



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.

The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, *Presider* (10:00am)

PRELUDE

(8:00 & Sunday evening)

“Scherzo” from *Symphony No. 2*

All glory be to God on high, BWV 664

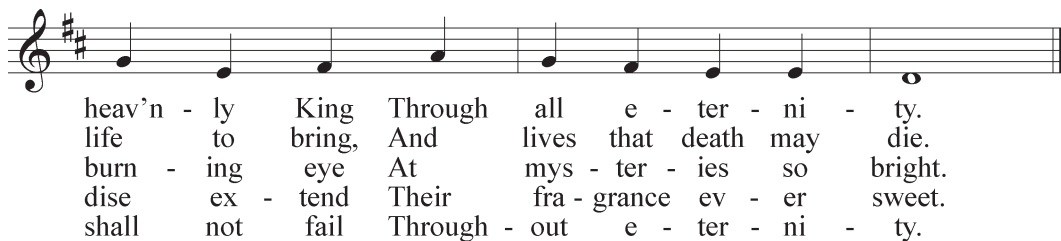
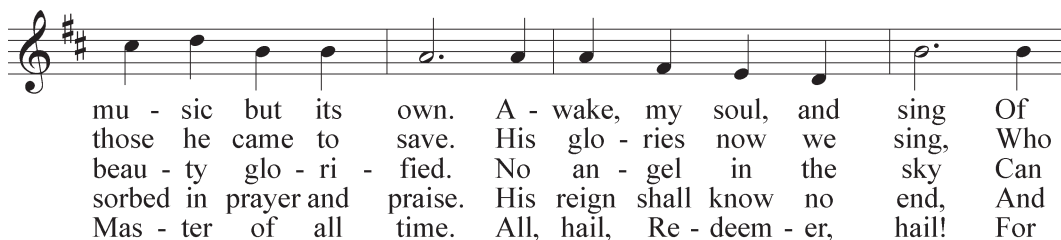
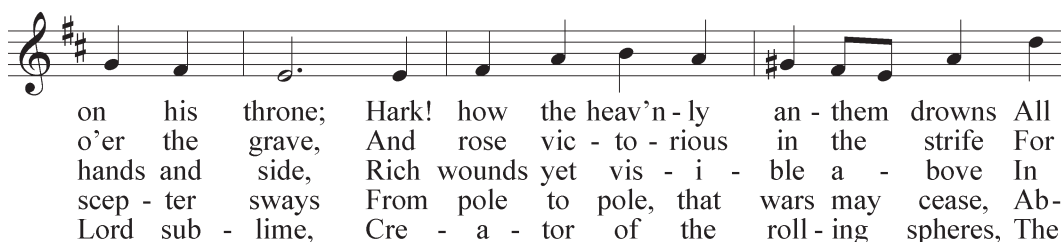
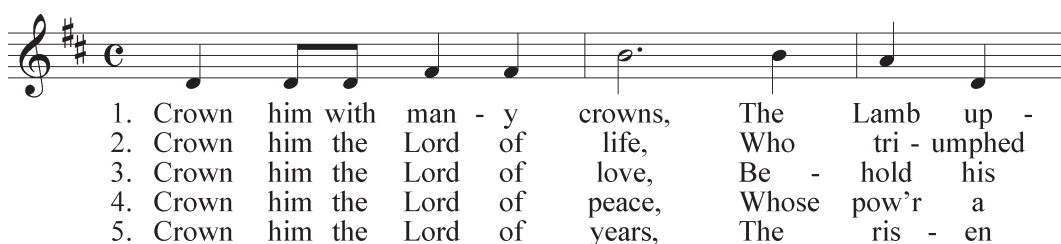
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ENTRANCE

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA



PENITENTIAL RITE

St. James Mass for Peace

Herbolsheimer



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

GLORIA

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)

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS [*Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46*]

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 23

Proulx



ALLELUIA

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HOMILY

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain (10:00)
Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Litany of Saints

CREED No. 238 *chanted on one tone*

(10:00 and Sunday Evening)

Credo III

Presider Credo in unum Deum,

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

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

ALL

Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum,

Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum.

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,*

Schola Et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula.

born of the Father before all ages.

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,
consubstantial 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 men 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.

*and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate 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 death and was buried,*

Schola Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas.

*and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.*

ALL

Et a - scén - dit in cae - lum,
se - det ad dex - 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 Spí - ri - tum San - ctum, Dó - mi - num et vi - vi - fi -
cán - tem: qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - ó - que pro - cé - dit.

*I 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.

*who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who 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.

*I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.*

Schola Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

*I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins*

ALL

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

*and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead*

Schola Et vitam venturi sæculi.

and the life of the world to come.

ALL

A - - - - - men.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

O Chri - ste au - di nos.
O Christ, hear us.

Berthier

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING PLEDGE CARD IN THE BASKET TODAY! If you forgot to bring your form, additional copies are available in the pews and chairs in front of you. **No gift is too small.**

(10:00)

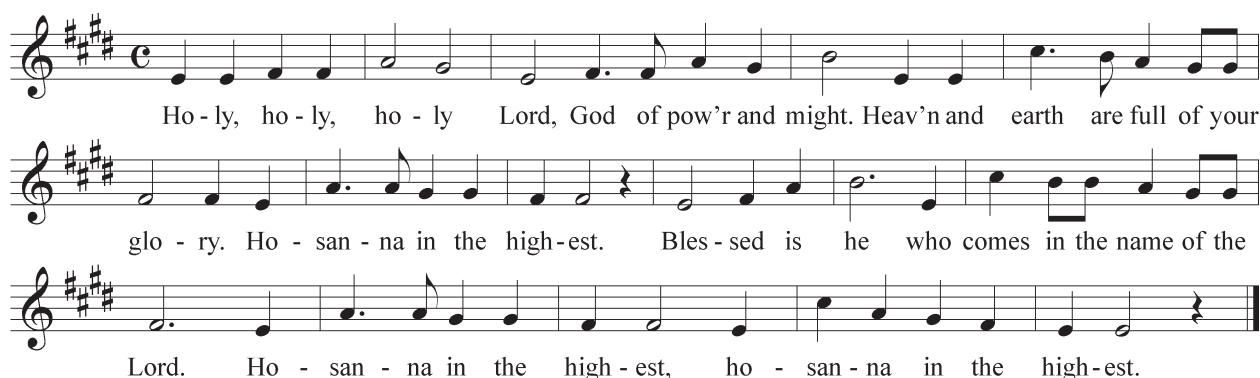
O Rex gloriae

Marenzio

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

St. James Mass for Peace

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Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

AMEN

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A - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

Response 1, 2



Have mer - cy on us.

St. James Mass for Peace

Response 3



Grant us peace.____

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COMMUNION


Amen I say to you: inasmuch 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.

(10:00)


Psalm 100: *The Lord God reigneth*

Pachelbel

When you return to your seat after receiving Holy Communion, **please kneel or be seated.** Low-gluten hosts are available at the credence table near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.




1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his
 3. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, A rem - nant
 4. O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
 al - tar call; Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, And
 weak and small, Hail him who saved you by his grace, And
 feet may fall, Join in the ev - er - last - ing song, And



crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol the stem of
 crown him Lord of all; Hail him who saved you
 crown him Lord of all; Join in the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all.
 by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song, And crown him Lord of all.

PROCESSION

Te Deum laudamus
 (8:00) "Final" from *Symphony No. 6*

Tournemire
 Widor

THE LANGUAGE OF THE MASS IS CHANGING! Please join your fellow parishioners in a session immediately following Mass TODAY to find out more about the new translation and to learn the new prayers and responses, which we will begin using next weekend. Sessions following the morning Masses take place in the Holy Names Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. Sessions following the evening Masses take place in the Cathedral Chapel. The sessions will last under an hour. *All who attend Mass regularly at St. James are strongly encouraged to attend.*

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

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Brenda Bellamy, Peter Burns, Bryan Long, John Marquez,
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Stacey Sunde, Music Assistant
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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.

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

TOURS of the CATHEDRAL Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Groups of 4 or more may arrange a tour by calling 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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Emergency Number: 206-467-3049
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 from the Laughlin family in thanksgiving for fifteen years in the Cathedral parish.

LEARNING THE NEW LANGUAGE OF THE MASS After ALL Masses this weekend, we will be offering a short (45-minute) session to prepare for the new Roman Missal. Many of our most familiar responses at Mass will be changing. This will be our primary opportunity to learn more and experience the responses before we begin using the new language at Mass next weekend, November 26-27. All Cathedral parishioners and regulars are strongly encouraged to participate in one of these sessions. Evening sessions will be held in the Cathedral Chapel. Morning sessions will be held in the Holy Names Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. *Information*, Corinna Laughlin, claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-622-3559.

CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO Stop by Cathedral Hall after the 10:00am Mass today for a latte or mocha. All proceeds this month support our parish's new Mental Health Ministry.

NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE Father James Martin, SJ's new book, *Between Heaven and Mirth*, is now in stock. Also, candles for your Advent wreath!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING DAY There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day, at 9:30am. At this Mass, you will be invited to come forward to the altar at offertory time with your gift of a non-perishable food item for the poor in the holiday season. All donations will be distributed by St. Mary's Food Bank. This is a wonderful Thanksgiving tradition at St. James Cathedral and all are encouraged to attend.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Masses in the Cathedral on Friday, November 25 will follow the usual schedule, including Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm, and Taizé Prayer at 6:30pm.

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 Christ the King in Seattle, St. Cecilia in Stanwood and Bainbridge Island, and St. Columban in Yelm.*

ADVENT VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT DAY for single young adult women and men considering a call to religious life. Saturday, December 3, 2011, 9:30am to 3:00pm at the University of Washington Newman Center, 4502 20th Ave. NE, Seattle 98105. The day includes prayer, quiet time, information on religious life, and the opportunity to meet members of many different religious communities. Lunch is provided; no fee. Please sign up by Monday, November 28, Sister Gretta, OP, 253-579-4060 or e-mail gretta@tacomaop.org.

CARE OF CREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP Develop the connection between your faith and the environment, explore the church's teaching on climate change, and learn to integrate care of God's creation with prayer, advocacy, and practice. Jessie Dye from Earth Ministry will join Patty Bowman in reflection, lively discussion and updates on the urgent environmental issues in our region. Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, in the Pastoral Outreach Center. RSVP, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515, or pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org.

ANNOUNCING! MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY: PRAYER PARTNERS *Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (Phil 4:6).* We are a branch of the Mental Health Ministry devoted to praying for those living with mental illness and emotional distress – either in themselves, a loved one, or someone they care for. We help support the Mental Health Ministry by responding to special requests and needs that sometimes can only be answered with prayers. We intercede for them in the name of Jesus, confident that God will grant them the healing and grace they need. If you would like to request prayers for yourself, a loved one, or someone you care for go to www.stjames-cathedral.org/mhm and submit your prayer requests. All requests are strictly confidential.

Sacred Steps

Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to to Rachel Kortas & Gregory Phillips, married in the Cathedral on Saturday, November 12. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives together!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children, baptized in the Cathedral on Saturday, November 12: Alex Reed Brown, II, 'Inoke Sateki Viliani Filipe Mateaki, Madeleine Hypatia Morrison, Emma Laverne Pankop, Micah Xander Perkins, Sergio Francisco Prieto, Lana Leslie Stott, Theodore Roman Raman Varma. We welcome with joy these newest members of the family of faith.

I AM IN YOUR MIDST AS ONE WHO SERVES

Volunteer Opportunities at St. James

GREAT PROPHETS IN A GREAT CATHEDRAL This year's *Sound & Light* production is scheduled for January 13/14, 2012. Volunteers are needed for one evening or several evenings. This is a great way to get to know other parishioners. We are looking for folks to assist with lighting crew, stage crew, box office, usher/greeters and props. Information, Thomas Thompson 206-382-4874 or musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org.

WINTER SHELTER DONATIONS Our shelter guests need toothbrushes, disposable razors, and new or gently used hand towels or wash cloths. Please bring your donations to Cathedral Hall during coffee hour after Sunday Mass or drop them off at the parish office Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS Cathedral parishioners are always welcome to attend each and every concert given at St. James. The Cathedral Music Office has special pay-as-able Parishioner Passes available for all Cathedral concerts, including all of the special Advent music concerts in December. For a complete listing of music events throughout the year, please visit www.stjames-cathedral.org/music. If you would like a Parishioner Pass please call the Music Office, 206-382-4874.

SACRIFICIAL SUNDAY GIVING 2012

What I have, I give

Acts 3:6

A huge thank you to all who have already turned in your pledge for 2012. Please drop your commitment card in the offering basket **today**. If you prefer, you can make your pledge online by visiting the Cathedral's website, www.stjames-cathedral.org. Follow up mailings go out this week. Please help us save on postage by turning your pledge in today!

Results through November 13, 2011

Total pledges received	432
% participation	
(out of 2,503 households)	17%
Participation goal	100%

We still have a long way to go...!



What I have, I give Acts 3:6

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

If you haven't already made your 2012 Sunday giving commitment, please consider doing so today. Your generous support makes it possible for St. James Cathedral...

- To celebrate the Church's liturgy with beauty and dignity;
- To reach out with love to the poor, the needy, and the elderly;
- To offer educational programs to children and adults;
- To pay our staff a just and living wage;
- To sustain our highly acclaimed musical and cultural programs;
- To maintain our magnificent cathedral and other parish buildings.

Please drop your completed pledge form in the offering basket. If you prefer, you can make your pledge online at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

SUNDAY GIVING AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL 2012

Transitioning to the new Roman Missal

Last in a series (Prepared by Corinna Laughlin)

November 20, 2011

Following Communion, a period of silent prayer is observed, and a hymn of praise may be sung. The brief Prayer after Communion brings the Communion Rite to a close. Then come the concluding rites, which include the greeting, now repeated for the fourth time: "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit." The greeting is followed by a blessing and the dismissal.

The dismissal, spoken or chanted by the priest or by the deacon, if present, is an ancient part of the Mass. The earliest liturgical records use the words "Go in peace," words Jesus himself used. In Rome, the formula "Ite, missa est" was used in the liturgy as in other gatherings—it means, literally, "go, you are dismissed" or "go, it is the dismissal." Farther north, the words "Benedicamus Domino," "Let us bless the Lord," were used. The response to both was "Deo gratias," "Thanks be to God."

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal revises the dismissal formulas. Some familiar words are gone—the new Missal does not include "The Mass is ended, go in peace," or "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Instead, "Ite, missa est" is now translated, "Go forth, the Mass is ended." Two quite new formulas have been added. "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" is based in Scripture, and recalls the great commission Christ gave to his disciples after the Resurrection: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The commission given to the Apostles is ours as well.

DISMISSAL

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

or

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

or

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

or

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Texts of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, are copyright © 2010 by International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation (ICEL).

The third option, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" was composed by Pope Benedict XVI. It also speaks of the evangelizing mission of the entire assembly. In 2005, in a speech to bishops gathered for the Synod on the Eucharist, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about the profound meaning of the dismissal rite:

In the pre-Christian use of the words, Ite, missa est, it was only a formula to say:

"The assembly is over, it has ended". The Roman liturgy has chosen these words to say: "Our assembly is now ended". Little by little, however, this has taken on a deeper significance. In ancient Rome, it only meant: "It is finished." "Missa" meant "dismissal". Today, it is no longer "dismissal" but is "mission", since this assembly is not a technical, bureaucratic one, but is a being together with the Lord who touches our hearts and gives us a new life. ...I return once more to the "Ite, Missa est." Many modern translations have added to this sober phrase of the Roman rite the closing phrase of the Byzantine rite: "Go in peace." ... We are aware that this peace of Christ is not a static one, a kind of "rest"; rather, it is a dynamic peace that wishes to transform the world so that it is a world of peace enlivened by the presence of the Creator and Redeemer.

(Pope Benedict XVI, October 22, 2005)

As we begin using the new translations next weekend, you're invited to review the whole series at the Cathedral website, www.stjames-cathedral.org.



THE LANGUAGE OF THE MASS IS CHANGING We will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal next weekend, November 26-27. **AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**, there will be a gathering to hear and practice the new responses, to ask questions and share your thoughts. Sunday morning, sessions will be held in the Pastoral Outreach Center; Saturday and Sunday EVENING, in the Cathedral Chapel. Please attend one of these sessions.



Cathedral Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Pastoral Outreach Center
12:30pm to 6:30pm (closed 3:00–3:45pm)

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.

Help save a life—sign up to donate!

Sign up at coffee hours on 11/6, 11/13, and 11/20. 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

Catholic Social Teaching on Economic Justice

Issues of income inequality and economic justice are very much in the news these days.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, last summer's debate over the federal budget, and the European debt crisis all raise questions and concerns about what constitutes a fair and just economic system.

What does our Church say about these issues?

Catholics are called to work for greater economic justice in the face of persistent poverty, growing income gaps, and increasing discussion of economic issues in the United States and around the world. We urge Catholics to use the following ethical framework for economic life:

- The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.
- Economic choices and institutions must be judged by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good.
- A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.
- All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life.
- Society has a moral obligation, including government action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops
Economic Justice for All, 1986

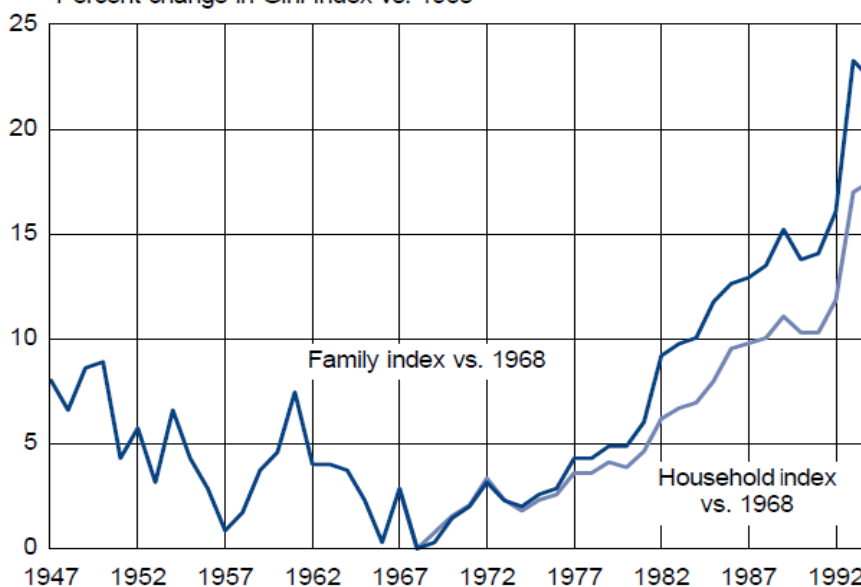
When we look at the situation of unemployed people and many ordinary workers, we see not only individuals in economic crisis, but also struggling families and hurting communities. We see a society that cannot use the talents and energies of all those who can and should work. We see a nation that cannot assure people who work hard every day that their wages and benefits can support a family in dignity. We see

a workplace where many have little participation, ownership, or a sense they are contributing to a common enterprise or the common good. An economy that cannot provide employment, decent wages and benefits, and a sense of participation and ownership for its workers is broken in fundamental ways . . . Our faith gives us a particular way of looking at this broken economy. From the prophets of the Old Testament to the example of the early Church recorded in the New Testament, we learn that God cares for the poor and vulnerable, and he measures the faith of the community by the treatment of those on the margins of life.

USCCB Labor Day Statement
Human Costs and Moral Challenges of a Broken Economy
September 5, 2011

Change in Income Inequality

Percent change in Gini Index vs. 1968



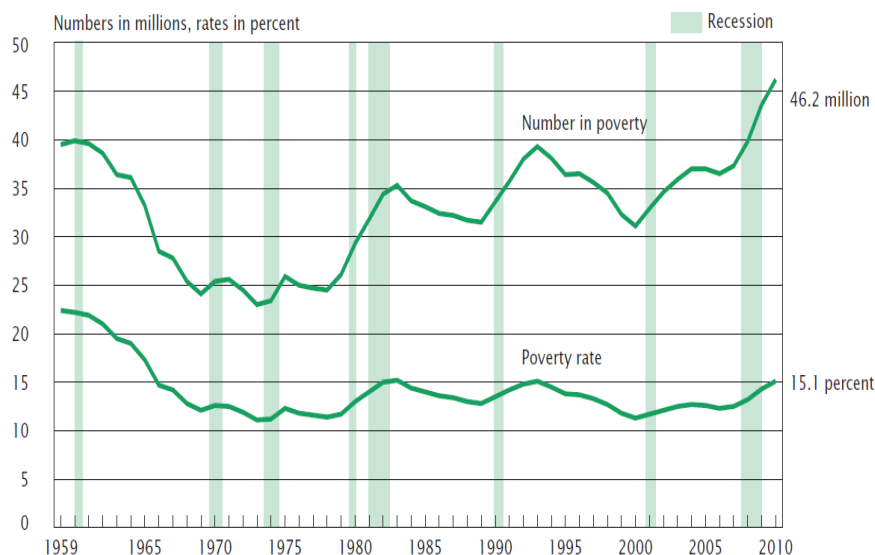
U. S Census Bureau, P60-191, June 1996. This chart shows trends through 1996, and is the most recent one available. Current data show the trend continuing in the same direction.

Some Statistics:

- Last year, 46.2 million people were living in poverty.
- Since 2007, the official poverty rate has increased from 12.5 percent to 15.1 percent.
- The US Census Bureau has studied the distribution of income since the late 1940's. According to the most commonly used measure of income inequality, the Gini index, income inequality **declined** 7.4 percent from 1947 to 1968.
- However, since 1968 income inequality has risen sharply. From 1968 to 1994, income inequality **increased** 22.4 percent.

2010 U.S. Census
www.census.gov

Number in Poverty and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 2010



Note: The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. For information on recessions, see Appendix A.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

The world's wealth is growing

in absolute terms, but inequalities are on the increase. In rich countries, new sectors of society are succumbing to poverty and new forms of poverty are emerging. In poorer areas some groups enjoy a sort of *superdevelopment* of a wasteful and consumerist kind which forms an unacceptable contrast with the ongoing situations of dehumanizing deprivation. The scandal of glaring inequalities continues. Corruption and illegality are unfortunately evident in rich countries, both old and new, as well as in poor ones.

Economic activity cannot solve all social problems through the simple application of commercial logic. This needs to be directed towards the pursuit of the common good, for which the political community in particular must also take responsibility. Therefore, it must be borne in mind that grave imbalances are produced when economic action, conceived merely as an engine for wealth creation, is detached from political action, conceived as a means for pursuing justice through redistribution.

Pope Benedict XVI
Caritas in Veritate, July 2009

We are in the midst of very difficult economic times. The 2011-13 Washington State budget included devastating reductions to safety net programs, such as cuts in the Basic Health Plan, mental health, drug and alcohol services, and housing assistance programs... Unemployment remains high and the demand for social services continues to grow. . . The challenges before us are about more than just economics. There is also an important moral component to them which now, more than ever, cannot be overlooked. . . The starting point in making decisions in this critical moment is the promotion of the common good.

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Seeking the Common Good
Fall 2011*

The crisis has exposed behaviors such as selfishness, collective greed and the hoarding of goods on a mammoth scale. . . If no solutions are found to the various forms of injustice, the negative effects that follow on the social, political and economic level are destined to create a climate of growing hostility and even violence, and ultimately undermine the very foundations of democratic institutions, even the ones considered most solid.

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace
The International Financial and Monetary Systems in the context of Global Public Authority
October 24, 2011

Action Steps:

Learn more about the church's approach to economics by reading the US Bishops' landmark document *Economic Justice for All, a Catholic Framework for Economic Life*, at www.usccb.org/upload/economic_justice_for_all.pdf. Excerpts from this document are available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

Advocate for a more just economy. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network at www.thewsc.org, and sign up for Action Alerts from our Housing Advocacy Committee by emailing slee@stjames-cathedral.org.

Use the power of your consumer choices to build a better world, one purchase at a time. Look for fair trade and sweatshop-free products when you shop, and learn more about global fair trade at www.crsfairtrade.org.

Come, Holy Spirit, and open our hearts, minds, and souls to your presence. Grace us with the strength to follow the examples of Jesus. Like Jesus, may the Spirit provide us with a voice to cry out for justice for the poor. Remind us that what we do to the least of those among us, we do to you.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Answering the Voice of the Spirit.