

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE (Saturday & 8:00) *Scherzo* Gigout  
(10:00 & Noon) *Präludium in C Major, BWV 547* Bach

ENTRANCE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERRN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the  
2. Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so  
3. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros - per our  
4. Praise to the Lord — O let all that is

king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
might - i - ly reign - ing; Keep - ing us  
work and de - fend us; Sure - ly his  
in us a - dore him! All that has

praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
safe at his side, and so gent - ly sus - tain - ing.  
good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend us.  
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Come, all who hear: Broth - ers and sis - ters, draw  
Have you not seen All you have need - ed has  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
Let the "A - men!" sound from his peo - ple a -

near, Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - - tion!  
been Met by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
do, Who with his love will be - friend us.  
gain — Glad - ly with praise we a - dore him!

PENITENTIAL RITE

Vatican XVI



1 & 3. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



2. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

(10:00) "Kyrie" from *Missa Aeterna Christi munera*

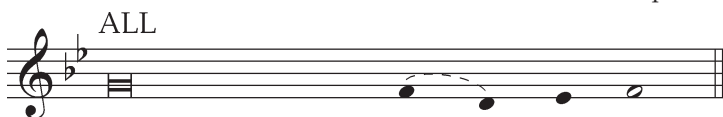
Palestrina

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

GLORIA (Sunday Evening)  
(All other Masses)

*Missa de angelis, No. 341*

Vatican VIII  
chant, adapt. Lee



<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>	and peace to God's	peo- ple	on earth.
<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>	almighty God	and Fa-	ther.
<i>We worship you,</i>			
<i>we give you thanks,</i>	we praise you for	your glo-	ry.
<i>Lord Jesus Christ,</i>			
<i>only Son of the Father,</i>	Lord God,	Lamb	of God,
<i>you take away the sins of the world:</i>	have	mer- cy	on us.
<i>You are seated at the right hand</i>			
<i>of the Father:</i>	re-	ceive	our prayer.
<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>			
<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>	you alone		
	are the Most	High Je-	sus Christ,
<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>	in the glory of		
	God the Father,	A - - -	men.

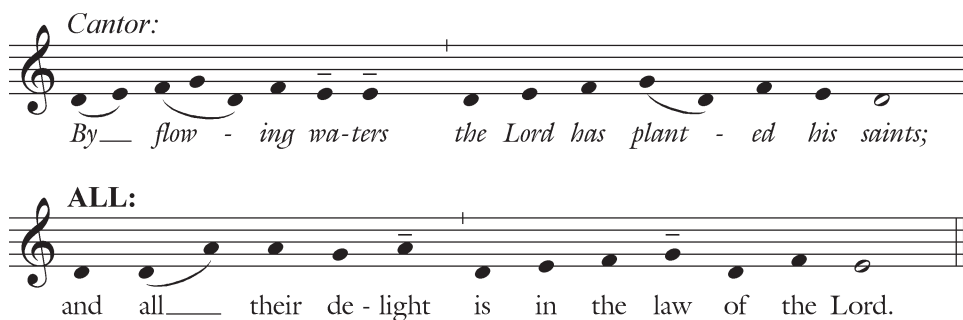
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS [*Sirach 15:15-20; I Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37*]

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 119

chant, adapt. Ford



ALLELUIA

chant, *O filii et filiae*



HOMILY

Father Peter Ely, SJ

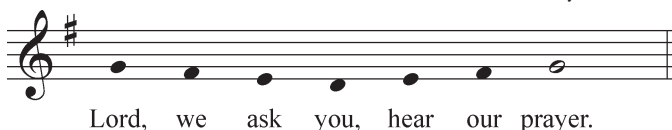
DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Litany of Saints

CREED No. 238

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Litany of Saints



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

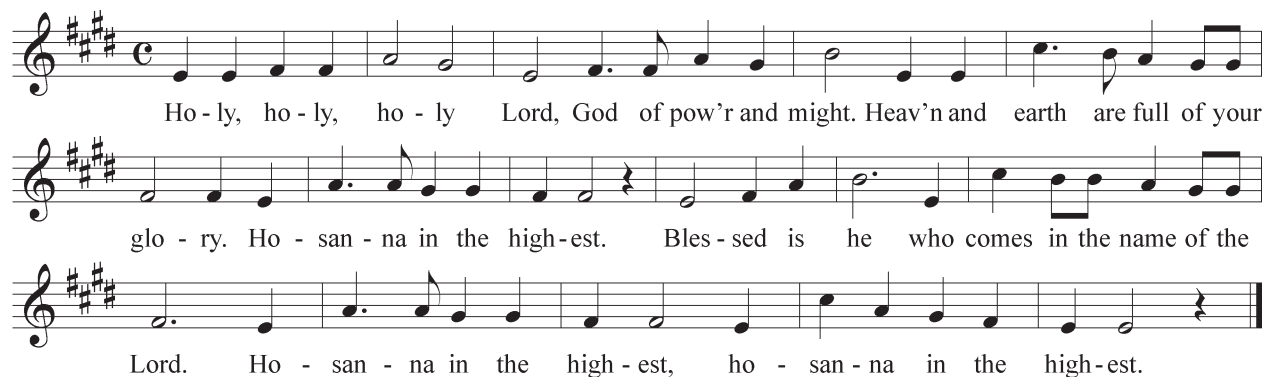
*Blessed are they who walk in the law of the Lord*

Skempton

## SANCTUS

*St. James Mass for Peace*

Herbolsheimer



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*

Herbolsheimer



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

## AMEN

*St. James Mass for Peace*

Herbolsheimer



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

## LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

## AGNUS DEI

chant, Vatican XVIII



Cantor: ALL: A-gnus De - i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: 1, 2. mi-se-re-re no - bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa - cem.

(10:00)

“Dona nobis pacem” from  
*Missa Aeterna Christi munera*

Palestrina

## COMMUNION

They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

(10:00)

*Happy the one who delights in the Lord's commands*

Mozart

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.

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek now this  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly  
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the

soul of mine, And vis - it it with your own ar - dor  
 pas - sions turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con -  
 soul will long, Shall far out-pass the power of hu - man

glow - ing; O Com-fort - er, draw near,  
 sum - ing; And let your glo - rious light  
 tell - ing; For none can guess its grace,

With - in my heart ap - pear, And  
 Shine ev - er on my sight, And  
 Till love cre - ates the place Where -

kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

## PROCESSION

(Saturday & 8:00)  
 (10:00 & Noon)

*Präludium in E Major**Präludium and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548*

Lübeck

Bach

# 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)

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

John Simpson (206-274-3173)

### SOCIAL OUTREACH and ADVOCACY

Patty Bowman, Director (206-382-4515)

Suzanne Lee (206-654-4640)

Jim and Jill McAuliffe, Cathedral Kitchen (206-264-2091)

Rachael Ross, Administrative Assistant (206-903-4629)

### LITURGY

Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy (622-3559 x3996)

Brenda Bellamy, Bryan Long, John Marquez, Stephen Pace, sacristans

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

Dr. James Savage, Director of Music

Joseph Adam, Organist (206-382-4597)

Dr. Clint Kraus, Associate Organist; Director of Youth Music

Stacey Sunde, Music Assistant

Ian Newhall, Coordinator of Special Projects

### FAITH FORMATION

Helen Oesterle, Director/RCIA (206-382-4514)

TerryAnn Bowen, "Welcome Back" & Confirmation (206-382-2018)

Marianne Coté, Youth & Family Ministry (206-382-4512)

Lita McBride, Children's Faith Formation (206-654-4658)

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

### MINISTRY to IMMIGRANTS (206-382-4511)

Christopher J. Koehler, Director

Glenda Caldwell, ESL Specialist

Jim Hodges, Citizenship

Cecilia Erin Walsh, ESL Coordinator

Lupita Gonzalez, ESL Coordinator

### STEWARDSHIP and DEVELOPMENT

Maria Laughlin, Director (206-382-4284)

### PARISH OFFICE

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

Peggy Behnken, Receptionist (206-622-3559)

Marilyn Maddeford, Administrative Assistant (206-622-3559 x3971)

### WEDDINGS

Linda Carr, Wedding Office (206-622-3559 ext. 3979)

Bev Mauser, Louise Mennella, Wedding Coordinators

### FACILITIES and GROUNDS

Dennis Morse, Facilities Manager (206-622-3559)

### 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, June through August. 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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Emergency Number: 206-467-3049

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

**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. 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.*

**THE CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO CART** is up and running! Your friendly Cathedral baristas will be serving espresso drinks after the 10:00 Mass. *During the month of February all proceeds will benefit the Homeless Ministry and Operation Nightwatch.*

**NEW ON THE WEBSITE** Staff member Suzanne Lee's meditation for the Day of Prayer for Life is available online. You can also find out about coming events at the Cathedral, view photo albums of recent events, and much more! Visit [www.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org).

**THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** is a worldwide Catholic organization that has been at St. James Parish since 1922. The vocation of the Society's volunteers, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Jesus through service to those in need and so bear witness to Christ's compassionate and liberating love. Volunteers show their commitment through visiting the poor in their homes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thanks our parishioners for their generous donations last month. During January, we made a total of **42** visits to our neighbors in need. Your contributions allowed us to forestall **45** evictions, feed **nine** families, deliver beds and furniture to **eight** households, provide clothes for **two** people, and offer budget advice to **one** family. The need is great. We could serve even more people with *your help!* *Information regarding SVdP volunteer opportunities*, Rob Millar, 206-954-8902, [r\\_millar@comcast.net](mailto:r_millar@comcast.net); or Tammy Bendix 206-595-9158, [ttmb@sprynet.com](mailto:ttmb@sprynet.com).

**HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED** Many people in our community need help with transportation, shopping, laundry, and housework. Advanced age, chronic illness and financial difficulties can prevent our neighbors from accomplishing these routine daily tasks. By volunteering just a few hours a month with Volunteer Chore Services, you can help someone stay in his or her own home, avoiding the need to move to an institutional setting. To learn more about VCS, plan to attend a brief information session on Sunday, February 20 from 11:15 to 11:45am in the Mother Mary Rose Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia). *Information* Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640 or [slee@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:slee@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 St. Peter in Seattle, and St. Peter Mission in Deming, Suquamish, and Tenino.*

## *Sacred Steps*

### **Sacramental Celebrations at St. James**

CONGRATULATIONS to *David Hovind & Shelley Kuni*, married in the Cathedral on Saturday, January 22. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives together!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to the following children, baptized in the Cathedral last Sunday: *Georgia Elinor Davis, Hudson William Ewing, Nicholas Jacob Ordonia, Elizabeth May Hale McLaughlin and Mattea Isabel Westby*. We welcome with joy these newest members of the family of faith.

RITE OF RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH This week we celebrated the Rite of Reception for Full Communion into the Catholic Church with *Lia Barros and Norm Golden*. They made a Profession of Faith and celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, and now join us as full members of our Catholic Christian family. We welcome them with great joy!

**SHOP WITH A CONSCIENCE: FAIR TRADE 101** How can we bring our faith values to our purchasing decisions? Lorri Hagman, Fair Trade Ambassador with Catholic Relief Services, will present a workshop on the fair trade movement Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. There's a lot more to fair trade than coffee and chocolate—come and claim your power as consumers! *Information*, Patty Bowman, pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-382-4515.

**ARCHDIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH RALLY: THE QUEST!** on Saturday, March 5 at Highline Community College. Join other Cathedral parish youth (6th through 9th graders) for a day of fun, workshops, and Mass with Archbishop Sartain and youth from all around Western Washington. Registration deadline is February 22. *Information*, Lita McBride, 206-654-4658, lmcbride@stjames-cathedral.org

**MUSIC OF ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN** Saturday, February 26, 8:00 pm Resident Ensemble, The Medieval Women's Choir, directed by Margriet Tindemans, presents a concert of music by women composers including St. Hildegard, Heloise, Hadewijch, and Seattle's Karen Thomas. *Information* Medieval Women's Choir, 206-264-4822 or medievalwomenschoir.org.

**"THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS"—A THEATRICAL PRODUCTION** Join other Cathedral parishioners on Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 pm at the Moore Theatre. One day only! It is presented by the Fellowship for the Performing Arts whose mission is to produce theatre from a Christian worldview that is engaging to a diverse audience. The inspiring drama, starring Max McLean, is a smart, provocative and wickedly funny theatrical adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novel about spiritual warfare from a demon's point of view. *The Screwtape Letters'* success is due to its piercing insight into human nature and the lucid and humorous way Lewis makes his readers squirm in self recognition. Tickets \$44/person. Only a limited number of tickets available so don't delay. *Information*, Theresa Van de Ven, 206-219-5822, tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org

**HIGH SCHOOL GAME NIGHT** Sunday, February 20, 6:30-9:00 pm, Cathedral Hall. Join other youth in our parish for a night of pizza and games. Pizza and drinks provided but you are most welcome to bring snacks to share with others. You can just stop in or better yet, let us know you are coming so we can order enough pizza. Friends are welcome. *Information and RSVP*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514 or hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org

**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.

**CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY** Washington State faces massive budget cuts that imperil those in our community who are most in need. As people of faith, we must do all we can to protect the basic needs of families and individuals who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. All St. James parish members are invited to join Catholic social service and justice organizations Thursday, March 24, 9am–3pm at the State Capitol in Olympia to promote a state budget that safeguards the least among us. Following a policy briefing, participants will visit their local legislators for scheduled appointments. A free chartered bus for registered participants will depart from Seattle and Tacoma. To register, contact the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center at ipjc@ipjc.or or 206-223-1138. *Information* Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT MINISTRY** St. James Cathedral works in cooperation with Catholic Community Services to help pregnant women and mothers in need. Parish-based volunteers provide practical assistance such as transportation, babysitting and cooking meals. We are seeking new volunteers for this vital ministry in the service of life. *Information*, Suzanne Lee at 206-654-4640 or slee@stjames-cathedral.org.

**YOUNG ADULTS (21 - 30-SOMETHING) 3RD SUNDAY**

Scripture sharing and informal social time will be next Sunday, February 20 starting at 4:00pm. Do you ever wonder how the Sunday readings relate to our everyday lives? Enjoy fellowship, wine, cheese from 4:00 to 4:30 followed by guided discussion of the Scripture readings for the day. The discussion will finish in time to attend 5:30 Mass. Young adults over the age of 21, single or married, gather in the Fireside Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. Newcomers and those not new to the parish are all welcome! *Information* [youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org) or TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST. JAMES?**

Many who attend St. James regularly and consider the Cathedral their parish have never officially registered. *We strongly encourage you to register.* Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the Cathedral (including offering envelopes!), are regular recipients of the Cathedral's quarterly journal *In Your Midst*, are able to celebrate their wedding at the Cathedral, and their children may attend any of the five Catholic Rainbow Schools at parishioner rates (and become eligible for Cathedral scholarship money). In addition, if you are a registered parishioner and use envelopes, or are on the direct debit program, we will mail you a quarterly report of your contributions to the parish. Registration cards can be found in the vestibule. Please drop the completed card in the collection basket or put it in the mail. *If you are not sure whether or not you're registered, call the Parish Office, 206-622-3559.*

**WINTER SHELTER NEEDS** new or used hand towels, disposable razors and toothbrushes. Please drop off your donations in the blue bin set out during all coffee hours or at the parish office during business hours.

**ST. JAMES IS A PLACE FOR CHILDREN** We encourage all of our parishioners who attend Mass with young children, and we welcome them into our midst. Many families find that sitting in the front rows, where the view is unobstructed, allows children to participate more fully. Others are more comfortable sitting at the ends of the aisles, so that they can easily step into the west vestibule or the Cathedral Chapel, if their child needs a quiet place away from the assembly. We have provided a sound system in these areas so you can continue to participate in Mass. We appreciate your effort to be with us and to include your child in our worship. Please note that babysitting is available in the Mother Cabrini Room at the Pastoral Outreach Center during the 10:00 am and 12 Noon Masses.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** In celebration of Black History Month, the African, African American, Black Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Seattle invites you to a three-day workshop on "Spiritual Fitness" with Sister Judy Gomila, MSC. This is workout to develop "faith-filled heart muscle"—no running shoes necessary! The retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Seattle, February 18-20. *Information*, Philip Tran, 206-382-4828 or [philipt@seattlearch.org](mailto:philipt@seattlearch.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy. Natural Family Planning is a very simple method which is 99% effective, and has no harmful side effects. It can also help to strengthen marriages. Next series of classes takes place at Holy Cross Church, Tacoma, on Sundays, February 20, March 13, and April 3. *Information and registration*, [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

*A reminder about parking on Sundays for the Cathedral*

*We know that parking in this area is at a premium and we do our best to make it available to you. In consideration of our neighbors, please note these important Do's and Don'ts! Note also that there are numerous pay lots within two blocks of the Cathedral.*

You **MAY** park:

- In the O'Dea High School lot.
- In the Cabrini Tower Garage on Marion Street across from O'Dea High School for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and all Sunday Masses. *The Cathedral pays for parking (and for official traffic officers from the Seattle Police Department) during these times, and you are encouraged to take advantage of it.*
- In the P-1 parking lot under the Chancery building at 9th and Marion.
- In the Cherry and Terry Parking lot, in spaces 1-22.

Please **DO NOT** park:

- In any parking spot marked with an orange cone.
- In the lot adjacent to the Envoy Apartments on 9th Avenue, directly across from the Cathedral.
- In the Blood Bank parking lot at the corner of Terry and Columbia.
- In the Frye Museum parking lots on Terry Avenue.
- In the parking places at the Pastoral Outreach Center.
- In the spaces on Terry Avenue reserved for loading and unloading of the parish vans.



# HIGH SCHOOL GAMES NIGHT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm

(It is a three-day weekend!)

Cathedral Hall

Join other youth in our parish for a night of pizza and games. Pizza and drinks provided but you are most welcome to bring snacks to share with others. You can just stop in or better yet, let us know you are coming so we can order enough pizza. Friends are welcome!

***Information and RSVP***, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514

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*A Program of Catholic Community Services*



# Volunteer Chore Services

## Help a Neighbor in Need

Many people in our community require help with transportation, shopping, laundry, housework, and more. Advanced age, chronic illness and financial difficulties can prevent our neighbors from accomplishing these routine daily tasks. By volunteering just a few hours a month with **Volunteer Chore Services**, you can help someone stay in his or her own home, avoiding the need to move to a nursing home or other institutional setting.

**Volunteers provide assistance with**

- Companionship
- Transportation
- Laundry
- Light housework
- Shopping
- Errands
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Household repairs

### **Come and See Information Session**

**Sunday  
February 27th  
11:15 - 11:45 am**

**Mother Mary Rose Room  
Pastoral Outreach Center  
907 Columbia**

*Information, Suzanne Lee*  
206-654-4640  
[slee@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:slee@stjames-cathedral.org)



# ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

February, 2011

Dear Friends,

Back in September, one-thousand of our parish households were invited to participate in a survey on our Cathedral parish. We are grateful for the large number who responded. It has taken some time and effort to sift through a mountain of data but we are now in a position to share the results with you.

If I had to sum up the survey in a sentence, it would be this: you like your parish, you support it, and you feel that you are a part of its life and ministry. (Heavens, some of you even seem to like your pastor!) And even though we are a very large parish and pray in a very large building, by far the majority of you feel that St. James is a community, your community; you know that your presence and participation are vital to the life of this community, and you are happy to be part of it.

In my view, that is no small achievement, nor is it typical of cathedral parishes across our country.

There are several reasons for this – and they emerge quite clearly in the survey responses. You love the way the Church's liturgy is celebrated in the Cathedral, you value very highly the service, outreach, and social justice orientation of the parish, and you appreciate the many opportunities provided for growing in the understanding of your faith.

Of course, there are challenges, too, and some indications of dissatisfaction. Because we are such a large parish, sometimes it can feel too big, even impersonal. And many of you, who come from long distances to pray here on Sundays, find it difficult to get back during the week and take part in all the other activities that make this place what it is.

Our Pastoral Vision Council, as well as our parish staff, have reviewed all the data and the feedback which you provided, and the results will shape a new vision statement for the parish. We think this will be a good starting place for some honest self-evaluation as well as an opportunity to grow.

Thank you for taking part in the survey. I hope you will take some time to review the results. And I hope that doing so will make you want to become even more involved in the life of our wonderful parish!



Father Michael G. Ryan

## SURVEY RESULTS

The main portion of the survey invited respondents to respond to 20 statements, taken from our 2005 Vision Statement, "Christ Our Cornerstone." Respondents agreed or disagreed with the statement, or remained neutral. On the whole, the response to the "20 Questions" portion of the survey was overwhelmingly positive. The parishioners who responded were almost universal (more than 90% agreeing) in affirming the strength of our RCIA program, our parish liturgies, art and music, our adult faith formation programs, and our outreach to the poor and needy. The lowest responses were in the area of the Cathedral's programs for teenagers, with 23% not offering a response, and only 47% offering a positive response. Some 83% felt that their "presence and participation really matter," while 86% agreed that "strangers and visitors always feel welcome at St. James Cathedral." On the whole, the survey revealed that the parish is living out its vision in key areas, but has plenty of room to grow. *Those interested in the complete numeric data can download a detailed spreadsheet at [www.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org).*

## WHAT IS OUR GREATEST STRENGTH AS A PARISH?

We received hundreds of written responses in addition to the numeric data. The strengths of the parish were identified as follows:

- **SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND OUTREACH TO THE POOR.** "The commitment to service is accomplished with gentleness and humility." "The diverse social outreach programs make me proud to be a parishioner of St. James."
- **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY OF THE COMMUNITY.** "St. James Cathedral has loving arms that reach out, embrace our community—it says, whoever you are, however you are, you matter, and you are loved!" "Everyone is welcome and all beliefs and ways of life are respected." "Its open acceptance of all people—this is what drew me there and keeps me there." "My initial impression of St. James is that here was a cross-section of the WORLD, welcomed, nurtured, and fed." "Our greatest strength is

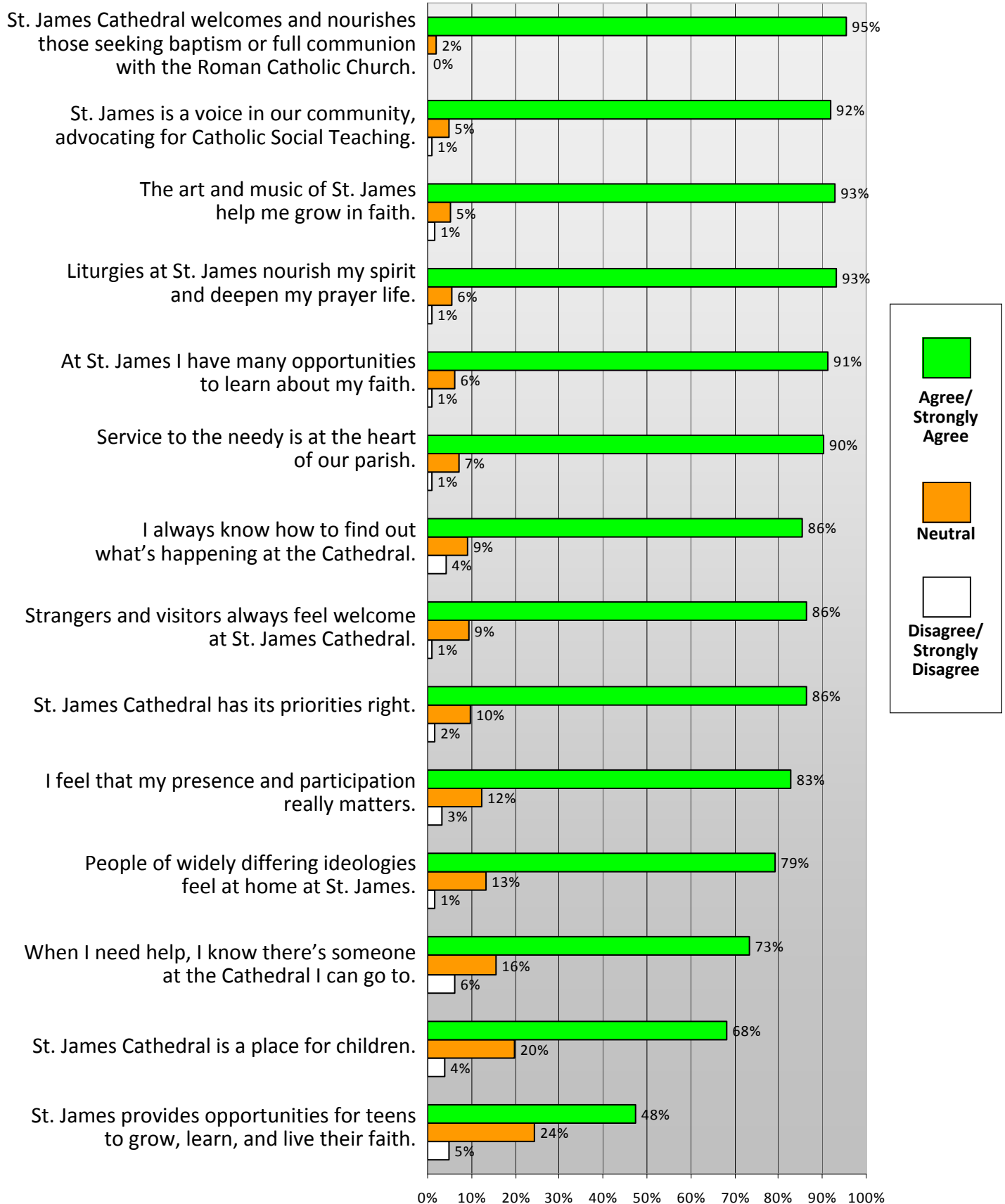
*"our greatest strength is that everyone who walks through the doors comes away blessed"*

our community, in all its rich diversity, gathered around the altar Sunday after Sunday."

- **FATHER RYAN.** Many respondents identified Father Ryan's pastoral leadership as one of the greatest strengths of the parish. "Having Father Ryan as our leader we are in great shape." Many commented on his "leadership, care, concern, and personal touch." "Perhaps we are too reliant on Father Ryan, and when he retires, the parish will lack the ability to work on effectively without a strong personality at its head."
- **CELEBRATING THE MASS.** The beauty of the liturgies was highlighted again and again. "Powerful and prayerful." "I have yet to leave a liturgy or celebration without feeling a deep sense of uplift, of joy." "The best Catholic liturgies in the city." "There is a balance, liturgy, action, invitation for deep prayer and reflection." "A wonderful blend of grandeur and simplicity." "The service has so much great music, majesty, and respect for the liturgy that you can't help being awed by it." "The quality of the liturgy, the dignity and smoothness with which the Mass is conducted—it inspires me, comforts me, helps me pray, reflect, and forgive. I can feel the faith and love around me in the pews and from the altar."
- **MUSIC PROGRAM.** "The music program is 'second to none' and contributes so much to making St. James a blessed place to belong." "I have never failed to leave Church—from the quietest Sunday night Mass to the joyousness of Easter—feeling better than when I arrived. The music plays a huge part in that."

Other strengths identified included the beauty of the Cathedral itself and the many opportunities to learn about our faith. This comment sums up what many expressed: "If I step back a bit and look at our Cathedral with a broad view, I think our greatest strength is that everyone who walks through the doors comes away blessed. There is an ineffable 'something' that reaches people, no matter what their age, church, or situation."

Back in September 2010, the Pastoral Vision Council conducted a survey of 1,000 parish households, inviting them to respond to 20 statements about the Cathedral and also to offer their comments on our strengths and weaknesses as a parish. We received nearly 600 responses. This report offers some highlights of the survey results; the complete results are available at [www.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org). *Note that numbers do not add up to 100% due to questions left blank.*





## WHAT IS OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS AS A PARISH?

These are some common threads among those identifying our greatest weakness as a parish (beginning with the most commonly identified issues):

- **SIZE OF THE PARISH.** “Due to its size and the very nature of being a Cathedral, it’s easy to feel anonymous.” “The large size of the parish can make it difficult to get to know fellow parishioners.” “Parishioners often feel very distant from one another.” “Being such a large parish we can sometimes get lost in the crowd.” “Sometimes feeling too large and too far away. I don’t know if that is your weakness or mine.” “It’s difficult to find a place to fit in and be included.”
- **PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS.** “I think the parish needs to develop more youth/teen programs. If the future of the Church depends on the next generation, we have some work to do!” “Both my teens would participate in a teen group if it was available.”
- **THE SOUND SYSTEM.** “The acoustics in the Cathedral are much better than before but leave much to be desired.” “Just admit we have a problem and don’t suggest earphones for everyone. We’re all in this together.” “We know the sound system has improved but we pray that more improvements will take place.”
- **GREATER PARTICIPATION.** “It would be nice if all registered parishioners would contribute financially. Even a little.” “There are too few doing the work for many—from tithing to volunteer service.” “Igniting the fire of service to a greater number of parishioners. I think we do remarkably well given the fact that many parishioners live a distance from the Cathedral, but it does seem that the same people do multiple service projects.” “We need a broader group base to feel the call to give of both time and treasure.”
- **TOO LIBERAL/NOT LIBERAL ENOUGH.** “While our views are very progressive and welcoming, we remain bound by higher church authorities.” “The weakness of St. James is the weakness of our Catholic Church.” “Inherent in the fabric of St. James is a very liberal bent. It is rare to hear a conservative perspective.” “I would like to know more

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people who share my conservative view without feeling alienated.”

Some other areas identified included a wish for more vocal advocacy of Pro-Life issues; the challenge of parking; the shortage of priests; the difficulty in volunteering for some ministries (not getting a call back), the need for social opportunities, especially for single people; and the need for small group prayer opportunities.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

The general comments offered were very wide-ranging. A very common theme was the pride parishioners take in belonging to St. James. The following are a few comments that capture the spirit of many others:

- “Being a member of St. James has changed my life. I finally feel as if I really have some roots, and that I belong at St. James. I feel that I have a family, even though I am single. I am sincerely grateful for all that St. James provides me—unmeasurable support and acceptance and inclusion.”
- “I feel blessed to have found my way to St. James. Here, I have found healing, forgiveness, and peace. For this, I will forever be grateful.”
- “I love my parish!”
- “St. James is home to me.”
- “There will always be flaws because humanity as a whole is flawed. God’s grace I believe more than fills the gaps between.”
- “I thank God almost daily for this community that has shown our faith in action.”
- “I do have a concern for the future, and this involves transition: whenever Father Ryan retires, this transition will require some extremely careful preparation, planning.”
- “Any Sunday that I’m away, I regret.”
- “St. James has helped me try to live the message of Christ.”