



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
*The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
October 16, 2016

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

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PRELUDE

(Noon)

Fugue in A-flat Minor  
Brahms

Praeludium in G Minor, BuxWV 149  
Buxtehude

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

The Church of Christ in every age  
OLD HUNDREDTH

1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age  
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street,  
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise,  
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed,  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve

Be - - set by change but Spir - it led,  
The vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry  
A car - ing Church that longs to be  
Can cure the fe - ver in our blood,  
In full o - be - dience to our Lord:

Must claim and test its her - it - age  
For shel - ter and for bread to eat,  
A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice,  
And teach us how to share our bread  
To care for all, with - out re - serve,

And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
And nev - er live un - til they die.  
And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

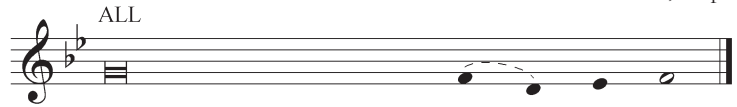
PENITENTIAL ACT

Missa cum jubilo  
Vatican IX

1.,3. Lord, have mer - cy.  
2. Christ, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA

*Congregational Mass*  
chant, adapt. Lee



Glory to God in the highest,  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
you take away the sins 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,  
with the Holy Spirit,

and on earth peace to peo- ple of good will.  
we a- dore you,  
for your great glory.  
O God, almighty- y Fa- ther.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
have mer- cy on us;  
re- ceive our prayer;  
  
have mer- cy on us.  
  
you alone are the Most High Je- sus Christ,  
in the glory of God the Father, A - - - men.

## OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121  
Guimont



Our help is from the Lord, who made heav-en and earth.

### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

### ALLELUIA

Berthier



### GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

### HOMILY

Father Raymond Finch, MM

### DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00am)

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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

(10:00)

*Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd*  
Schubert

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

### SANCTUS

*German Mass*

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

*mp*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

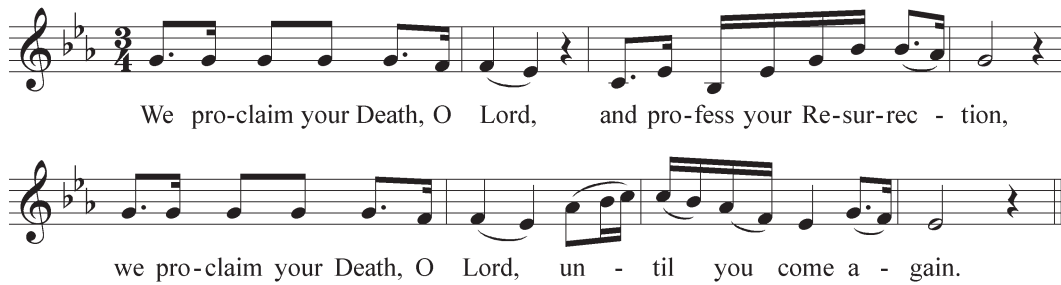
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

*f* Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*f* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



AMEN

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

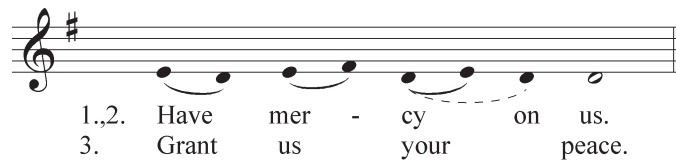


## THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

*Missa cum jubilo*  
Vatican XIV



COMMUNION

O Lord our Lord, how awesome is your name  
in all the earth!

chant, Mode II

(10:00)

*Tantum ergo*  
Fauré

Come adore this wondrous presence, bow to Christ, the source of grace.

Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling place.

Sight is blind before God's glory; faith alone may see his face. (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.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*O God our help in ages past*  
ST. ANNE



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are  
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon  
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,  
hope for years to come, Still be our guard while



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.  
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
you are God, To end - less years the same.  
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
as a dream Dies at the op' - ning day.  
trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (10:00, Noon, Sunday Evening)

(10:00)

*Tota pulchra es*  
Duruflé

(Noon)

*Ave Maria*  
Dupré

(Sunday Evening)

*Magnificat anima mea*  
Ton Royal

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in G Major*  
Dubois

(Noon)

*Hallelujah! Gott zu Loben*  
Reger



## St. James Cathedral - Seattle

### ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle

#### PASTOR

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

#### IN RESIDENCE

The Reverend David A. Brant, The Reverend Richard J. Ward

#### PASTORAL ASSISTANT for ADMINISTRATION

Lawrence N. Brouse (206-382-4280)

#### FAITH FORMATION

Kathleen McCabe, Director (206-382-2018)

Brenda Bellamy, Children's Faith Formation (206-274-3108)

Rosanne Michaels, Faith Formation (206-654-4658)

Juliana Castro, Baptism Coordinator (206-619-0816)

Theresa Van de Ven, Administrative Assistant (206-219-5822)

#### FAMILY MINISTRY

Suzanne Lee, Director (206-654-4640)

#### LITURGY

Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy (206-264-2086)

John Marquez, Julie Sharples, Ward Johnson, Peter Burns,

Stephen Pace, sacristans (206-654-4646)

#### MUSIC MINISTRY (206-382-4874)

Dr. Paul A. Thornock, Director of Music

Joseph Adam, Associate Director of Music & Organist

Stacey Sunde, Director of Youth Music

#### SOCIAL OUTREACH and ADVOCACY

Patrick Barredo, Director (206-382-4515)

Hunt Hoffman, Hospitality and Administrative Support (206-382-4235)

Teddi Callahan, Carol DeMatteis, David Wilson, David Grech,

Cathedral Kitchen (206-264-2091)

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Nancy Granger, Parish Mental Health Nurse (206-382-4269)

#### ST. JAMES IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE (206-382-4511)

Christopher J. Koehler, Director

Cecilia Erin Walsh, ESL Coordinator; Glenda Caldwell, ESL Specialist,

Patrick Suhrbier, Immigrant Legal Services

#### STEWARDSHIP and DEVELOPMENT

Maria Laughlin, Director (206-382-4284)

#### YOUTH MINISTRY and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Curtis Leighton, Director (206-264-2082)

#### PARISH OFFICE

Sister Mary Slater, SNJM, Bookkeeper (206-382-4564)

Margaret Lynch, Wedding Office (206-382-4288)

Bev Mauser, Louise Mennella, Wedding Coordinators

Jane Mueller, Receptionist (206-654-4650)

Lee Bedard, Administrative Assistant (206-622-3559 x3971)

#### FACILITIES and GROUNDS

Tang Nguyen, Facilities Supervisor (206-264-2087)

Keith Emry, Alan Frasher, Melina McCombs, Steve Raab

#### 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. Contact Julianna Castro for information, 206-619-0816.

**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.

**ANOIDING of the SICK** A communal celebration is held twice yearly. In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death. Call the Parish Office for information.

**FUNERALS** for parishioners, contact Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640.

**CONTEMPLATIVE ECUMENICAL PRAYER**, First Fridays, 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, 206-264-2086.

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

804 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Telephone: 206-622-3559 FAX: 206-622-5303

Website: [www.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org)

**W**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. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our **Sunday Help Desk at Coffee Hour**. A Cathedral staff person will be on hand to assist you.

Dear Friends,

I wish I were here to join you in welcoming our guest homilist for the weekend. He is Father Raymond J. Finch, MM, the Superior General of Maryknoll. To say that it is an honor to welcome him is an understatement. For forty years, Father Finch has served as a missionary in various capacities in Latin America, especially in Peru. He has held various leadership positions within the society and is currently serving his second term as Superior General. I know you will welcome him and respond generously to his appeal on behalf of Maryknoll.

Father Ryan

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are offered in grateful thanksgiving for our beautiful mother from her daughters. *If you would like to make a floral offering to remember a loved one or to give thanks, contact Jane Mueller, [jmueller@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jmueller@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-654-4650. Available dates in the coming months are November 13 and November 20.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY IS TODAY.** Come to the Cathedral Hall after any of the morning Masses to meet representatives from over 10 area Catholic Schools, including the Rainbow Schools and four High Schools. Applications for the 2017-2018 year are due in three months.

**CAPELLA ROMANA CONCERT – BYZANTINE CHANT OF HAGIA SOPHIA** Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. Cappella Romana performs transcendent medieval Byzantine chants written for Constantinople's Hagia Sophia, the Great Church of Christ. Hear ancient music from Hagia Sophia's medieval rite, with most works being performed for the first time in over 500 years. Information and passes at [www.cappellaromana.org](http://www.cappellaromana.org).

**THE DOORS OF MERCY CLOSE SOON—MAKE YOUR PILGRIMAGE TODAY!** On November 13 at 4:00pm, Father Ryan will formally close the Cathedral's Doors of Mercy. If you haven't made a Year of Mercy pilgrimage through the doors yet, you can do so today! After the 8:00am, 10:00am, and Sunday 5:30pm

**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. Luke in Shoreline, North American Martyrs in Seattle, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Everett.

*SOUTH SEATTLE DEANERY  
PASTORAL PLANNING PROJECT*

*Parish-Wide Listening Sessions*

St. James Cathedral, along with the other seventeen parishes in our South Seattle Deanery, has been working for the last year on a plan to address the current and future shortage of priests in the Archdiocese as well as such issues as lay leadership, parish collaborations, and the future of the faith communities in the central and south areas of the City.

As part of this planning process, our parish participated in the Disciple Maker Index survey in January as well as three Deanery wide convocations and several Focus Groups. On Sunday, October 23, we will be holding listening sessions after all three morning masses to share with you the plan which the Deanery leadership is submitting to Archbishop Sartain in December. This is a chance to give your feedback on the draft plan before it is submitted to the Archbishop.

Please join us in the Rectory Parlors after the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 masses on Sunday, October 23.

*Information, Larry Brouse, lbrouse@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4280.*

Masses, you're invited to a group pilgrimage through the doors followed by the Way of Mercy, a short pilgrimage of prayer through the Cathedral which has been prayed by thousands of pilgrims to St. James during this Year of Mercy. Gather by the Holy Doors in the Cathedral's west vestibule following Mass.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** St. James hosts a Coffee Hour in the Cathedral Hall on Sundays after the 8am, 10am, and 12pm Masses. It is a welcoming space in which persons experiencing homelessness and parishioners can come together to drink coffee, eat muffins, relax, and socialize. It is also a great place to learn about the array of ministries and volunteer opportunities at St. James. We are especially in need of volunteers to serve coffee and muffins and help clean up from 1pm-2pm after the Noon Mass. *Information, Hunt Hoffman, hhoffman@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4235.*

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED HOMELESS** On Friday, November 11 at 5:30pm, come and pray for the women and men who have died this past year on the streets or by violence in our community. Please join the St. James Housing Advocacy Committee to honor their memory, to celebrate their lives, and to pray for them. There will be a simple reception following Mass. All are welcome.

**JUBILEE** During the month of October, the Cathedral Chapel is home to JUBILEE, a traveling exhibit of artwork. These works celebrate rest, renewal, and relationships in keeping with the biblical concept of Jubilee. The exhibit is curated by the Grunewald Guild, a Christian arts center located just outside

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUTH NIGHT** this Sunday at 6:30pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Join your peers (in grades 8-12) to help kickoff a year filled with transformative opportunities to grow in faith, hope and charity. All are welcome!

**FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST** will take place Sunday, October 30, after the evening Mass. This will be a fun event for young adults and youth to connect over autumnal treats, games and contests for the spookiest and most artistic pumpkin creations. Who will the guest judges be? Come and find out!

**QUESTIONS?** Curtis Leighton, 206-264-2082, cleighton@stjames-cathedral.org

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

*For Catholics in their 20s and 30s*

**SAVE THE DATE** Cathedral Young Adults will be serving at the St. Mary's Food Bank on Saturday, October 29. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our Facebook page for details.

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Leavenworth. During the month of October, stop by the Chapel any time the Cathedral is open to explore the exhibit.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU** for your generous support of SVdP in the special collection taken at the end of mass this weekend! Thanks also for your donations to our upcoming clothing drive on Sunday, October 30 (8am to 2:30pm), when an SVdP truck will be in the O'Dea parking lot to accept your gently used clothes (sorry, this time we cannot accept anything but clothes). Your items will replenish local SVdP thrift stores, which help fund programs benefiting our neighbors in need. For more information, please see our event flyer posted under "Coming Events" on the Cathedral website or contact Bob Clifford, 206-718-4158 or bobclifford53@gmail.com

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN** This is the required Archdiocesan program for all St. James volunteers that help or come in contact with children and vulnerable adults. It is on Sunday, October 23rd after the Noon Mass and will be held in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor. You **MUST** pre-register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). *Information, Theresa Van de Ven at 206-219-5822.*





# Cathedral Blood Drive

Sunday, October 16, 2016  
O'Dea High School Gym

8:30am to 2:30pm (*closed 10:30am-11:15am*)

## *The Gift of Life*

What could be a more personal, caring and meaningful gift than the gift of blood to someone in our community who has the need? Donating blood invites us to consider a different aspect of stewardship: the gift of ourselves in a way that is fundamental and essential to life itself.

## *Who needs blood?*

It is very likely that someone you know at St. James has had a need for blood. People who need blood transfusions include those who have been in accidents or require surgery or chemotherapy. Often transfusions enable those receiving chemotherapy to continue with treatment. To meet the needs in our community, over 900 people must donate blood through Bloodworks Northwest every weekday.

## *St. James & Bloodworks Northwest*

St. James has been sponsoring Lenten and Fall blood drives since 2006. Bloodworks Northwest (formerly the Puget Sound Blood Center) is always enthusiastic about our partnership in this effort, but most especially about the number of *new donors* at our blood drives. We invite those who have not yet donated to consider donating for the first time. We ask those who have generously donated in the past to please do so again!

**Sign up at coffee hours on 10/2 or 10/9.**

Or e-mail [crobl@comcast.net](mailto:crobl@comcast.net) to sign up or to find out more.

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

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# CATHOLIC 101

Throughout the coming year, the last Wednesday of each month will be devoted to a refresher course in the basics of Catholic life and teaching.

## September 28: CATHEDRAL 101

7:00pm, in the Cathedral

FATHER RYAN launches the series. Cathedral tour included!

## October 26: BIBLE 101

7:00pm, Holy Names Room

FATHER JAMES EBLEN, Professor Emeritus of Scripture at Seattle University, offers an introduction to reading scripture

## November 30: WAY OF BEAUTY 101

7:00pm, Holy Names Room

FATHER TOM LUCAS, SJ, explores the idea of beauty. "Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus." (Pope Francis)

## January 25: LITURGY OF THE HOURS 101

7:30pm (note start time), Holy Names Room

ANDREW CASAD, Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Seattle, gives an overview of the "Prayer of the Church"—and an opportunity to pray together.

## February 22: GRACE 101—FLANNERY O'CONNOR

7:00pm, Holy Names Room

Through Flannery O'Connor's story "Revelation," FATHER STEPHEN ROWAN walks us through the often violent ways that grace transforms people in a secular age.

## March 29: HOLY WEEK 101

7:00pm, Room 1EW, Cathedral Place

Director of Liturgy CORINNA LAUGHLIN leads us on a guided tour through the great liturgies of Holy Week. The perfect way to prepare for the coming holy days.

## April 26: RESURRECTION 101

7:00pm, Holy Names Room

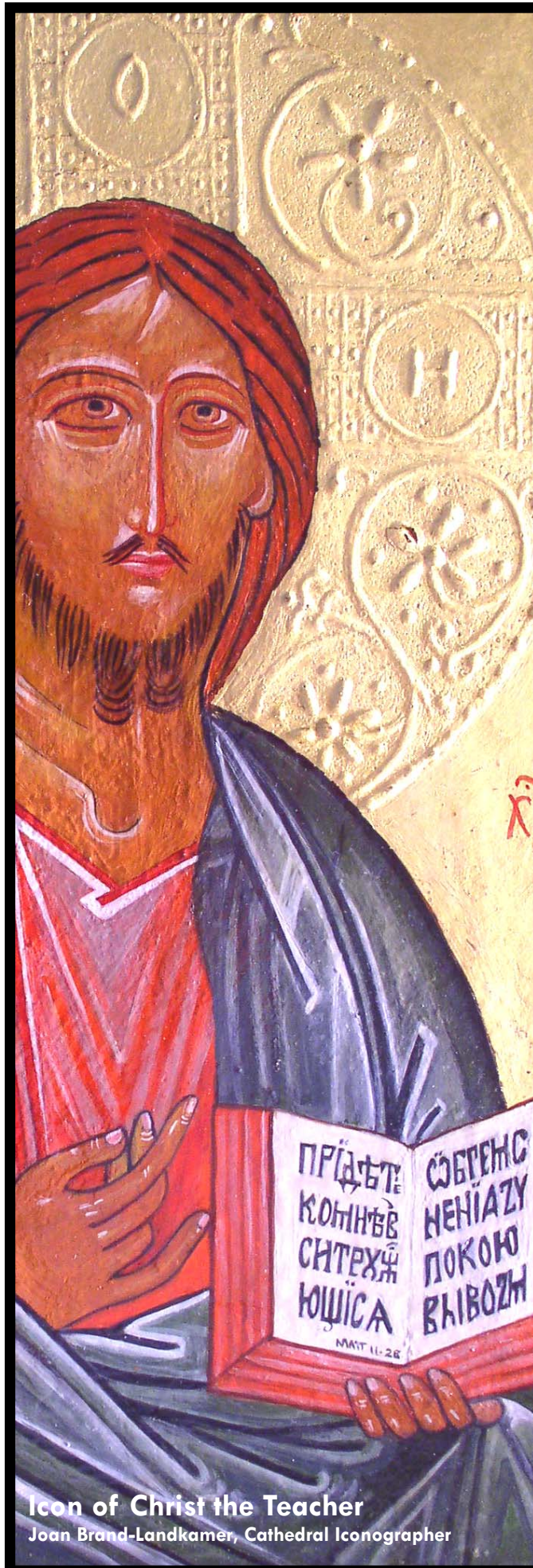
Theologian FATHER MIKE RASCHKO explores the question of suffering in the light of Christ's resurrection

## June 28: MUSIC 101

7:00pm, Holy Names Room

DR. PAUL THORNOCK explores the basics of liturgical music, and the role it plays in the celebration of the Mass. Some singing may be involved!

Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284  
or [mlaughter@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:mlaughter@stjames-cathedral.org)



Icon of Christ the Teacher

Joan Brand-Landkamer, Cathedral Iconographer

# The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



## Part II of II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles

This brief document is Part II of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Part I of the summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, considered the core principles that underlie Catholic engagement in the political realm. Part II is a consideration of the process by which these principles are applied to the act of voting and taking positions on policy issues. It begins with the general consideration of the nature of conscience and the role of prudence. The application of prudential judgment does not mean that all choices are equally valid or that the bishops' guidance and that of other church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, Catholics are urged to listen carefully to the Church's teachers when they apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations.

### How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

#### A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

#### The Virtue of Prudence

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage, which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.



#### Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life including genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As St. John Paul II said, "The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment."<sup>1</sup> The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights such as a right to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work.

#### Avoiding Two Temptations

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty,



or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

## Making Moral Choices

The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.<sup>1</sup>

## What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect **human life**—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of **marriage** as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman

as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

- Achieve comprehensive **immigration** reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome **poverty** and ensure access to and choice in **education**, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and **religious freedom** for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
- Provide **health care** while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of **unjust discrimination**.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of **military force**—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
- Join with others **around the world** to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

## Notes

1. *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52.



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# Grief Support Group



Wednesdays, October 19 & 26; November 2, 16, & 30; December 7  
6:30pm-8:00pm, Mother Mary Rose Room  
Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street

Are you grieving the death of someone close to you?  
Grief and loss can have a significant impact on our lives  
long after the death of the person we love.

The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual,  
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can provide support and help us cope.

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facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff  
Nancy Granger, Suzanne Lee, and Rosanne Michaels

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\* Exact dates are still being confirmed and may vary by a day or two depending on the cost of airfare.



## Info Session:

**Sunday, October 23**

**6:30-7:30pm**

**Pastoral Outreach Center**

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