



*'You, too, go into my vineyard.'*  
*Stained-glass window, St. James Cathedral Chapel. Charles Connick, 1917-1919.*

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 21, 2008

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate,  
please turn off all cell phones.

## rites of Welcoming and Acceptance (10:00am)

### PRELUDE

(Noon) “Cantilène” from *Symphony No. 3*  
*Monodie*

Vierne  
Messiaen

### ENTRANCE

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures  
3. Trou - bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice  
of our mind, And the heart of the e - ter - nal  
fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

Which is more than li - ber - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion  
Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more sim - ple  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the sin - ner

In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for  
We should take him at his word, And our lives would  
And more grac - es for the good; There is mer - cy

all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
be thanks - giv - ing For the good - ness of our Lord.  
with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

## RITE OF WELCOMING OF CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION (10:00)

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION

OPENING DIALOGUE WITH THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT

AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS AND THE ASSEMBLY All respond, **We are.**

## RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF CATECHUMENS (10:00)

INTRODUCTION OF THE CATECHUMENS

CATECHUMENS' FIRST ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOSPEL

AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS AND THE ASSEMBLY All respond, **We are.**

All respond, **We praise you, Lord, and we bless you.**

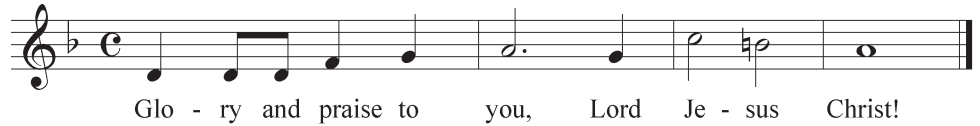
PROCESSION TO ALTAR

“Kyrie” from *Mass for Choir and Two Organs*

Widor

SIGNING OF THE CATECHUMENS WITH THE CROSS

Murray



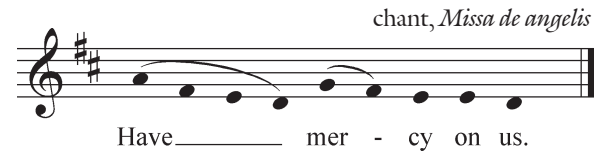
## PENITENTIAL RITE

*St. James Mass for Peace*

Herbolsheimer



(Sunday evening)



chant, *Missa de angelis*

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

### GLORIA

to the tune LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God in heaven,  
Songs of joy and peace we bring;  
Thankful hearts and voices raising,  
To creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
Glory be to God our king.

Lamb of God who on your shoulders  
Bore the load of this world's sin;  
Only Son of God the Father,  
You have brought us peace within:  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God, are holy,  
You we praise with one accord;  
None in heav'n or earth is like you,  
Only you are Christ the Lord,  
With the Father, and the Spirit,  
Ever worshiped and adored.

(Text by Edwin LeGrice)

(Sunday Evening)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

chant, *Missa de angelis*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS No. 937

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 145

Schiavone



ALLELUIA No. 237

chant

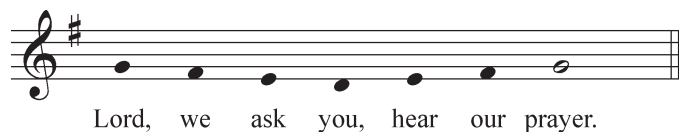
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Father Michael G. Ryan

CREED NO. 238

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Litany of Saints



DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Litany of St. Paul

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

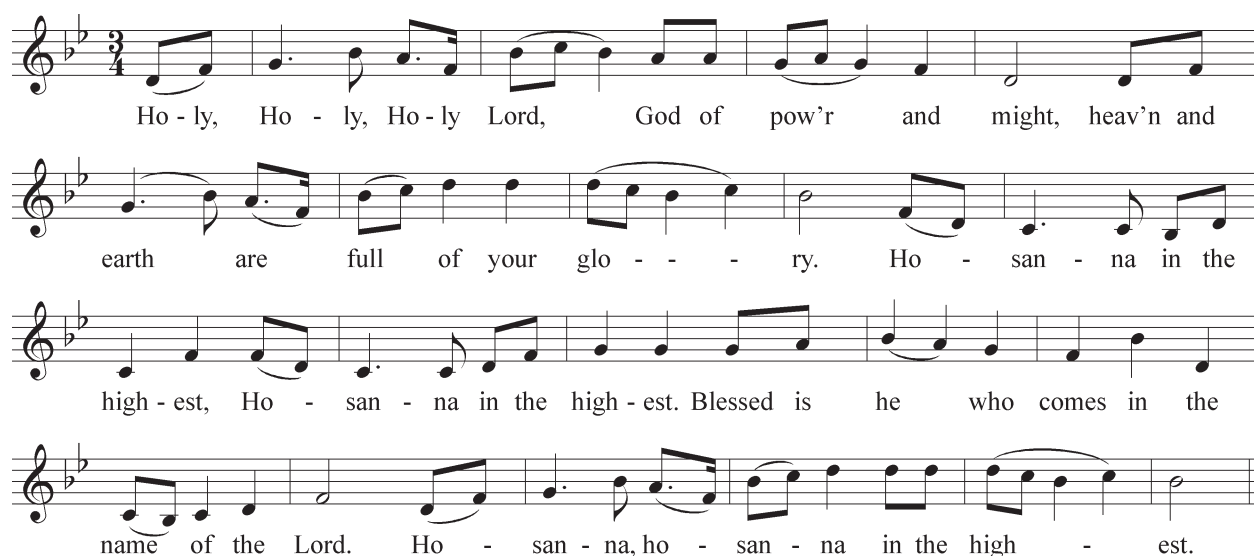
Offertory (10:00)

Ps. 114: *Praise the name of the Lord* for choir and two organs Dupré

SANCTUS

*Compostela Mass*

Holst, adapt. Ryan



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Compostela Mass*

Holst, adapt. Ryan



AMEN

*Compostela Mass*

Holst, adapt. Ryan



AGNUS DEI

Cantor: *A-gnus De - i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di:* *ALL:*



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

Vierne

chant, *Missa de angelis*

R. 3: give us your peace.

## COMMUNION

Dupré

## TRURO

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise Re - newed in  
2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, To spread the  
3. To fill each hu - man house with love, It is the  
4. Then grant us cour - age, car - ing God, To choose a -

bod - y, mind, and soul; With Christ we die and live  
word in speech and deed, We fol - low in the steps  
sac - ra - ment of care; The work that Christ be - gan  
gain the pil - grim way And help us to ac - cept

a - gain, His self - less love has made us whole.  
of Christ, At one with us in hope and need.  
to do We hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.  
with joy The chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

## Vierne

Duruflé



## St. James Cathedral - Seattle

### ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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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

#### VEPERS 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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Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**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 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.*

**FLOWERS IN THE CATHEDRAL** are in memory of Robert Verfurth, from his family. *If you are interested in offering flowers as a memorial remembrance, to celebrate a special occasion, or in thanksgiving, please call Kay Kaiser 206-654-4650, or [kkaiser@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:kkaiser@stjames-cathedral.org).*

**REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** will be in Cathedral Hall today, September 21, after the 10:00 am and the 12:00 noon Masses. Families who have registered their children in Faith Formation and did not receive this year's Family Handbook, please pick up one in the Cathedral Hall after these Masses. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at the noon Mass. Faith Formation sessions begin on September 28. Our theme for this new school year is "Toward Jesus with St. Paul." We look forward to seeing you. *Information, Lita McBride 206-654-4658, TerryAnn Bowen 206-382-2018.*

**CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE** Coming to Seattle are three of our favorite authors: Sister Helen Prejean (who will be speaking here at St. James on October 2); Kathleen Norris; and, for children, Tomie de Paola. Look in the bookstore for their books and more information.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Ariadna Archer and Remi Gunsett; and Shannon Doran and Jean De Rubens, married in the Cathedral on Saturday, September 13. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.

**NO TO I-1000; YES TO LIFE** The Bishops of Washington State oppose I-1000, the assisted suicide initiative, calling it a "dangerous proposal" that would place vulnerable people, such as the disabled, the poor and the elderly, at risk of abuse. The Washington Coalition Against Assisted Suicide is seeking volunteers to help distribute literature on this important initiative. For information, or to volunteer, contact Marie Harkins at 206-337-2091, or [marie@noassistedsuicide.com](mailto:marie@noassistedsuicide.com). To learn more about the Washington State Catholic Conference position on assisted suicide, see [www.thewssc.org](http://www.thewssc.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. Matthew, Seattle; SS. Cosmas and Damian, Orting; and St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way.*

## I AM IN YOUR MIDST AS ONE WHO SERVES

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



#### **AIDS CARE TEAM TRAINING AT ST. JAMES**

On Saturday, October 4, Multifaith Works will host an AIDS Care Team Training here at St. James in Cathedral Hall from 8:45 am-4:45 pm. Volunteers will

be trained to provide practical assistance and emotional support to those living in isolation due to HIV/AIDS. CareTeam members work in groups of 4-7 people to assist with transportation, plan gatherings, and build a safety net of trust and care. *Information*, Jennifer Ibach, [jibach@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jibach@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206 654-4640.

**SOLANUS CASEY CENTER**, a joint outreach ministry of St. James Cathedral, Catholic Community Services, and the Archdiocesan Detention Ministry, is seeking volunteers to assist in providing information, referrals and ministry of presence to homeless persons and to people recently released from detention. We are especially looking for volunteers on Monday afternoons. *Information*, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515, [pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org).

**LOOKING FOR ENERGETIC YOUNG ADULTS (ages 21-35).** Combine your desires to have fun and plan events and become part of our Young Adults coordinating team. Our goal is to provide great events for young adults to enjoy – social and faith-based. Bring your energy, thoughts and ideas, and skills and help make it a great year for young adults at St. James! *Information* TerryAnn Bowen [tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-382-2018.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?** The Church teaches that we have a moral obligation to participate in the political process. If you are not yet registered to vote, please consider doing so. You can register to vote at the coffee hours following the Sunday morning Masses today. To learn more about how we are called as Catholics to bring our consciences to bear on how we vote, visit the Faithful Citizenship website, [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org). *Information*, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH?** It is not too late to join our Welcome Back program – a safe place, in the company of others who are also examining their faith, to ask questions about returning to regular church attendance, returning to the sacraments, and to learn about changes in the church. The next session will be Monday, September 29 from 7:00-9:00 pm and each Monday through December 8 in Cathedral Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Classes are offered without any obligation. *Information*, TerryAnn Bowen 206-382-2018 or [tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org).

### **WINTER SHELTER TOILETRIES DONATIONS NEEDED**

St. James is gearing up for its 17<sup>th</sup> year of Winter Shelter. Please consider dropping off any of the following unused items in the blue bin at coffee hour: disposable razors, small sewing kits, cough drops, economy-sized bottles of Tums and Tylenol, and travel-sized toothpaste, shampoo, and lotion. *Information*, Denise Carlascio, 425-481-6839.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALKATHON** On September 27, St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Friends of the Poor Walkathon at three sites in Washington, while walks take place all over the country. Kennedy High School in Burien is hosting the King County walk and you can participate by walking or donating. You can also join two of our SVDP members, Melissa Sanders and Andrew Morrison, who will be doing the walkathon on the morning of their wedding day! Check out the walkathon website for more details: <http://svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org/> *Information*, Jennifer Ibach 206 654-4640 or [jibach@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jibach@stjames-cathedral.org).

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU** Thirty-six people came to the Pastoral Outreach Center on Tuesday, September 16 to donate blood for the St. James Cathedral blood drive. The Health and Healing Ministry would like to thank all of you who made the effort to be there and participate.

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF** Are you seeking comfort after the death of a loved one? Join others who have also experienced loss in a prayerful supportive environment. In a six-week guided group process we will journey through our grief and gently embrace our mourning so that ultimately we may find healing. *Information* John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, 206-274-3173 or [jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org).



## 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.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org).*

♦ This week, we turn from Romans to Philippians in our weekly readings from St. Paul. The struggle between the flesh and the spirit is a constant in St. Paul's writings, and we hear that struggle again in this passage. Paul longs to "depart this life and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23), yet he knows that he can help this young Christian community if he remains. When have you found yourself caught between two good things? How do you resolve that tension?

♦ Paul is writing to the Philippians from prison. In the midst of his suffering, he can say, "Christ will be magnified in my body." He would say it another way in the letter to the Colossians: "in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" (1:24). Paul firmly believes that suffering has a purpose. What is your attitude towards suffering? Do you have a sense that the big sufferings in your life have had a purpose?

**VOLUNTEER CHORE SERVICE ORIENTATION** VCS helps connect parishioners with people who need chore services and companionship. 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 August, 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 Monday, October 6 at 6:30 pm. *Information*, Jennifer Ibach, 206-654-4640 or [jibach@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jibach@stjames-cathedral.org).

**BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN** aged seven and older takes place through RCIA for children. If your child would like to be baptized, or has been baptized into another Christian Church and would like to be received into the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholic but not catechized, call for details about this process. Classes begin September 28. *For Registration and information*, TerryAnn Bowen [tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-382-2018.

**YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21 THROUGH 35!** Our first gathering for the year is coming up on Sunday, September 28 immediately following the 5:30 Mass. Young adults single or married, meet for refreshments, fun, and fellowship in the Fireside Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. At this first gathering we will make decisions about what we want to do for the rest of the year, so bring your thoughts, ideas, and energy to plan some great events. Newcomers are welcome... This is a great way to get to know other young adults! *Information* [youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org) or TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018.

**SOLEMN MASS OF ALL SOULS WITH MOZART'S REQUIEM** Saturday, November 1, 2008, at 7:30 pm. If you would like to remember someone in the printed program or be a patron, please put your donation in an envelope marked "All Souls Patron" and drop it in the offering basket or send to the parish office. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to remember, as well as your name and address. *Information*, Music Office, 206-382-4874.

**THE SCHOLA CANTORUM** (boys and girls ages 10-14) has several openings for new singers. A brief and simple audition is required to test pitch matching skills. Students participate in Cathedral Parish and Archepiscopal liturgies and concerts throughout the year. This is a great way for children to learn more about and participate more fully in the Mass. Weekly rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30. *Information*, [musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org) or call 206-382-4874.

**MUSIC OF ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN** Friday, October 10, 8:00 pm Linda Strandberg, soprano, presents a rare evening of medieval and early baroque masterpieces in the elegant beauty of the Cathedral Chapel. Margriet Tindemans, one of the world's leading authorities and performers of this repertory has chosen music by St. Hildegard, leading women composers of the 17th century, and a number of other representative composers. With Joseph Adam, harpsichord and organ. Suggested donation \$20 students and seniors pay as able. *Information*, [musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org) or call 206-382-4874.

**FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: What does the Catholic Church believe and what difference does it make in my life?** Sunday afternoons, 1:30-5:30 pm October 12, October 26, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 19, April 26 at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Beacon Hill (Co-sponsored by St. James Cathedral). Using the Bible, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Church documents, this adult enrichment program will explore the Catholic interpretation of scripture, key theological concepts, and the history of the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for an in-depth look at Catholic teaching and its implications for our everyday lives. Topics include: Introduction to Scripture and Tradition; The Pentateuch; God and the Human Person; Matthew and Mark; Luke and Acts; and History: The Founding of the Church. **Registration is required** and the cost is \$5 per person/class for parishioners. Brochures are available at the Parish Office or contact Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, [hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto: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 just began. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, [hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org).

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER BEING A RCIA SPONSOR?** We continue to have many new inquirers coming to participate in our Christian Initiation process to learn more about the Catholic Church (RCIA). We need St. James parishioners to be companions with our new inquirers to help welcome them to our community. All training and support will be provided and the time commitment is reasonable—a minimum of 2 sessions a month (Wednesday evenings). The rewards are many, including renewal and update of your faith and "kudos" in heaven. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514.



# THE LORD'S DAY

1 in a series of 4

September 21, 2008

Recently, Father Ryan sent a letter to all parishioners about the importance of participating in the Eucharist, Sunday after Sunday. A special series in the bulletin helps us to rediscover what Sunday means in our Catholic lives.

## “WITHOUT SUNDAY WE CANNOT LIVE”

In his homily at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Congress in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI told the story of the martyrs of Abitene, a small village in what is now Tunisia. It was the year 304. The Emperor Diocletian, in an effort to suppress Christianity, made it a capital offense to possess the scriptures, to build churches, or to gather on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. Shortly afterwards, forty-nine Christians were discovered praying together on Sunday in a private home. They were arrested and taken to Carthage for interrogation. Asked why they had defied the Emperor's strict command, one of them responded, *Sine dominico non possumus* – “Without Sunday, we cannot live.”

What he meant, Pope Benedict suggested in his homily, was that “we cannot live without joining together on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. We would lack the strength to face our daily problems and not to succumb.” For those early Christians, the Sunday gathering was so essential that the very word “Sunday” contained all it meant to be a Christian the rest of the week. Thus St. Ignatius of Antioch could say of good Christians simply that they “lived in accordance with Sunday.”

Sunday is still the center of the Christian life. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council affirmed this. “Sunday,” they wrote in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, “is the first of all feastdays... a day of gladness and rest from work.... It is the foundation and nucleus of the whole liturgical year.” (#106)

In 1998, Pope John Paul II published an apostolic letter on keeping the Lord's Day holy. He described Sunday not only as *Dies Domini*, the Lord's Day, but as **Dies Christi** – Christ's day, the day of the new creation and the gift of the Holy Spirit; **Dies Ecclesiae** – the Church's day, the day when the Christian community gathers; and **Dies Hominis** – the peoples' day, a day of joy, rest, and love. During the next few weeks, this series of bulletin inserts will explore each of these dimensions of Sunday in turn.



## DIES DOMINI – THE LORD'S DAY

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb” (Matthew 28: 1). All four of the Gospels emphasize that the resurrection of Jesus took place on the first day of the week, a day rich in scriptural resonances. Genesis tells us that this was the day of creation, when God created the heavens and the earth, and separated the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:1-5). The resurrection of Jesus gave this day a whole new meaning: the day of creation became the day of the new creation, when Christ, the true light, conquered darkness forever.

For Christians, Sunday is the Lord's day, the day we are to keep holy in accordance with God's command. Pope John Paul II points out that God's rest on the seventh day of creation is not the rest of inactivity. God never stops “working” – “My Father is at work until now, so I am at work,” Jesus said to those who criticized him for healing on the Sabbath (John 5:17). Rather, God's day of rest “emphasizes the fullness of what has been accomplished. It speaks, as it were, of God's lingering before the ‘very good’ work which his hand has wrought, in order to cast upon it a gaze full of joyous delight” (Dies Domini 11).

For us, Sunday “rest” is similarly nuanced. The commandment, after all, is not simply to rest, but to “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day” (Exodus 20:8). We do that by taking time to gather as a community to remember all that God has done for us. “The faithful are called to rest not only as God rested, but to rest in the Lord, bringing the entire creation to him, in praise and thanksgiving” (16).

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What ideas, images, activities come to mind when you hear the word “Sunday”? What was Sunday like when you were a child? What is it like now?
- What does a typical Sunday look like in your life? What do you spend most of your time doing on Sunday? How is Sunday different from any other day of the week?

# Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues

An Evening with SISTER HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ  
Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:30pm  
Cathedral Hall, St. James Cathedral, Seattle

"Is God *vengeful*, demanding a death for a death?  
Or is God *compassionate*, luring souls into love so  
great that no one can be considered 'enemy'?"

*Sister Helen Prejean*

SISTER HELEN PREJEAN was born on April 21, 1939, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in 1957. Sister Helen began her prison ministry in 1981 when she dedicated her life to the poor of New Orleans. While living in the St. Thomas housing project, she became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, the convicted killer of two teenagers, sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison. Upon Sonnier's request, Sister Helen repeatedly visited him as his spiritual advisor. In doing so, her eyes were opened to the Louisiana execution process. Sister Helen turned her experiences into a book that not only made the 1994 American Library Associates Notable Book List, it was also nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize. *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* was number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for 31 weeks. It also was an international best seller and has been translated into ten different languages.



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