hand of the Lord has exalted me;
I shall not die, but I shall live,
And recount the deeds of the Lord. Alleluia! (Psalm 118)

When you return to your seat after receiving Holy Communion, **please kneel or be seated.** This is the norm for large assemblies in this Archdiocese. Thank you for following our practice.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All hail the power of Jesus' name

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS **MASS**

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

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL PARISH

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ELCOME: *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 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.

YOUNG ADULTS (21-35) our "Fourth Sunday" faithbased gathering is today, November 23, immediately following 5:30 Mass. This is open to all young adults ages 21-35, single or married. Our topic for the evening is one of your top choices from our September survey: Science and Faith. The evening will be facilitated by Julia Richardt, a Catholic actively involved in her faith and who works in the sciences. Enter the discussion of this one world, not two worlds, where science and faith do not need to be at odds. Join us in the Fireside Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. Newcomers and those not new to the parish are all welcome! Information youngadults @stjames-cathedral.org or TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018.

OLIVIER MESSIAEN COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS

Monday, November 24, 7:30 pm Cathedral Associate Organist Clint Kraus performs the fifth concert of the series performing Offrande au Saint Sacrement, Verset pour la Fête de la Dédicace, Le Banquet céleste, and Livre d'orgue. Suggested donation \$15, students and seniors pay as able. Information, 206-382-4874.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: YEAR OF ST. PAUL—First & Second Corinthians Join us on Tuesdays, November 25, December 2, 9, and 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor, as we study Paul's letters to the Corinthians. No Bible experience necessary. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULTS "WARM HEARTS AND SOLES" Fifth annual Advent sock drive for homeless men starts next Sunday, November 30. Let's get it off to a great start and see what an impact we can make in the first week toward the goal of 2009 pairs for delivery in January 2009. Drop off new socks at the Young Adult table in Cathedral Hall after 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 Sunday Masses in Advent, or during the week at second floor Cathedral Place. Such a worthwhile project – let's keep those hearts and soles warm this winter! Information, youngadults@stjamescathedral.org or TerryAnn Bowen 206-382-2018.

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 Christ the King, Seattle; St. Columban, Yelm; and St. Barbara, Black Diamond.

VOLUNTEER CHORE SERVICE ORIENTATION VCS is a program of Catholic Community Services and helps to connect volunteers with people who need chore services and companionship in the Seattle area. Volunteers help to ensure that elders and individuals with disabilities and/or long-term illnesses can remain in their homes among familiar surroundings rather than going to an institutionalized setting. In October, our VCS volunteers contributed over 125 hours of service. If you are interested in joining them in this rewarding ministry, please come to the Orientation to be held in the Pastoral Outreach Center on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm. (If you are in need of assistance through VCS, their intake number is: 1-888-649-6850). Information, Jennifer Ibach, 206-654-4640 or jibach@stjames-cathedral.org.

RESERVED SEATING PASSES AVAILABLE NOW for three extraordinary Cathedral music events: Candlelight, Carols and Cathedral Children, the traditional service of Readings and Carols, Sunday, December 21, 7:30 pm. New Years Eve Gala featuring three of the Cathedral's amazing tenors, December 31, 11:00 pm, and the return of Great Music for Great Cathedrals, February 20, 21. Suggested donation amounts and information at www.stjames-cathedral.org/music or 206 382 4874.

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT? The ESL Cookbook makes a great hostess gift or stocking stuffer. Recipes includes Father Ryan's great American waffles, Turkish cabbage dolmas, cous cous pied noir, baked Argentine empanadas, Eggplants Conversing and many more delicious recipes from around the world! Available in the bookstore for \$15 each. Proceeds support helping refugees and immigrants to learn English and become citizens. *Information*, Christopher J Koehler, 206-382-4511 or ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING DAY The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and so we come together as a parish family on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, at 9:30 am, to give thanks by celebrating the Eucharist. During the Mass, you will be invited to bring your gifts of non-perishable food items for the poor and needy to the altar.

SACRIFICIAL SUNDAY GIVING 2009

Please accept the challenge to give "until you feel blessed" and drop your 2009 commitment card in the offering basket today. If you've never made a commitment to Sacrificial Giving, please consider making one this year. *Our goal is not a dollar amount*. Instead, we're going for 100% parishioner participation. We have a long way to go!

Results through Sunday, November 16, 2008:

Pledges received	465
Percent Participation (2,390 registered	
households)	19 %
Participation goal	100%

Sacred Steps

Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

BAPTIZED in the Cathedral November 16 were: Julian Vallarta Bransier; Maya Vallarta Bransier; Roxy Ruby Fuentes-Salazar; Joanna Cielo Fuentes-Salazar; Lisette Rene' Haro; Walter Ryusei Houston, Jr.; Regina Nana Houston; Noa Ray Hsiung; Joziah Sebastian Lagonoy; Keila Grace Pacquing Tomomitsu; Savannah Marie Segura-Vargas; and Wilhelm Gabriel Wiehle. We welcome them into our family of faith.

MARRIED in the Cathedral on November 15 were parishioners Cari Loveless and John Pilcic. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Canavan.

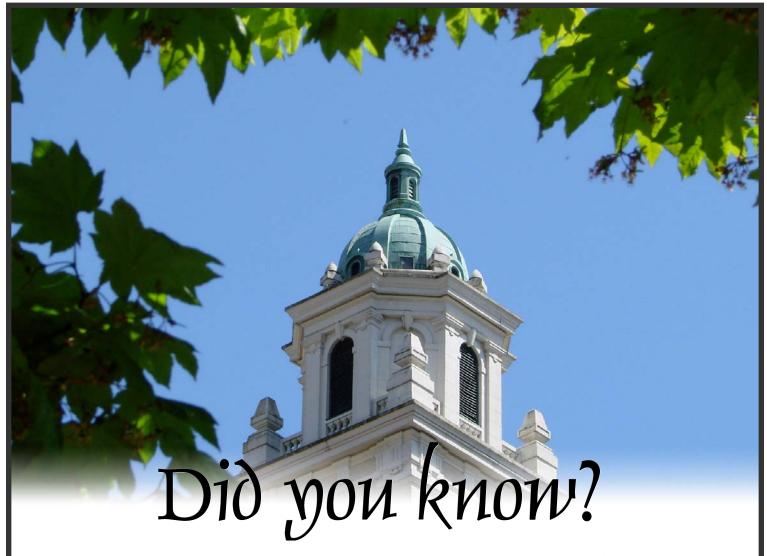
IN THE BOOKSTORE Just in, all new Cathedral Christmas Cards! Visit our Advent section for thoughtful readings that will put you in the right mood for Christmas. New titles include our own parishioner Robert Clark's *Dark Water*, an account of the devastating floods in Florence, Italy; Father Richard McBrien's newest book, *The Church: The Evolution of Catholicism* and *Being Catholic Now* by Kerry Kennedy.



THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Each week during this Year of St. Paul, watch this space in the bulletin for reflection questions that will lead us deeper into the writings and example of St. Paul. You are also invited to visit the Place of Prayer in the west aisle and at www.stjamescathedral.org.

- In the second reading, St. Paul makes it clear where Christ's kingship comes from: from his death on the cross and his resurrection to new life. What does this say about the kingship of Christ? Is Christ king in your life?
- The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote: "Now Christ has communicated this royal power to His disciples that they might be constituted in royal freedom and that ... they might conquer the reign of sin in themselves. He has shared this power so that serving Christ in others, they might by humility and patience lead their brothers and sisters to that King for whom to serve is to reign." (*Lumen Gentium* 36). How do you serve others? How does your service help you to feel part of the building of God's kingdom?



St. James Cathedral's operating budget for 2008-2009 calls for total expenses of \$3,813,888. **That's \$10,449 per day!** It's your generous support that keeps this parish running from day to day.

EVERY DAY of the year, it costs...

- \$230 to keep the Cathedral and other parish buildings heated
- \$97 to pay our water bill
- \$106 to pay our electric bill
- \$1,201 to provide medical and pension benefits for our employees
- \$40 for basic office supplies
- \$1,264 to pay our Archdiocesan and Rainbow School subsidies
- \$96 to keep the Cathedral stocked with candles and votive lights

If you've never made a pledge before, please consider doing so this year. Your support is urgently needed. And please remember... every gift counts. No gift is too small!

Advent Bazaar

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Cathedral Place Hall



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, our annual ADVENT BAZAAR after the morning Masses features favorite St. James items as well as the work of Cathedral artists and friends. Join us in Cathedral Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and a wonderful opportunity to start your Christmas shopping while benefiting a good cause!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Exclusive **CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** featuring the art of our own cathedral—including three brand-new designs
- COOKBOOKS and T-SHIRTS benefiting St. James ESL
- CATHEDRAL MUSIC Get your passes for the stunning music events ahead, including Advent Readings & Carols, the Annual New Year's Eve Gala, and Great Music for Great Cathedrals. (These make great gifts, too!)
- The community of $\mathbf{L'ARCHE}$ with beautiful candles of all shapes and sizes handmade in their Seattle workshop
- **FAIR TRADE ITEMS** from Catholic Relief Services and Himalaya Traders
- CHRISTMAS WREATHS benefiting the Association of Catholic Childhood
- **CRAFT ITEMS** from Cathedral parishioners including Patrick White, Sister Claudette Conrad, and Sister Agnes Le

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- Take a tag from the **ELDERHEALTH GIVING TREE** and bring back a gift for a needy senior in our neighborhood
- This year, give a gift that will make a difference! In lieu of a Christmas gift, give a gift to the **HUNTHAUSEN FUND** in honor of someone special. You'll receive a beautiful Christmas card to send.
- The sixth annual **WARM HEARTS** & **SOLES** (sponsored by St. James Young Adults) sock drive has a goal this year of 2,009 pairs of new socks for homeless men. Drop socks off at coffee hour or at the parish office during the week.



This Christmas, give a gift that will make a difference!













Various designs are available; inside message, "Have a blessed Christmas"

This Christmas, give a gift that will make a real difference! Make a gift to the HUNTHAUSEN FUND of St. James Cathedral in honor of someone special. This is the perfect gift for Christmas, when we remember the Holy Family for whom "there was no room in the inn." You will receive a beautiful Christmas card to send for each gift you make. We suggest a minimum donation of \$10 per card.

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The Hunthausen Fund, St. James Cathedral, 804 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Imagine what would happen to us

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JustFaith Ministries announces a "prophet-raising" process for high school juniors and seniors called...



J-Walking ("jaywalking") means... going against the flow... choosing unconventional paths... crossing social boundaries... entering into "unlikely" relationships... and gaining insightful perspectives through encounters, reflection and dialogue.



This experiment in Gospel living forms small communities of older teens and adults who dialogue and reflect on the implications of Catholic social teaching.

Imagine walking in the footsteps of Jesus today. Where would we go, who would we know and how would we grow?

J-Walking leads young people along paths that inspire uncommon choices, offer faith-based perspectives, re-order life-priorities and relocate relationships through:

- Prayer-full dialogue listening with undivided attention
- Prophetic living responding with compassion to global injustice
- Friendships on the edge solidarity with people at society's margins
- Witnessing Justice the legacy of people who struggle to live with integrity.

How it Works • 6 sessions • 4 Service Days at L'Arche • High school juniors and seniors • Applications due by 12/12 • \$25 program fee (scholarships are available) • starts January 15 •

For more information on JusticeWalking and an application contact Jennifer Ibach at 206-654-4640 or jibach@stjames-cathedral.org



Advent 2008

Advent Liturgies

To mark this holy season of longing and waiting, we change some of our usual liturgical practices. The processional path of the ministers into the cathedral 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 we have adopted from the Lutheran tradition. As in past years, the wreath is placed at the foot of the statue of Our Lady in the north transept. Prior to each Mass, the presider gathers with the liturgical ministers for the prayer and candle-lighting associated with the wreath.

The Giving Tree

will return on Sunday, November 30. This popular program provides gifts to low-income and disabled senior clients of Elderhealth Northwest, an adult day health center here in our neighborhood. The Tree will be in Cathedral Hall during the coffee hours December 2 and 9. You are invited to take a tag with someone's wish from the tree, and return a wrapped gift by **Sunday**, **December 14**. *Information*, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515.

Madre de las Americas

Saturday, December 3, 11:00am, Drama of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 12:10pm, Mass with Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett. 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*.

Advent Bazaar

On Sunday morning, December 7, after the 8am, 10am, and Noon Masses, we have an opportunity to get started on our Christmas shopping while supporting a number of great causes! L'Arche, Catholic Relief Services, the Association of Catholic Childhood, and—of course—our own Cathedral Bookstore will be selling items to support those in need. Christmas cards, Nativity scenes, and much more!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Monday, December 8, we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be at 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, and 5:30 pm. In addition, you are welcome to join the community of O'Dea High School for their Holy Day Mass at 10:00am.

Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi Commissioning

Saturday, December 13, 12:10pm. Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese will gather at St. James Cathedral to begin the Advent novena of Masses in honor of Mary to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Archbishop Brunett will preside at this Mass which includes the blessing and commissioning of Simbang Gabi coordinators from the various parishes in the archdiocese. This celebration also features Christ, Light of the World, symbolized by the parols (Christmas lanterns). *All are welcome*.

Musical Prayer for Advent

St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 6, 8:00pm

The Medieval Women's Choir, a Cathedral Resident Ensemble, celebrates St. Nicholas Day with medieval French and English songs as well as traditional Dutch songs in praise of the medieval saint. Margriet Tindemans, director; Peggy Monroe, percussion; Bill McJohn, medieval harp. *Information*, 206-264-4822 or www.medievalwomenschoir.org.

La Nativite du Seigneur Sunday, December 7, 7:30pm

St. James Cathedral and St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral present the complete organ works of Olivier Messiaen in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth. This sixth and final concert includes Messiaen's most popular work, *La Nativité du Seigneur*. Joseph Adam, Cathedral Organist. *Information* 206-382-4874.

Tear Open the Heavens

Sunday, December 14, 7:30pmOpus 7 Vocal Ensemble performs an exciting program of new works, traditional classics and choral gems. Loren Pontén, director. *Information* 206-782-2899 or www.opus7.org.

Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral Children

Sunday, December 21, 7:30pm

The sublime voices of the Cathedral's children's choirs, Clint Kraus, director present the traditional candle-lit service of Readings and Carols, the perfect way to begin the celebration of Christmas. Suggested donation \$12, families, students and seniors pay as able. *Information* 206-382-4874.

Communal Reconciliation Services will be

held on **Monday**, **December 15**, 7:30pm and **Saturday**, **December 20**, at 4:00pm. During these beautiful services 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. It has long been a tradition in the church to confess one's sins before celebrating the great feast of Christmas. These will be ideal times to do so.

A Christmas Carol

On Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center Community Room, you are invited to rediscover Charles Dickens' classic Advent tale, *A Christmas Carol*. The evening will include a roaring fire and hot apple cider, as well as a dramatic reading (lasting about 40 minutes) by parishioner Scott Webster. All are welcome! *Information* Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284.

Advent Bible Study

The Year of St. Paul began last June and continues through June of 2009. Join us on Tuesdays, November 25, December 2, 9, & 16 from 1-3pm or 7-9pm in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor, as we begin a study of the writings of St. Paul. No Bible experience necessary. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

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. This beautiful candlelit service is the perfect conclusion to a December Sunday.

Midday Prayer

Each weekday, Monday through Friday, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours at 12:10pm in the Cathedral Chapel. Called "the prayer of the Church," the Liturgy of the Hours is a good way to enter into the spirit of Advent. Make a brief retreat in the middle of the day by joining in this beautiful, simple Advent prayer.

Ecumenical Prayer with Music from Taize

Each Friday evening at 6:30pm, you are invited to join with Christians from many denominations in this beautiful prayer of music, candlelight, and silence. Be sure to set aside a Friday evening this Advent to experience the meditative, peaceful spirit of Taizé. *The prayer concludes about 7:15pm*.

Solemnity of the Dedication

On Monday, December 22, 2008, at the 5:30pm Mass, we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. James Cathedral. St. James Cathedral was dedicated December 22, 1907 and rededicated December 22, 1994.

Christmas Masses

The celebration of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 24, and continues with the Midnight Mass of Christmas, and the Masses of Christmas Day — 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00 Noon. *There is no 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day*. View the complete schedule of Christmas Masses, with details on music, at St. James Cathedral at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

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Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent Blessing of the Advent Wreath at all Masses

Saturday, December 3

Madre de las Americas: Drama, 11:00am; Mass, 12:00pm. Archbishop Brunett, presider

Saturday, December 6

Music for Advent II, 8:00pm: *St. Nicholas*. The Medieval Women's Choir

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Bazaar in Cathedral Place Hall after 8, 10, and Noon Masses First Sunday Youth Celebration, Noon Music for Advent II, 7:30pm: Joseph Adam, La Nativité du Seigneur

Monday, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at 8:15am, 10:00am (with the O'Dea High School community), 12:10pm, and 5:30pm

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

Music for Advent III, 7:30pm: *Opus 7, Tear Open the Heavens*

Monday, December 15

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 20

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, 4:00pm

Sunday, December 21

Music for Advent IV: Candlelight, Carols, and Cathedral Children, 7:30pm

Monday, December 22

The Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral, 5:30pm. *Father Ryan, presider*

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve.

Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of the Nativity scene, 5:30pm

Organ prelude to the Midnight Mass, 10:15pm; Carol Service, 11:00pm; Mass at Midnight, 12:00 Midnight

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses of Christmas Day, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon. Solemn Vespers of Christmas, 4:00pm. *There is no 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day.*