

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

*PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELLULAR PHONES.*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Saturday 5:30pm)

**The Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo**, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, *Presider*

PRELUDE

(8:00)

“Allegro” from *Sonata No. 4 in C Major*, BWV 529

*From God I will not turn*, BWV 658

Bach

Bach

INTROIT FOR ASCENSION

*Viri Galilæi / O men of Galilee*

SWABIA



Antiphon 1. O men of Gal - i - lee, Why gaze in - to the sky? Just  
Psalm 47 2. All peo-ples, clap your hands, To God with joy now sing. The  
3. God has gone up with shouts A - mid the trum-pet's blast. Sing  
4. The Lord rules o - ver all, And sits up - on the throne. All  
5. Give glo - ry to our God, The Fa - ther, and the Son, And  
Antiphon 6. O men of Gal - i - lee, Why gaze in - to the sky? Just



as the Lord as - cend - ed, so He will re - turn from high.  
Lord, the Awe - some, the Most High, O'er all the earth is King.  
praise to God our King, sing praise, And let this mu - sic last.  
ru - lers of the earth shall kneel And hon - or God a - lone.  
al - so to the Par - a - clete, E - ter - nal Three - in - One.  
as the Lord as - cend - ed, so He will re - turn from high.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (Saturday 5:30pm) All join in the response, **I do.**

SPRINKLING RITE

*Vidi aquam*

Singenberger

Cantor, then ALL:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# GLORIA

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

*f* Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and *p* peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.

*f* Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and *p* Fa - ther. We  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
 You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
 mer - cy on us, You are se - ted at the right hand of the  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the

*f* glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
 Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r.  
 Fa - ther. A - - - - men. A - - - - men.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS No. 851

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 47

Proulx

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ALLELUIA

Palestrina/Monk

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*SATURDAY 5:30PM: REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE BISHOP HAS KISSED THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS*

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION (Saturday 5:30pm)

HOMILY

**Bishop Eusebio Elizondo** (Saturday 5:30pm)

**Father Michael G. Ryan** (all other Masses)

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Saturday 5:30pm)

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Lord, hear our pray - er.

Schubert

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

“Let all the angels of God” from *Messiah*

Handel

## SANCTUS

*German Mass*

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
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.  
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.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *German Mass*

Schubert, adapted for St. James Cathedral

When we eat this bread, \_\_\_\_\_ when we drink this cup, \_\_\_\_\_  
we pro-claim your death \_\_\_\_\_ un - til you come in glo - ry.

## AMEN

*German Mass*

Schubert

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men. \_\_\_\_\_

## LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

## AGNUS DEI

*German Mass*

Schubert

Have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ us your peace.

## COMMUNION

All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia;  
go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleuia.

(10:00)

“Lift up your heads” from *Messiah*

Handel

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hail the day that sees him rise*

LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!

To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!

Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!

## ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (10:00am and Sunday Evening)

### *Rosary Procession* (Noon)

At the conclusion of Mass, Father Ryan will pray the rosary with the children of the Faith Formation programs. You are invited to remain for this prayer, which will conclude with the crowning of the image of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, in the Cathedral Courtyard. If you are unable to remain for the prayer, please leave as quietly as possible. Please see the separate page in this week's bulletin for the music and prayers.

## PROCESSION

*Prelude in E-flat Major* (“St. Anne”), BWV 552

Bach

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# The Prayers of the Rosary

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**LEADER:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**ALL:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LEADER:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**ALL:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## HAIL MARY

**LEADER:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**ALL:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## GLORY BE

**LEADER:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

**ALL:** Hail, Holy Queen, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**LEADER:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**ALL:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

# Rosary Procession



*May is Mary's month! We pray the rosary in her honor immediately following the Noon Mass today, May 24. The children of the parish will join Father Ryan in a procession. You are invited to join the procession, too! If you don't know all the prayers by heart, don't worry! You'll find the complete text in the panel at the left. We will pray each of the Glorious Mysteries before a different image in the Cathedral. The beautiful art of our Cathedral will help us to meditate on the good news of Easter: Christ is risen!*

*After each decade, the cantor will lead the assembly in singing "Be Joyful, Mary."*

**Cantor, then all: Be joyful, Mary!**

**Cantor, then all: Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!**

## THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY

### The Resurrection of Jesus

*We pray the first decade before the South Transept windows by Charles Connick. In the center window, we see Jesus, risen and alive. Angels kneel before him. The two side windows show the disciples of Jesus on the first Easter morning. On the left, we see the women coming with spices to anoint the body of Jesus. On the right, we see Peter and John running to the empty tomb.*

## THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY

### Jesus Ascends into Heaven

*We pray the second decade before the image of Jesus in the South Transept. This statue, called The Sacred Heart Pleading, shows Jesus praying to his Father. He reaches up to heaven with a loving gesture of prayer. His heart is on fire with love for his people.*

## THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

### Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit on his disciples

*We pray the third decade before the icon of Pentecost. This icon was created by Joan Brand-Landkamer. It shows the disciples in prayer. As they pray, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon them. The Spirit rests on the head of each of them, like a flame. The dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, hovers over this image of the church at prayer.*

## THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

### Mary Is Assumed into Heaven

*We pray the fourth decade before the image of Our Lady of Grace in the North Transept. This statue has been in the Cathedral since it was dedicated one hundred years ago, on December 22, 1907. It shows Mary as a simple, humble maiden. She is the one who always said "yes" to God.*

## THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

### Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven

*We pray the last decade of the rosary in the Cathedral Courtyard, around the image of Mary as the Throne of Wisdom, Sedes Sapientiae. Mary is called the Throne of Wisdom because the great King, Jesus, is sitting in her arms. For many years, this statue of Mary holding Jesus in her arms stood on the grounds of St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore.*

# 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

### 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.

**ANOIDING 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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**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 a donation from the Lopez and Deuna families on the third anniversary of the death of Armando E. Deuna.

**THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE** May is Mary's Month! Stop by the Bookstore today for a wide selection of books on the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**MEMORIAL DAY** On Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, there will be one Mass only, at 9:00am. The Cathedral will remain open for prayer until 5:00pm. The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday.

**CATHOLIC 101: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (As you have never thought of them before!)** Join us this Tuesday, May 26 (VII); 1:00-3:00 or 7:00-9:00, Cathedral Place-second floor for an ongoing look at the newly published *US Catechism for Adults*. Helen Oesterle reviews the foundations of our Catholic faith from our American Catholic experience and facilitates lively conversations among the participants. (*The series will continue in the fall with the eighth, ninth and tenth commandments.*) *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514 [hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org)

**FR. BENIGNO BELTRAN: STORIES OF SMOKEY MOUNTAIN AND POVERTY IN THE PHILIPPINES** Fr. Ben Beltran has worked for 30 years with the poor in Manila, who seek to eke out a living by scavenging on the large garbage dump called Smokey Mountain. Of his work, Fr. Beltran says: *"I have learned that God is speaking through the poor. You should not come to the poor to save them, but to save yourself."* Fr. Beltran will share stories of his ministry Saturday, June 6, at 1:00 pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Registration required! *Information, or to register*, Patty Bowman, 382-4515, or [pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org).

**SEATTLE SOUNDERS vs. HOUSTON DYNAMO** Tickets are going fast for the Sounders game at Qwest Field on Saturday, July 11 at 1:00pm. \$20/person. Reserve your tickets now! (The game is sold out so this is the only way to see our home team!) *Information*, Theresa Van de Ven, 206-219-5822, [tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org)

**PARISH REMEMBRANCE** *Throughout the year because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each of the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Seattle on a Sunday near their feast day. This week we remember in prayer the parishes of Holy Disciples in Puyallup, St. Madeleine Sophie in Bellevue, and Visitation in Tacoma.*



# THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

Seattle University Professor of Christian Ethics Gary Chamberlain, author of *Troubled Waters: Religion, Ethics and the Global Water Crisis*, will speak on the intersection between our faith and the increasing problem of lack of access to water in many areas of the world. Monday, June 8, 2009, 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Registration required. *Information, or to register*, Patty Bowman, 382-4515, or [pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org).

**WALK WITH MARY** The Health and Healing Committee invites you to walk for your health to shrines of Our Lady around the world. Our goal is to collect 18,000 miles and to travel from St. James to Fatima and Lourdes! If you signed up at the Health and Healing Fair on May 5, you can bring your record sheet for May to the Hall next Sunday, May 31, at coffee hour. If you'd like to join the fun and get healthier at the same time, stop by the table at coffee hour on May 31. You will receive a free pedometer to get you going. *Information*, John Simpson, 206-274-3173.

**CHOIR CAMP 2009** There are openings in the St. James Schola Cantorum Choir Camp (August 10-14, & 16) for young singers entering 4th grade through 8th grade. The camp teaches students how to participate more actively in the liturgy through music in preparation for the many Cathedral liturgies at which they will sing during the school year. A brief audition is necessary for new students. Scholarships available to registered parishioners. *Information*, 206-382-4874, or [musicooffice@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:musicooffice@stjames-cathedral.org).

## I AM IN YOUR MIDST AS ONE WHO SERVES

*Volunteer Opportunities*

**SANDWICH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** St. Martin de Porres Shelter has seen an increased need for meals and St. James is responding by adding a second night of service to our current Sandwich Ministry. We need a whole new crew of volunteers who can help us make 300+ sandwiches for the 4th Monday of each month. *Information*, Tara at [sandwich.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sandwich.volunteers@gmail.com).

**HELP A SENIOR IN NEED** Many in our community are in need of help with transportation, shopping, laundry, housework, and more. Age, illness, economics, and disabilities can all be barriers to accomplishing these routine, daily tasks. By volunteering just a few hours a month, you can make a huge difference in someone's life, provide them peace of mind, and help them to stay in their own home rather than going to an institutionalized setting. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry, please come to the orientation on the 2nd floor of the Pastoral Outreach Center on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30pm. *Information* Jennifer Ibach, 206-654-4640 or [jibach@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jibach@stjames-cathedral.org).

## Sacred Steps

### Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS! We share in the joy of our young parishioners who, last Sunday, joined us for the first time at the Eucharistic meal of the Lord: Caleb Allen, Dawit Belay, Bennett Buchholz, Scarlett Counihan, Mary DeCaprio, Isaiah Dubrey-Belair, Dash Dunigan, Michelle Duong, Cameron Houghton, Michael Hoyal, Alexandra Hunter, Jonathan Le, Anthony Maxin, Fabiano Nardone, Isabella Ombrellaro, Anna Rebar, Peter Seybold, Nathaniel Sy Su, Charles Whitson, Clare Widzowski, Sophia Yamaguchi, Domenica Zangari and Rogan Zangari. May your love for Jesus increase with every Holy Communion.

**AMERICORPS OPENINGS WITH THE ST. JAMES ESL PROGRAM!** As an AmeriCorps member you will develop job skills in volunteer management and providing services to diverse populations. Specifically, you will provide English instruction to two groups of adult, low-income refugees and/or immigrants in community locations in King County. You will work with program staff to organize groups, plan instruction, conduct intake and on-going support of students, provide English instruction, and assess student learning. You will also assist in the recruitment, intake and support of volunteer tutors. *Information*, Christopher Koehler, 206-382-4511 or [ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org). *To apply, you must first fill out and submit an AmeriCorps application. The application and further information about AmeriCorps is available at [www.kcls.org/literacyamericorps](http://www.kcls.org/literacyamericorps).*

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2009

*Results through May 17, 2009*

Pledges received .....	677 (of 2,497 households)
% participation .....	27%
Combined Parish & Archdiocesan goal .....	\$454,000
Percent of goal reached .....	80%

Thank you to all who have turned in or mailed in your pledge. The response has been truly remarkable. **But as you can see, we still have a long way to go to meet our goal!** Please turn in your pledge today and be a part of this important Appeal.

**If you're not sure what to give, would you consider a gift of \$365 (that's just \$1 per day)?** You may make a one-time gift or spread your gift out over as many as ten months. There are many options to make it easy and convenient to give. Thank you for your generous response!





# THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

## ST. PAUL ON THE ASCENSION

Fourth in a Series

May 24, 2009

**M**ay the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

(Ephesians 1:18-23)

### Christ's Ascension is Ours

We know that Christ ascended to the Father forty days after his resurrection from the dead, and that nine days after that, at the Jewish feast of Pentecost, he sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. But the Ascension is not an easy mystery to relate to. What does it have to do with us?

The *Letter to the Ephesians* begins with a prayer that we might understand this mystery—because it is *our* mystery! In the resurrection and ascension of Christ, the letter says, are our “hope,” our “inheritance,” the revelation of the “power” and “might” of God. For in raising Jesus from the dead, and placing him at his right hand, God has rearranged the whole order of things. God gave Christ “as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.” In the Ascension, Jesus vanishes from the sight of his disciples, but God gives him back to them in a new and greater way: he is the head, we are the body. The Ascension of the Lord fills the Church, the mystical body of Christ, with the divine presence. The Church is, in the astonishing words of the Letter to the Ephesians, “the fullness of the one who fills all things.”

As the Preface for today's feast expresses it, Christ “has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow.”

### St. Paul... and Friends

St. Paul spent a considerable amount of time in Ephesus (three years, according to the *Acts of the Apostles*) but since the 16<sup>th</sup> century scripture scholars have doubted that the letter to the Ephesians is the work of the apostle himself. The style is quite different from the other Pauline letters, and the approach to certain themes – the Church, in particular - suggests that



the letter was written by another writer, probably a later follower of St. Paul.

Whether it was authored by St. Paul or only inspired by him, Ephesians speaks powerfully to us today. As scripture scholar Vincent Smiles has observed, the letter “represents the voice of the faithful struggling under new and difficult circumstances to recall and remain faithful to the original inspiration of the gospel.... Ephesians invites a continuing rediscovery of the ancient tradition so that that love can be more vibrant in the church and so that the church can reach out more effectively to the world” (*The New Collegeville Bible Commentary*).

### Prayer for the Year of St. Paul

Glorious Saint Paul,  
Apostle to the Gentiles,  
when the Lord called, you answered,  
and you spread the good news of the Gospel  
to the very ends of the earth.  
Pray for us, that we may serve Christ as you did:  
proclaiming the name of Jesus  
in good times and bad,  
when convenient and when inconvenient.  
Pray for us, that we may welcome  
all the people we meet  
with compassionate hearts and open minds.  
Pray for us, that Christ may live in us as he lived in you.  
We pray in the name of the One  
who is your Lord and ours,  
Christ Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### Novena in Honor of St. Paul

*We will conclude this Year of St. Paul with a special novena of prayer, beginning Saturday, June 20 and concluding on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Monday, June 29. All Masses during the novena will conclude with a special procession to the place of prayer in honor of St. Paul in the Cathedral's west aisle.*



# SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL



Join us on the second Tuesday evenings of the summer months for our annual SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL. It all begins on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00pm in Cathedral Place, second floor. Popcorn and lemonade are provided; bring your favorite candy or snack. *All films are recommended by the US Bishops Conference.*

## June 9 *The Visitor*

Our first film is the story of an American professor and an immigrant family from Syria, and explores the effects of our immigration and detention system on the lives of immigrants. It has received great reviews! Co-sponsored by St. James ESL Program. *Rated PG-13*

## July 14 *The Secret Life of Bees*

Haunted by the death of her mother, 14-year-old Lily escapes the dreary life she lives on her father's farm and heads to Tiburon, SC, with her friend and caregiver, Rosaleen, setting off on a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Set amidst the hotbed of racial tensions in the South in the 1960s, this dramatic tale is based on the bestselling novel by Sue Monk Kidd. *Rated PG-13*

## August 11 *Gran Torino*

A crusty, inflexible Korean War veteran must confront his Hmong immigrant neighbors—and his prejudices—when the family's teen son tries to steal his beloved Gran Torino. Walt soon assumes the unlikely role of guardian angel to him and his family bringing about reconciliation and his own redemption. *Rated R*

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