



Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. (Psalm 103)
West Nave Clerestory Window, Charles Connick, 1917-1919

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2011

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

Kyrie dominicale

Scheidemann

ENTRANCE

For the healing of the nations

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From des - pair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; That re-deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; Pride of sta - tus, race or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
All may come and go in peace. Show us how through
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice Earth its des - tin - y may find.

PENITENTIAL RITE

“Kyrie” from *St. James Mass for Peace*

Herbolsheimer



1. & 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.




2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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

GLORIA (Sunday Evening)
(All other Masses)

Missa de angelis, No. 341
St. James Mass for Peace

Vatican VIII
Herbolsheimer



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS [*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; I Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48*]

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 103

Batastini



ALLELUIA

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HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Litany of Saints

CREED No. 238

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

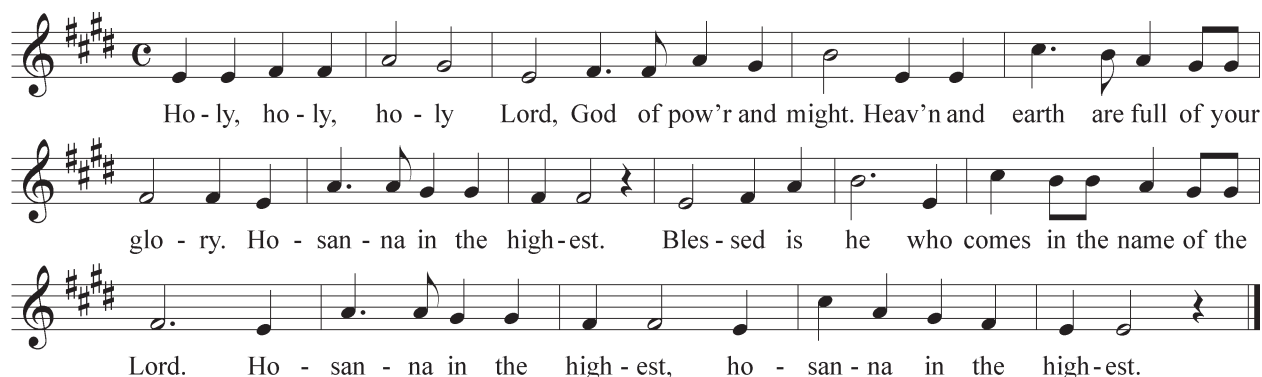
"I am the vine" from *Inscriptions of St. James*

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SANCTUS

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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AMEN

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LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

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Response 1, 2



Response 3



COMMUNION

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

(10:00)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

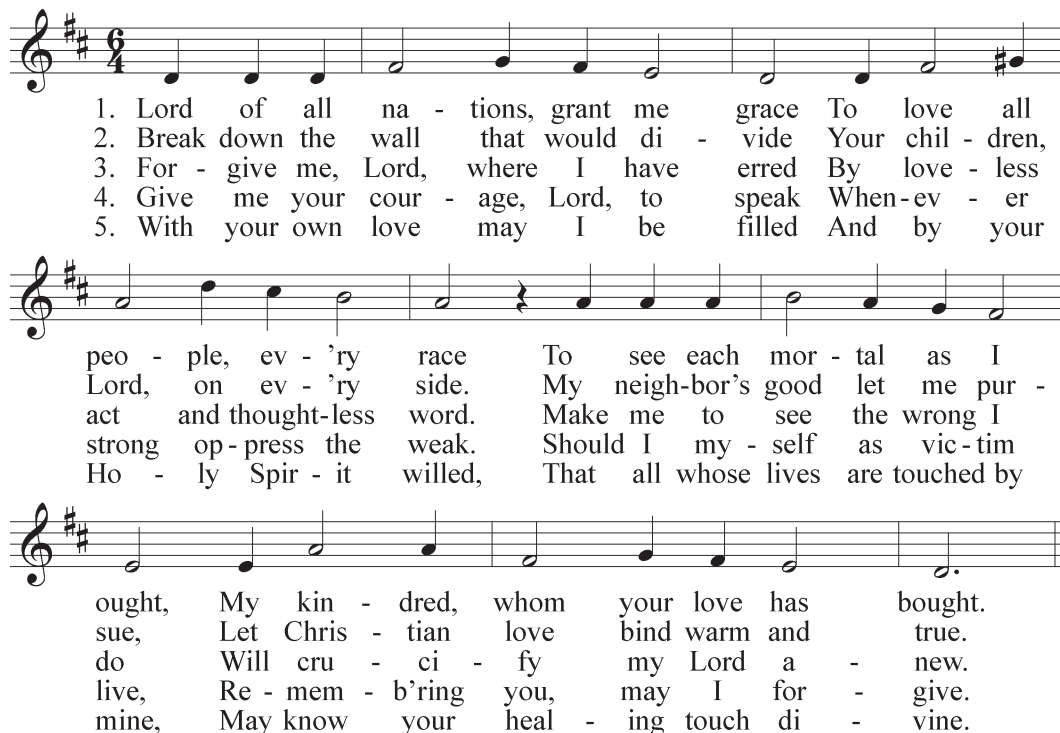
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When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please **KNEEL OR BE SEATED**. This is the norm for large assemblies in the Archdiocese of Seattle and we thank you for following our practice.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord of all nations, grant me grace

BEATUS VIR



PROCESSION

Präludium in E Major

Lübeck

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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MUSIC MINISTRY (206-382-4874)

Dr. James Savage, Director of Music

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Stacey Sunde, Music Assistant

Ian Newhall, Coordinator of Special Projects

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

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Bev Mauser, Louise Mennella, Wedding Coordinators

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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

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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 AT THE ALTAR are in loving memory of Lisa Wong, from her family.

NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE A DVD of the KING-TV broadcast of Midnight Mass, 2010, is now available in the Cathedral Bookstore—for a limited time!

FINDING HOPE IN A TOPSY-TURVY JOB MARKET:

Principles and Tools to Jump Start Your Job Search
Today, Sunday, February 20 from 11:30am-1:00pm in Gallagher Center (lower level of rectory—Columbia St. entrance) will be the continuation of our ongoing series to support persons in the job market. This series incorporates efforts to search for a job within a context of faith and hope including sharing strategies and struggles. Sessions are facilitated by parishioners who are professionals in this field. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org

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

Scripture sharing and informal social time is today, Sunday, February 20 starting at 4:00pm. Do you ever wonder how the Sunday readings relate to our everyday lives? Enjoy fellowship, wine, and cheese from 4:00 to 4:30 followed by sharing how the Scripture readings for the day speak to you in your everyday life. The study 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. *Information* youngadults@stjames-cathedral.org or TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018.

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.

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*, 206-264-4822, or medievalwomenschoir.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 Redeemer in Vancouver and Sacred Heart in LaConner and Winlock.*

Sacred Steps

Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

CONGRATULATIONS to *Kristine Hartley & Andrew Lund*, married in the Cathedral on Saturday, February 12. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives together!

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

"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

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY Washington State faces massive budget cuts that imperil those in our community who are most in need. All St. James parishioners 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. *Information* Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640. *To register, contact the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center*, ipjc@ipjc.or or 206-223-1138.

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, 206-654-4640 or slee@stjames-cathedral.org.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP? On Saturday, March 5 on the first floor of the Pastoral Outreach Center, the ESL Program will be assisting people with their naturalization applications. If you, someone in your family, or a friend need help applying for U.S. citizenship, call to sign up for an appointment. When you call, you will get more information about the services we provide and find out what you will need to bring with you. If you are low-income and live in Seattle, the city will cover the application assistance fee. For all others, the application assistance costs \$100. *Information*, Jenna Serghini, 206-382-4511, jserghini@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.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER BEING A RCIA SPONSOR WHILE ALSO LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH? Come to the Sponsor Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm at Cathedral Place, second floor, to learn more about this great opportunity. We continue to have many new inquirers coming to participate in our Christian Initiation process to learn more about the Catholic Church (RCIA). We need St. James parishioners to be companions with our new inquirers to help welcome them to our community. All training and support will be provided and the time commitment is reasonable—a minimum of 2 sessions a month (Wednesday evenings). The rewards are many, including renewal and update of your faith and "kudos" in heaven. *Information*, Helen Oesterle at 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org

HANDEL'S ANTHEMS Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20, 2011 8:00 pm Seattle Pro Musica, a Cathedral Resident Ensemble, performs Handel's great setting of the Vesper Psalm *Dixit Dominus*, as well as his *Chandos Anthem No. 8* and *Utrecht Jubilate Deo*. Karen P. Thomas, Music Director. *Information*, 206-781-2766 or www.seattlepromusica.org

CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR RAINBOW SCHOOL STUDENTS Our parish has established a scholarship fund to assist families in meeting the financial obligation involved in sending their elementary school age children to any one of the Rainbow Schools (Sts. George, Edward, Paul, Therese, and Joseph). Applications are now available for the 2011 school year. Families are required to be registered in our parish, have a Sacrificial Giving card on file (whether they are able to make a monetary pledge or not), and active in the parish in some capacity. Applications are due April 30. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org.

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 benefit Homeless Ministry and Operation Nightwatch.*

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.*

PRAYER WITH MUSIC FROM TAIZÉ Each Friday at 6:30pm in the Cathedral, all are invited to join in an ecumenical service of readings, silence, candlelight, and the music of the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. This simple, reflective prayer is the perfect way to end a busy week.

SICK OR HOMEBOUND? If you or someone you know is seriously ill, hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive communion calls or are in need of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call John Simpson, 206-274-3173 or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

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.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR Floral offerings are a venerable custom in the Church, and a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or give thanks for an answered prayer. *Information* Peggy Behnken, 206-654-4650, pbehnken@stjames-cathedral.org.

NEED PASTORAL CARE? The Cathedral provides a variety of such ministries. Whether you are sick or homebound and in need of communion, whether you would like a CD of Sunday's Mass, or if you need the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we can help! *Information* John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, 206-274-3173, jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

ARCHBISHOP HUNTHAUSEN LIBRARY Visit your friendly and accessible Archbishop Hunthausen Library in Cathedral Hall during the Sunday coffee hours. We have a good selection of old favorites and recent releases.

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 blocked 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.



HIGH SCHOOL GAMES NIGHT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 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

hoesterle@stjames-cathedral.org

Living the Gospel

*A six-week Lenten small group exploration of Scripture,
Faith and Catholic Social Teaching.*

How are we called to live our faith in today's complex world? What does the compassion of Christ look like? What is the difference between charity and justice, and how are we called to live out both?

Join us for a Lenten journey into the heart of our Gospel call.



Sessions will be held on

- Tuesday afternoons,
- Tuesday evenings,
- Wednesday mornings,
- Wednesday evenings,
- or Saturday mornings.

Registration required.

Contact Patty Bowman,
206-382-4515 or
pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org.

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



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.*

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

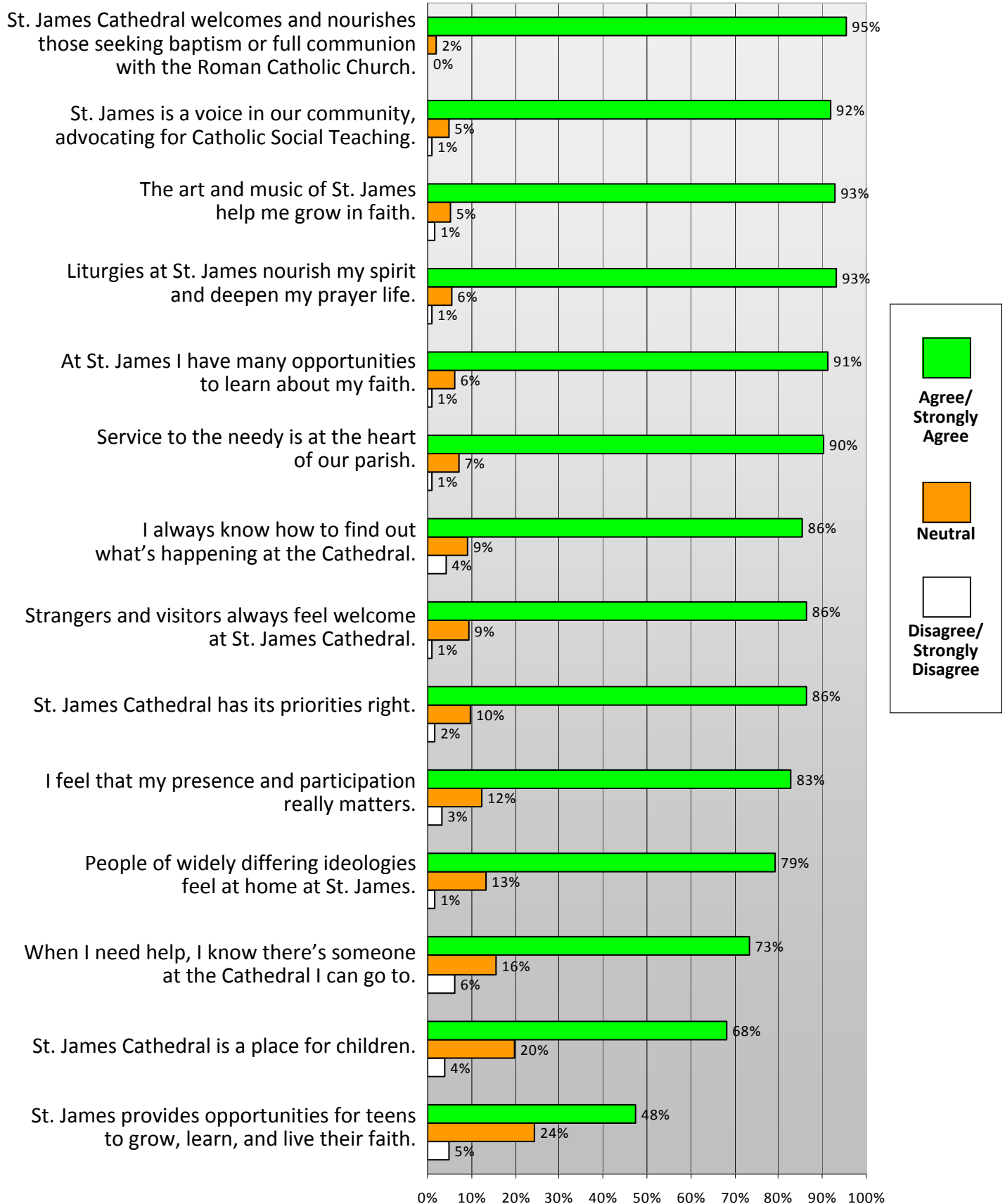
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our community, in all its rich diversity, gathered around the altar Sunday after Sunday."

- **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. *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

“due to its size and the very nature of being a Cathedral, it’s easy to feel anonymous”

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.”