

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2012

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *The Second Sunday of Easter*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00am)

*Texts for the revised translation of the Mass responses
can be found inside the front cover of the red Worship hymnal.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRELUDE

All glory be to God on high, BWV 664

Bach

ENTRANCE

Introit for the Second Sunday of Easter

ST. ANNE



Antiphon 1. As new - born in - fants long for milk, We
Psalm 81 2. A loud shout raise to Ja - cob's God, Re -
3. Blow on the ram's horn on our feast, The
4. When Jo - seph came from E - gypt, he Re -
5. "I am the Lord who brought you out Of
Antiphon 6. As new - born in - fants long for milk, We

seek our heav'n - ly food, Which strength - ens, gives e -
joice in God our King; Sound tim - brels, pluck the
full moon and the new; This is a law of
ceived the sol - emn charge. A great voice said, "I
E - gypt and I said, If now you o - pen
seek our heav'n - ly food, Which strength - ens, gives e -

ter - nal life; O taste, the Lord is good.
mer - ry harp, And play the lyre and sing.
Ja - cob's God And Is - rael's stat - ute, too.
eased your load, And set your feet at large."
wide your mouth, You will be tru - ly fed."
ter - nal life; O taste, the Lord is good.

RITE OF SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

Vidi aquam

Schubert, adapted



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WELCOMING OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED (10:00)

GLORIA

Schubert



f *p*

Glo-ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
 Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone

f

peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - - - sus

p

glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord
 mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of

f

God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.
 prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men. A - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118

Proulx



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

SECOND READING

I John 5:1-6

ALLELUIA

Palestrina/Monk



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

HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

CREED (except 10:00am)

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

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

[ALL BOW]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

[ALL STAND UPRIGHT]

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM (10:00am)

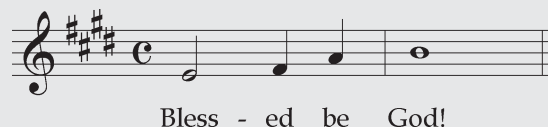
INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY OF SAINTS

Schubert



THANKSGIVING OVER BLESSED WATER

Herbolsheimer, adapt.



PROFESSION OF FAITH All join in the response, **I do.**

ACCLAMATION FOLLOWING THE BAPTISM **Alleluia!**

Herbolsheimer

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Hurd

ENTRANCE OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

EXPLANATORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00 & Noon)

“Laudamus te” from *Gloria*
Vivaldi

SANCTUS

German Mass

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

mp
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts._____
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts._____
f Heav-en and earth are full,_____
full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
f Bless-ed is he who comes_____
in the name of the Lord._____
mp Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Schubert, adapt. St. James Cathedral

When we eat this Bread_____
and drink this Cup,_____
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til_____
you_____
come a-gain.

AMEN

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men._____

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

Schubert, adapt. Proulx

℞ 1, 2 Have mer - cy on_____
us.

℞ 3 Give_____
us_____
your peace.

COMMUNION

Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were, alleluia;
and be not doubtful but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

(10:00 ☞ Noon)

Laudate Dominum

Mozart


When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please **KNEEL OR BE SEATED**.
Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

HYMN OF PRAISE

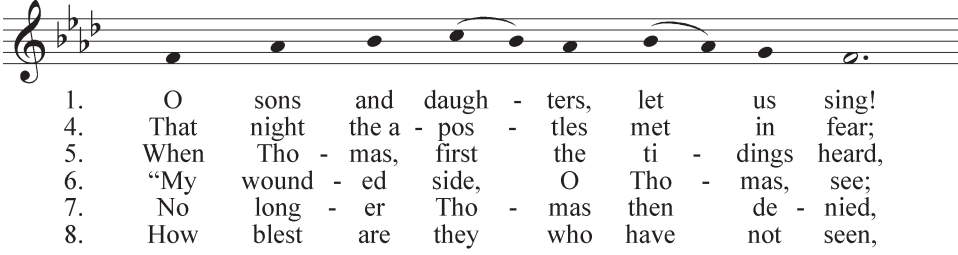
O sons and daughters

O FILII ET FILIÆ

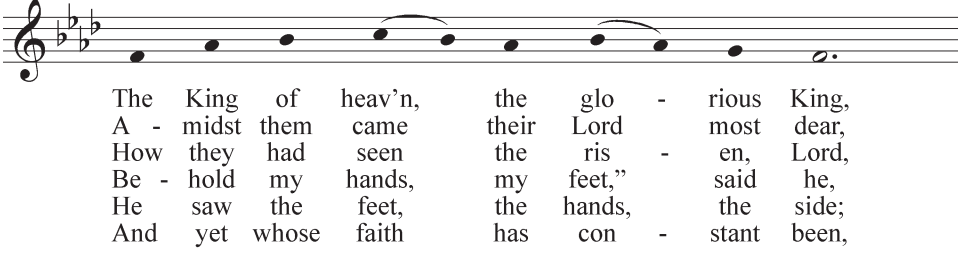
Refrain



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



1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
4. That night the apostles met in fear;
5. When Thomas, first the tidings heard,
6. "My wound-ed side, O Thomas, see;
7. No long-er Thomas then de-nied,
8. How blest are they who have not seen,



The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
A - midst them came their Lord most dear,
How they had seen the risen, Lord,
Be - hold my hands, my feet," said he,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
And yet whose faith has con - stant been,

D.C.



O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
And said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
He doubt-ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Not faith-less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
For they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PROCESSION

Victimæ Paschali laudes

Tournemire

PROCESSIONAL ICON OF THE RESURRECTION (CHRIST AND ST. THOMAS) by Cathedral Iconographer Joan Brand-Landkamer.
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Joy and Hope in Christ: Vatican II

Part 7 in a series

April 15, 2012

This year, 2012, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which began on October 11, 1962, and closed on December 8, 1965. Throughout the year, we'll mark this milestone anniversary by celebrating the Council, and exploring its teachings through bulletin inserts, lectures, and a variety of special events.

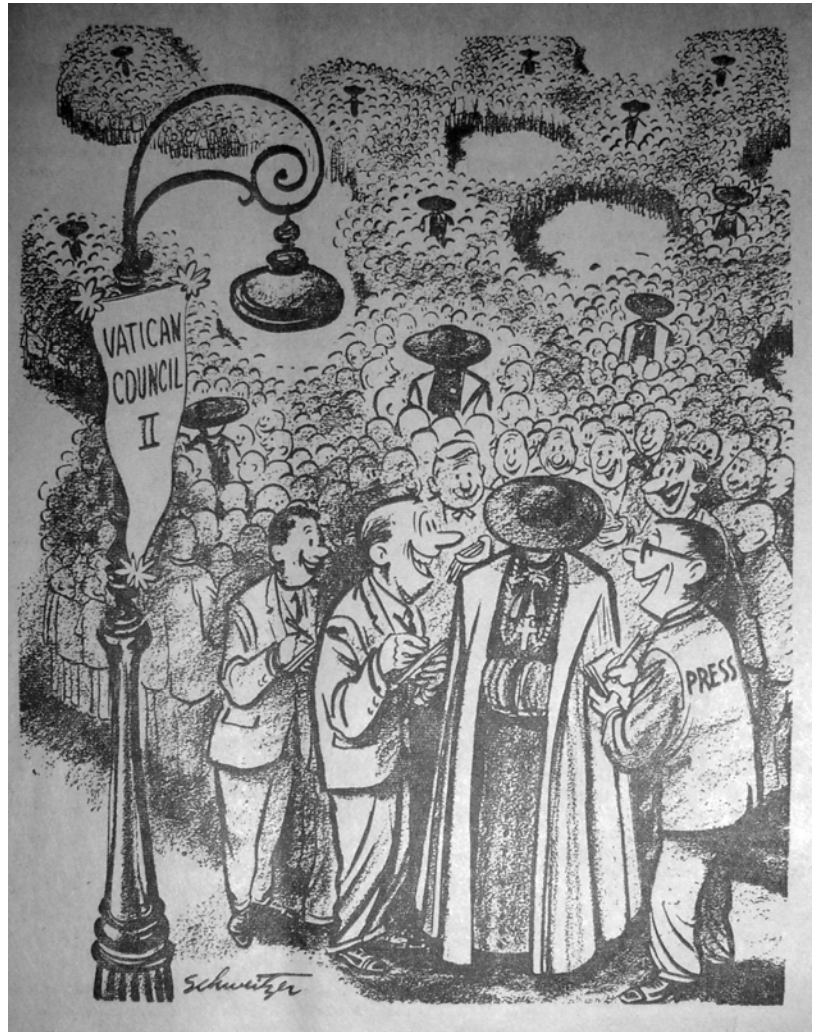
The Council at Work

Following the solemn opening on October 11, 1962, the work of the Council got underway.

What was the day-to-day experience of the Council like? The bishops assembled in St. Peter's Basilica, sitting in bleachers facing each other across the nave. They did not sit with their national groups, but in order of precedence (that is, the date they were ordained bishops), which meant that many new friendships were formed across national and linguistic divides. All the proceedings took place in Latin. The discussion of each topic began with a draft document called a "schema." Any Council Father was free to critique, defend, or comment on any aspect of each schema. At various points, the moderator of the session (the Cardinals took turns) would call for a vote and move the conversation forward.

The Council was not, therefore, a free-form, open-ended discussion, but something more like a parliamentary debate. What is more, everything took place in Latin, which meant that the Bishops had to plan and prepare their "interventions," as their responses were called, well in advance. Even though Latin was the universal language of the Church, the Fathers soon found that Latin as pronounced by a German sounded quite different from Latin as pronounced by an Englishman or a Roman. The American bishops came under particular fire for their Latin accents – and when Cardinal Spellman of New York moderated, he had to employ an interpreter to translate his Latin into Latin!

Liturgy was the first topic the Council tackled, partly because it was thought to be much less controversial than some of the other issues. The Liturgical Movement had been underway for more than fifty years, and liturgical renewal had already begun. In 1947, Pope Pius XII had published *Mediator Dei*, an encyclical on liturgy which anticipated many of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, and in 1955, he had reformed the liturgies of Holy Week, restoring the Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil to the evening (they had been celebrated in the morning since the Council of Trent). Seattle was on the forefront of the Liturgical Movement. In August of 1962, a national Liturgy Week had



"May we quote your 'no comment'?" (A cartoon from *The Progress*, 1962)

been held at the new Seattle Center, and Catholics filled the Arena for the first Mass on the West Coast facing the people.

The Church was ready for liturgical reform. But that didn't mean that the Council's liturgy debates were easy. Some of the issues that emerged were the use of Latin, communion under both kinds, and the importance of the liturgy in forming and teaching the faithful and seekers alike. In listening to each other and responding to each other, the liturgy schema was revised and enhanced. It would finally be presented for a vote in December, 1963, at the end of the Second Session of the Council. The final document, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, was approved by a landslide: 2,147 bishops voted in favor; only 4 voted against it.

In our next issue, we'll look at some of the key teachings of this Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

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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

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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 BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

are in remembrance of Tobin Alexander Gustav Cook from his family.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE Visit www.stjames-cathedral.org to read Father Ryan's homily for Easter Sunday online. You can also view photo albums of the recent holy days at the Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO Stop by Cathedral Hall after the 10:00am Mass today for a latte or mocha. All proceeds during the month of April benefit our babysitting program.

THE FIRST SENIOR TRIP will be Wednesday, April 18. First we will visit the Seattle Aquarium and its mammoth, 120,000-gallon exhibit. Experience a glimpse into life under the surface of Puget Sound and see salmon, rockfish, lingcod, wolf eels, sea otters, sharks and more! Our second stop will be the Boehm Chocolate Factory. Observe the making of the most exquisite, European style, hand-dipped chocolates to classic American Fudge. Please join us for a tour and a taste! Space is limited and priority will be given to registered parishioners over 65. *Information, or to reserve your place*, Elizabeth Falzone, 206-654-4650 or e-mail efalzone@stjames-cathedral.org.

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.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR MINISTRIES will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 10:00am in the Cathedral Hall. New volunteers with ongoing unsupervised contact with minors or vulnerable adults are required to take this foundational one-time Safe Environment training. Register on-line <http://www.seattlearchsep.org/>. *Information*, Elizabeth Falzone, 206-654-4650 or efalzone@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. Mark in Shoreline and Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission in Eatonville.*

SEND US YOUR DESSERT RECIPES Following up on the enormous success of the first ESL cookbook, we are once again asking parishioners for recipes. This newest edition will be devoted entirely to desserts. We are especially interested in old family recipes that reflect your cultural background. Feel free to include any family stories or cultural history related to your recipe. Remember: Life is short - eat dessert first! Mail your contribution to: St James ESL Program, 804 Ninth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104 or email it to mmain@stjames-cathedral.org. *Information*, Mali Main 206-382-4511.

ESL SKYPE TUTORS Help adult refugees and immigrants practice conversational English through Skype. You and your student commit to a regular schedule of 1 hour per week. You will need access to a computer with internet and a webcam. Skype tutors receive a short training and ongoing support. We have students waiting right now! *Information*, Meredith Smith, 206-382-4511, ESL@stjames-cathedral.org

MENTAL HEALTH CAREGIVERS The St. James Mental Health Ministry is offering a series of biblically-based prayer and support group sessions for parishioners who care for relatives and friends living with mental illness. *Praying the Psalms: Realizing the Healing Power of the Bible's Songs of Petition and Praise* will run for six Thursdays, from 7:00-8:30pm, in the Gallagher Center, starting April 19, 2012. The sessions will explore the comfort and healing words found in the Psalms and help family members, who often lack the support they need, to understand and cope with their loved one's mental illness. *Information or to register*, Beth Rose, Parish Mental Health Nurse, brose@stjames-cathedral.org, 206-382-4269.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND/OR BECOMING CATHOLIC? You are invited to participate in the RCIA, a process of initiation into the Catholic community of faith. It is a process which encompasses the study of Scripture, Catholic teaching, and Christian values—the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action—all with the support and involvement of the parish community. You can learn more by going to www.stjames-cathedral.org/RCIA. A new inquiry session will begin Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in Cathedral Place, second floor. *Information*, TerryAnn Bowen, 206-382-2018 or tbowen@stjames-cathedral.org.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH? Our Welcome Back program provides a safe place, in the company of others who are also examining their faith, to ask questions about returning to regular church attendance, returning to the sacraments, and to learn about changes in the church. The sessions are offered on Mondays, April 23 through July 16, 7:00-9:00pm on 2nd floor Cathedral Place. Classes are offered without any obligation. *Information*, David Murphy, 206-274-3109 or dmurphy@stjames-cathedral.org.

Sacred Steps

Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to the following adults, who were baptized, confirmed, and received their first Holy Communion at the great Easter Vigil on April 7: *Nicole Andriana Bernard, Chad David Bitzer, Amy Rose Kilian, Adam Edward Kinsey, Norman Melville Ledbetter, Daniel James Lefler, Jennifer Lynn Nudelman, Angeline Pongidin, Sonya Trejo, Evelyn Lai Wai Tse, and Natalie Kuuipo Kristina VanBrunt*. We welcome with great joy these newest members of the family of faith. Throughout the Easter season, our "Neophytes" will wear the white robes of their baptism whenever they attend Mass.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL conferences of St. James thank cathedral parishioners for their generous donations last month. During March we made a total of 58 home visits to our low income neighbors. Your contributions allowed us to keep 51 individuals and families from being evicted from their homes, and to prevent utility shut-offs for 7 households. We provided food for 6 families, furniture to 10 households, and clothes for 5 people. We were also able to help 5 people with transportation costs. Our priority is preventing homelessness; this makes your contributions go a long way. Helping our neighbors to pay their rent costs us an average of \$6 per bed night. This is far cheaper than picking up the pieces after people lose their housing. Shelters cost \$15-20 per bed night, and motels cost \$50 or more per night. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society follow Jesus through service to those in need. Bearing witness to Christ's compassionate and liberating love, we show our commitment through person-to-person contact, making our home visits in pairs. Please consider joining our ministry to the poor among us. *Information*, Rob Millar 206-954-8902 and Tammy Bendix 206-595-9158.

Getting to know Good Pope John

Later this year, thanks to some generous parishioners, a permanent shrine to Blessed John XXIII, the Pope who called the Second Vatican Council, will be established in the north aisle of the Cathedral. Throughout the year, keep an eye on this box in the bulletin to learn more about this great saint of modern times.

"What did I feel upon learning that I had been elected Pope? Much emotion, to be sure, and a host of anxieties. But also the same sensation as a baby in swaddling clothes, because the cassock which they had slipped over me was very tight and I felt as though I were wrapped up like a mummy."



SENIOR TRIPS

The first senior trip of 2012 will be Wednesday, April 18. We will visit the SEATTLE AQUARIUM and its mammoth 120,000 gallon exhibit. Experience a glimpse into the life under the surface of the Puget Sound.

Our second stop will be BOEHM CHOCOLATE FACTORY. Observe the making of everything from the most exquisite European style hand dipped chocolates to classic American fudge. Please join us for a tour and a taste. Space is limited and priority will be given to registered parishioners over 65.

If you've never been on one of our Senior Trips, please consider joining us. They are fun outings with fellow parishioners, and offer a chance to see notable northwest places you might not otherwise visit.

SAVE THE DATE for this year's trips!

- May 9—Lilac Days at Hulda Klager Gardens in Woodland, WA
- June 13—Pt. Defiance Zoo
- July 11—NW Trek
- August 8—Mt. St. Helens
- September 12—The Steam Train in Elbe
- October 10—The King Tut exhibit including the IMAX showing of *Mummies*

For information, or to reserve a place, contact Elizabeth Falzone, 206-654-4650 or e-mail efalzone@stjames-cathedral.org.



The Arab Awakening!

IMPACT ON LOCAL CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, April 18 | 7:00 pm
*Pastoral Outreach Center,
907 Columbia Street*

Join us in welcoming Dr. Harry Hagopian, who will explore the political and social nature of the uprisings across the vast region of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), as well as focus on the impact of those uprisings on the different indigenous Christian communities in the area, their hopes and concerns.

DR. HARRY HAGOPIAN is an Armenian international lawyer based in London and Dublin. Formerly the Assistant General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches in Lebanon & Cyprus, he is currently the Middle East & Inter-Faith Advisor to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. He travels regularly to the Middle East and has liaised closely with the Holy See and the World Council of Churches. Learn about Dr. Hagopian's work at www.epektasis.net, www.ekklesia.co.uk/HarryHagopian, and www.catholicnews.org.uk/middle-east-analysis.

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ARCHBISHOP SARTAIN has asked that the following letter be made available to parishioners at all Masses this weekend. Please note that the Archbishop has wisely left it to the discretion of each pastor to decide whether or not to allow the collection of signatures on Referendum 74 in his parish. After consulting with the Cathedral pastoral team, I have decided that the gathering of signatures would prove hurtful and seriously divisive in our parish community. In saying this, I do realize that there are others who will be disappointed with this decision. I am grateful to the Archbishop for giving pastors discretion in this matter. He knows that we are in the best position to make this judgment. — *Father Ryan*

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April 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, our governor recently signed into law a bill that redefines marriage in the State of Washington. A signature drive is currently underway seeking to place this matter before the voters of our state in November. Referendum 74 will ask voters to approve or reject this redefinition of marriage.

In order to qualify for the November ballot, Referendum 74 must receive approximately 120,000 valid signatures of registered Washington voters by June 6. If the Referendum does not qualify for the November ballot because of a lack of signatures, the legal redefinition of marriage will go into effect June 7. We bishops have already made known our strong opposition to the redefinition of marriage, and we will continue to do so.

Because we believe that this issue is critically important, we support Referendum 74 and have approved the gathering of signatures in our parishes over the next few months. Your pastors have received from us information regarding the signature drive, and we requested that they not collect signatures on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. After Easter, signatures may be gathered on Referendum 74.

Why do we support Referendum 74 and ask you to do so as well? Briefly, here are the reasons:

1. The Referendum would place this matter before the voters of our state. We believe that the redefinition of marriage is such a far-reaching and radical decision that it should not be left simply to a vote of legislators and the signature of the governor.
2. It has often been said in recent months that the redefinition of marriage as a contract between two persons will give same-sex couples the rights enjoyed by married couples. It is important that you understand that same-sex couples in registered domestic partnerships in our state *already* enjoy the rights and privileges of married couples. These rights were previously enacted into our state law.
3. Marriage between a man and a woman is the foundation of our society. The key to understanding the Church's view of marriage can be found in the two fundamental ends or purposes toward which it is oriented: the good of the spouses and the procreation of children. Man and woman are created as complementary in God's plan, and God established marriage precisely so that man and woman could participate in his love, selflessly give themselves to each other in love, and enjoy the benefits of their love. Married love is also life-giving: according to God's plan, the crowning fruit of marriage is the bearing of children. These two meanings are inseparable.
4. It is important to remember that all Christians are called to chastity, and sexual intercourse is so intimate and significant that it is intended only for a man and woman in marriage. For married couples, chastity involves their faithfulness and respect for one another. For all unmarried persons, chastity means that they refrain from sexual relations. This is the constant teaching of the Church.

5. Some have suggested that the Catholic Church's opposition to the redefinition of marriage amounts to discrimination. That is not the case. Treating *different things differently* is not unjust discrimination. Marriage can only be between a man and a woman because of its unique ends, purpose and place in society. The word "marriage" isn't simply a label that can be attached to different types of relationships. Instead, "marriage" reflects a deep reality – the reality of the unique, fruitful, lifelong union that is only possible between a man and a woman. There is nothing else like it, and it can't be defined or made into something that it isn't.
6. Why does the Catholic Church care so much about marriage? Because marriage is a fundamental good in itself and foundational to human existence and flourishing. Following the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and all people, and the common good. Marriage affects everyone and is never just a "private" issue; it has public significance and many public consequences.
7. Does the Catholic Church teach that people who experience same-sex attraction have equal dignity? Of course! *Every single human person* has inviolable dignity and worth. In keeping with this conviction, the Church teaches that persons with same-sex attraction must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. We recognize that they have been, and often continue to be, objects of scorn, hatred, and even violence in some sectors of society. An important Vatican document states, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." All persons should be treated with respect, sensitivity, and love. The Church calls everyone to holiness.

The Church's teaching about marriage and the gift of life is so rich that we cannot fully explain it in this brief letter. To assist you at this time, however, we have provided answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. In the months and years ahead, we will make it a priority in the Archdiocese to share with you the fullness and beauty of our teaching. Catholic teaching cannot be reduced to a sound bite! Because it comes from God, it is for our good, and living according to the Church's teaching brings us life, peace, fulfillment and hope.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. This is an important time for the State of Washington, and we ask you to support the gathering of signatures for Referendum 74 and to do everything you can to uphold the traditional definition of marriage in our state.

Sincerely in Christ,



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P.S. For more information, we strongly recommend these very helpful websites:

<http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/> and
<http://foryourmarriage.org/>