

*The one who humbles himself will be exalted*  
*Peter weeps. Doorstop for the Ceremonial Bronze Doors. St. James Cathedral*  
*Ulrich Henn, artist*

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
October 27, 2013

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

## *The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Noon)

PRELUDE (Saturday 5:30 & 8:00)

*Our Father, who art in heaven*

Böhm

(10:00 & Noon)

*Prélude*

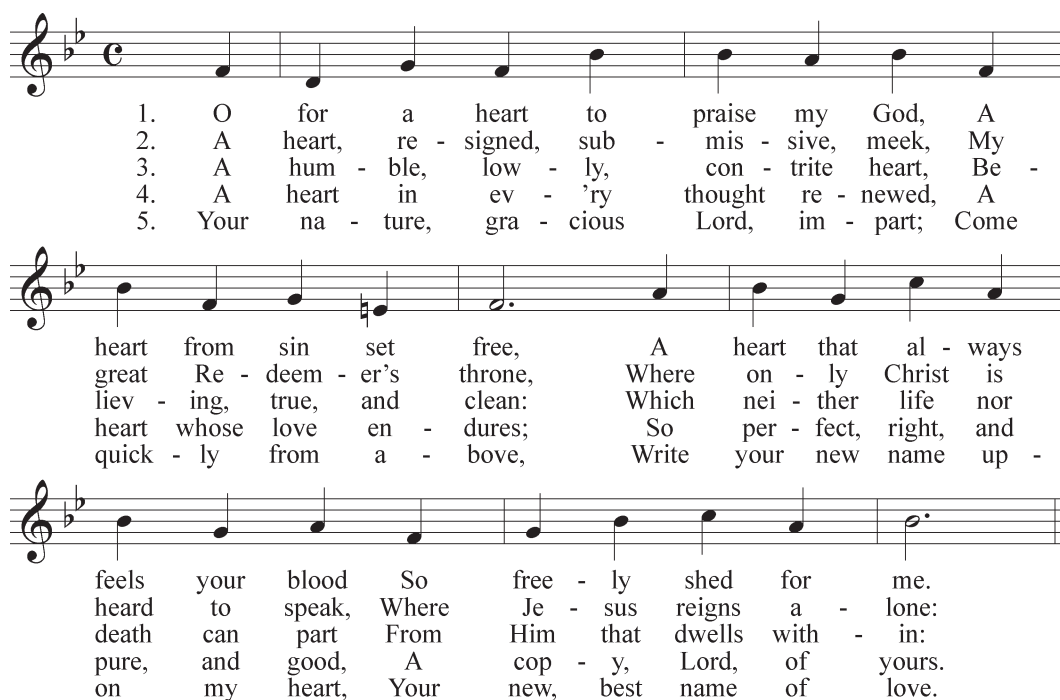
Vierne

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

*O for a heart to praise my God*

ST. ANNE



1. O for a heart to praise my God, A  
2. A heart, re - signed, sub - mis - sive, meek, My  
3. A hum - ble, low - ly, con - trite heart, Be -  
4. A heart in ev - 'ry thought re - newed, A  
5. Your na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; Come

heart from sin set free, A heart that al - ways  
great Re - deem - er's throne, Where on - ly Christ is  
liv - ing, true, and clean: Which nei - ther life nor  
heart whose love en - dures; So per - fect, right, and  
quick - ly from a - bove, Write your new name up -

feels your blood So free - ly shed for me.  
heard to speak, Where Je - sus reigns a - lone:  
death can part From Him that dwells with - in:  
pure, and good, A cop - y, Lord, of yours.  
on my heart, Your new, best name of love.

### PRESENTATION OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED (Noon)

PENITENTIAL ACT

*St. James Mass for Peace*

Herbolsheimer



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



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

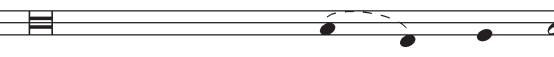
(10:00)

“Kyrie” from *Missa brevis in C Major*, K.220

Mozart

Glory to God in the highest,  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
You are seated at the right hand  
of the Father,  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
with the Holy Spirit,

ALL



and on earth peace to people of good will.  
we adore you,  
for your great glory.  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
have mercy on us;  
re-ceive our prayer;  
  
have mercy on us.  
  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,  
in the glory of  
God the Father,  
A - - - men.

## COLLECT

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34

Kreutz



The Lord\_\_\_\_\_ hears the cry of the poor.

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

ALLELUIA

### Mode VII



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

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

HOMILY

**Father Michael G. Ryan**

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Litany of Saints

CREED (except Noon)

**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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **No. 296 in Worship hymnal**

Litany of Saints

**RITE OF BAPTISM** (Noon)


INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY OF SAINTS No. 827

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

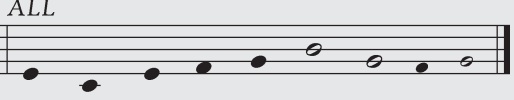
PROFESSION OF FAITH *All join in the response, I do.*

ACCLAMATION FOLLOWING EACH BAPTISM Proulx

*Cantor*



*ALL*



1. God\_\_\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ light:

2. God\_\_\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ love;

3. Bless - ed be\_\_\_ God,

4. You are God's work of art,

in God there is no dark-ness.

all those who live in love, live in God.

who chose you in Christ Je - sus.

who chose you in Christ Je - sus.

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER **All: Alleluia, Alleluia!** Hurd

ENTRANCE OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

EXPLANATORY RITES

- Anointing with Chrism
- White Garment Prayer
- Presentation of a Lighted Candle

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

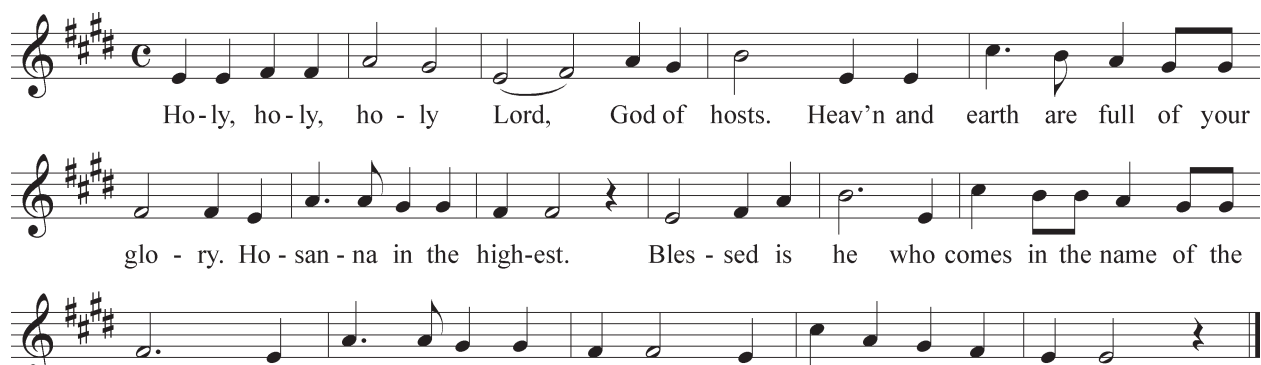
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

*Ave verum corpus*  
Mozart

SANCTUS

*St. James Mass for Peace*  
Herbolsheimer



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts. 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

Herbolsheimer



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

AMEN

Herbolsheimer



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

## THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Herbolsheimer

Response 1, 2



Have mer - cy on us.

Response 3



Grant us peace.\_\_\_\_\_

(10:00)

“Dona nobis pacem” from *Missa brevis in C major*, K . 220

Mozart

COMMUNION

We shall rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of the Lord chant  
our God shall we place our pride.

(10:00)

“Hostias” from *Requiem*

We offer our sacrifices and our prayers to you, O Lord. Mozart

(Noon)

*Ecce panis angelorum*

Dubois

Upon returning to your place after Holy Communion, please **kneel or be seated**.

*Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the presider's chair.*

HYMN OF PRAISE **No. 535 in Worship hymnal**

*God, we praise you (Te Deum)*

NETTLETON

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (10:00, Sunday Evening)

(10:00)

*Regina celi*

Mozart

PROCESSION

*Toccata in B-flat Minor*

Vierne

# St. James Cathedral - Seattle

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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### CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

#### MASS

Sundays 8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm

Weekdays 8:15 & 5:30 pm

Saturdays 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm

### LITURGY of the HOURS Weekdays at 12:10 pm

### VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00 pm.

**BAPTISM** Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**RECONCILIATION** Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated four times yearly in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

**MARRIAGE** A formal program of marriage preparation over a period of several months is required, however, registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process 14 months in advance.

**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 Corinna Laughlin, 206-622-3559

**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 offered in thanksgiving for answered prayers from Steve and Becky Masmela.

**ALL SAINTS** Masses will be Thursday, October 31 at 5:30pm, and Friday, November 1 at 8:15am and 5:30pm. You are also welcome to join the O'Dea High School community for their All Saints Mass at 10:00am. Because of the Holy Day, there will be no First Friday Exposition following the 8:15am Mass, but there will be Holy Hour from Noon to 1:00pm.

**ALL SOULS** This year there will be two Masses for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. The solemn Mass with Mozart's Requiem will be on Friday evening, November 1 at 7:30pm. There will also be an All Souls Mass at 8:15am on Saturday, November 2. Please note that the 5:30pm Mass on November 2 will be an anticipated Mass of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**SOLEMN MASS OF ALL SOULS WITH MOZART'S REQUIEM** On Friday, November 1, at 7:30 pm, St. James celebrates the Solemn Feast of All Souls with chant and Mozart's sublime Requiem. Father Ryan, presider and homilist. All are welcome to join our Cathedral Choir, Soloists, and Chamber Orchestra in this extraordinary tradition of St. James. If you would like to remember someone in the printed program, please put your donation in an envelope marked "All Souls Patron" and drop it in the offering basket today. Be sure to include the name of the person you wish to remember as well as your name and address. *Information*, Music Office, 206-382-4874.

**TOILETRY DONATIONS** We are collecting donations of toiletries for our Winter Shelter and for the Solanus Casey Center. Please bring in donations of **cough drops, razors, large spray deodorant**. Drop them off at Coffee Hour after masses or at the parish office M-F 9am-5pm.

**THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN** would like to thank Pagliacci Pizza for providing 40 pizzas on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. We were able to serve over 150 guests with your tasty pizza. We appreciate your generosity and support in feeding our many guests.

**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 All Saints in Puyallup and Our Lad of the Olympics Mission in Quinault.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS (GRADES 9-12)

Please join us every Sunday evening from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center for an interactive gathering of high school youth. Youth Nights offer games, prayer experiences, and activities designed to help you apply your faith to everyday life. All are welcome! *Information*, Joe Cotton, [jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org).

**CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVENTION** November 2 & 3 at Bellevue College. Mark your calendar for this extraordinary two-day gathering of nearly 2,000 Catholic youth from around the region. Youth Convention is packed with live music, engaging speakers, interactive workshops, moving prayer experiences and adoration with Archbishop Sartain. *Information*, Joe Cotton, [jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS FIRST FRIDAY - CHANGE** Please note that on the first Friday in November there will be no Taizé service. In place of our monthly attendance at Taizé, Young Adults are invited to join the parish community at the Requiem mass on Friday, November 1 at 7:30 pm.

**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL** conferences of St. James thank cathedral parishioners for their generous donations last month. During September we made a total of 44 home visits to our low income neighbors. Your contributions helped us keep 38 individuals and families in their homes, and prevent 4 utility shut-offs. We provided food for 30 households and clothes for 3 people. In addition, we gave out 21 vouchers for beds and furniture. Our priority is preventing homelessness, which makes your contributions go a long way. Helping our neighbors 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 homes. Shelters cost \$15-20 per night, and motels cost \$50 or more. 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, always 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS FLAG FOOTBALL & TURKEY BOWL TOURNAMENT** Come join us for fun and fellowship for "Ordinary Time" regular season games on the first and third Tuesdays in November, a Turkey-Bowl Championship tournament on Saturday, November 23, and an "Advent" winter season the first and third Tuesdays in December. Tuesday games will be pick up sandlot-style games: teams will be picked at the field. Tuesday games are from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Cal

Anderson park. Feel free to arrive late or leave early if necessary. The Turkey Bowl will be held Saturday, November 23, 10:00am-1:00pm at Volunteer Park. Registration is necessary for the Turkey Bowl. For more information contact, Caitlin Lanigan, 206-382-4235 or [clanigan@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:clanigan@stjames-cathedral.org).

**THE HEALTH AND HEALING MINISTRY** would like to thank those who registered for our parish blood drive on October 1. The Puget Sound Blood Center has reported that 30 people registered to donate. We are most appreciative of your generosity. Blood donations make a lifesaving difference.

**JOIN US TODAY AT 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL** This Sunday, October 27, St. James parishioners will join 40 Days for Life to pray that we may find practical and compassionate ways to enable parents facing the challenges of a difficult pregnancy to choose life. The group will gather from 1:30 to 2:30pm in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at 2001 E. Madison. You need not sign up to attend. 40 Days for Life is a world-wide, interdenominational effort to promote a culture of life through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. Participants must pledge to act peacefully and to show respect and love to all. The current 40-Days observance runs from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily until November 3. A representative will be at the coffee hours this morning. *Information*, Ted Nutting, 206-285-7533.

**MEMORIAL FOR FIREFIGHTERS** On Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00pm, St. James Cathedral is privileged to host a memorial for firefighters killed in the line of duty. The service is part of an international gathering of Fire Department Chaplains which will take place in Seattle later this month. All are welcome.

**OUR CATHEDRAL YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM** has two training choirs (St. Gregory and St. Cecilia), our advanced children's choir, the Schola Cantorum, Jubilate!, our young women's choir, and St. Edward's Vocal Ensemble for young men. For information regarding schedule, auditions, tuition, scholarships and performances visit the Cathedral Music website or contact the program director, Stacey Sunde, [ssunde@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:ssunde@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-941-9450.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT** The cathedral's Life, Peace and Justice Committee recently formed a Respect Life Subcommittee. Its mission is to foster within St. James Cathedral parish a culture in which every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. We strive to create an environment of open and respectful dialogue concerning life issues, focusing particularly on the unborn. Our commitment to life leads us to serve with compassion women in the midst of difficult pregnancies, parents struggling to care for young children, and everyone who is dealing with the pain of abortion. *Information*, Suzanne Lee, [slee@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:slee@stjames-cathedral.org).

# CATHOLICISM

A SIX-WEEK SERIES EXPLORING WHAT WE BELIEVE



**Mondays beginning October 14**  
Holy Names Room, Pastoral Outreach Center

You are invited to discover Father Robert Barron's extraordinary multimedia presentation of the faith. Traveling to more than fifty locations in sixteen different countries, Barron brings our Catholic tradition and teaching to life. We'll watch one episode each week and have time for discussion. Come for one episode or for all six!

**Monday, October 14, 7:00pm**

*Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man*

**Monday, October 21, 7:00pm**

*The Ineffable Mystery of God:  
That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought*

**Monday, October 28, 7:00pm**

*A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints*

**Monday, November 4, 7:00pm**

*The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit*

**Monday, November 11, 7:00pm**

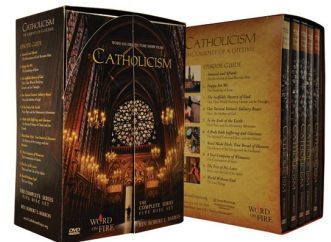
*Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven:  
The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist*

**Monday, November 18, 7:00pm**

*Happy are we: the teachings of Jesus*

**FATHER ROBERT BARRON** is the creator and host of *CATHOLICISM*, a groundbreaking, award winning documentary series about the Catholic Faith. The series has aired across the country on PBS, and has been seen and broadcast in parishes, universities, schools and media outlets throughout the world.

*Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or  
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# Mental Health Ministry News

**Grief and Loss Group - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM.** Join pastoral counselor and therapist John Baumann, M.Div., LMHCA as he guides the group in understanding and journeying through the complexities of losing a loved one. Enter at the patio level of the Parish Outreach Center to the Fireside Room. A Free Will donation of \$15 is suggested; however attendance is strongly encouraged regardless.

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**Book Presentation: Shaking Shame from Mental Illness: Free Talk October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM, Parish Outreach Center, Holy Names Room.** With self-disclosure and sensitivity, author Evonne Agnello presents her personal struggles of dealing with family members' suicides. Her memoir sends a message of hope to anyone who has suffered from depression or trauma. Discussion and book signing to follow.

**Creative Arts Workshop October 27<sup>th</sup>, Fireside Room, Parish Outreach Center, 1:30 PM.** Join therapist Peter Jabin, M.Div., LMHCA and Darcy Marlow, M. Ed., MHCA for a free, co-facilitated workshop designed to encourage an exploration of your original and most authentic self, before the influence of the outside world seeped in. Through discussion, meditation and creative expression, Peter and Marcy will provide a safe and thought provoking forum for self-discovery, engaging the power of spirituality and creativity. Meet at 1:30 in Holy Names Room of Parish Outreach Center. Contact Nancy Granger, RN for more information: 206-382-4269 or [ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org)

**November 19<sup>th</sup> is National Memory Screening Day!** This initiative by the National Alzheimer's Foundation focuses on early detection and intervention for those concerned about memory loss, as well as education about successful aging. St. James will be hosting two events, a **Memory Program** on Tuesday, **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in Cathedral Place Building, Room 1E. Please come to an informative presentation by Michael Kopcho, RPh. Michael had a 30 year career in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps as a Pharmacist, Hospital/Clinic Administrator and Program Consultant to the Medicare/Medicaid Programs and worked at the Veterans Administration pharmacy in Seattle. His presentation will provide information about memory, how it changes as we age, and how to recognize changes that may signal a problem. The program is open to all those who are concerned about memory loss, are caring for someone with memory loss, or who just want more information. Michael has experienced having a family member who suffered from dementia and will offer his personal insights. Open discussion to follow Michael's presentation.

**Memory Screening at Cabrini Senior Apartments on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 11am to 3pm.**

Why a screening? This brief, confidential, simple and safe evaluation tool is provided by qualified healthcare professional. It checks memory and other thinking skills. It is not used to diagnose any disease or problem, but is very helpful as it can indicate whether a person would benefit from a more complete medical visit. For info: Nancy Granger, RN 206-382-4269 or [ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org)

**Remember! Gallagher Center Resource Room is Open every Sunday 9 – 2.** Feel free to drop in to browse through literature on mental health, chat with a Mental Health Ministry volunteer, learn about resources, and develop supportive relationships with others.

**As always, consider giving the gift of your time and talent to this wonderful ministry!**

# October is Respect Life Month!

*I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*

*We are revisiting important statements made in defense of life by  
Retired Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen*

What ought to mark us as disciples of Jesus is the same basic stance toward life [as that of Jesus]. In every situation we ought to take the opportunity to protect and enhance life and open up its promise for people. That means we must confront many of the same demons that stalked people in Jesus' time. Demons such as disease, sinful callousness toward our neighbor, social and religious stigma, materialism, disrespect for life, and poverty.

. . . Today death stalks our land in no more dramatic nor heinous way than it does in abortion, for abortion is both a cause and asymptom of our poverty.

As faith-filled disciples of Jesus, we seek to bring life in all its fullness to all those situations in which the doors of life are closing on people. Our "no" to abortion must be seen against the background of our "yes" to life.

*—Mass for Life Homily, St. James Cathedral, January 19, 1986*



To approach abortion as though it were simply a matter of personal choice is to distort the issue at hand. While we may be dealing with an issue of choice, the fact is that there are some choices which society must disallow; in this instance, the taking of an innocent human life. Similar limitations are placed on such "choices" as sexual abuse of children and racial discrimination. . . That some people and some societies choose these courses of action does not mean that they can be chosen with impunity under the guise of "individual freedom." The primary issue before us is not freedom of choice, but whether we should take innocent human life. For the sake of our own intellectual honesty and moral integrity as a society, let us keep that issue clearly before us.

*—Statement Urging Public Support of Initiative 471, November, 1985*

We join together today to give witness, by our presence, to the miracle and sanctity of human life. We come together to witness and to pray. Father, we pray:

- For those who see in new life the answers to the cynicism and despair that we find in the world, the hope and healing for all its wounds and scars;
- For those who in their bitterness or grief, or the difficult circumstances of their personal lives, cannot find the strength or the will to sustain the lives they have created. And we ask forgiveness for those of us who have failed to support or to share their burdens;
- For those who use their medical skills and healing gifts for the destruction of life rather than its preservation, and for those who have lost sight of the nobility of their own profession;
- For those who make the laws of nations that sometimes violate the laws of God and whose legal and judicial blindness helps create a system in which life is cheap;
- For our world that has come to accept violence as a solution to its problems; a world that does not always show your mercy or sustain new life from its abundance;
- And we pray, Father, that we may never in our own anguish over these tragic circumstances do violence to any other human being, but that we may always love and hope and share our faith in you.

*—Prayer Vigil at Abortion Clinic, Everett, Washington, November 19, 1983*