# St. James Cathedral

## *The First Sunday of Advent*

November 29, 2015

# *Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, ready to share*

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

## **SUNDAY GIVING** AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

**RESULTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 22**

**Total pledges received ..... 498**
% participation (out of 2,396 households) .....21%
Participation goal .....50%
Pledges needed to reach participation goal ..... 700

**Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge. If you have not yet done so, please drop your pledge in the basket today! Follow up mailings go out next week. If you prefer, you can make your pledge online at**
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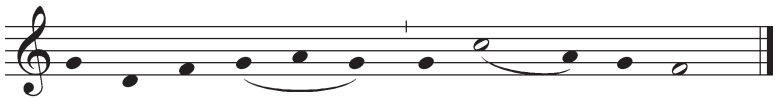
# *The First Sunday of Advent*

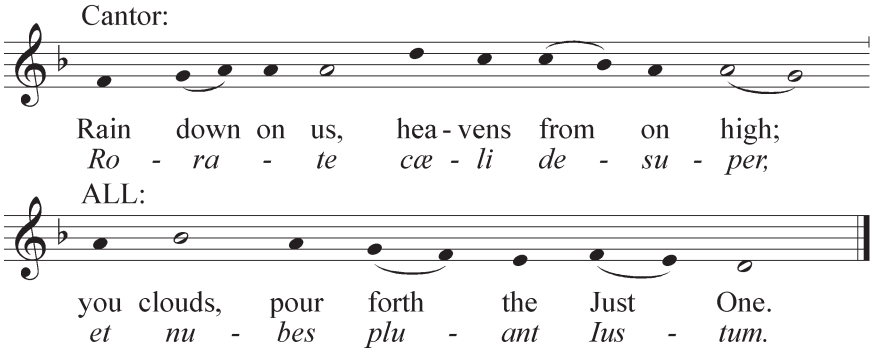
PRELUDE — *Wake, awake, and sleep no longer,* BWV 645
Bach

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — *Ad te levavi animam meam*
chant, adapt. St. James Cathedral




SPRINKLING RITE — *Rorate cæli*
chant, adapt. Stratman

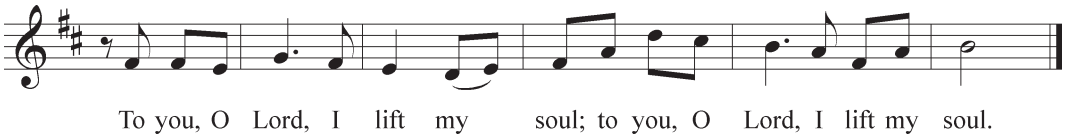



COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

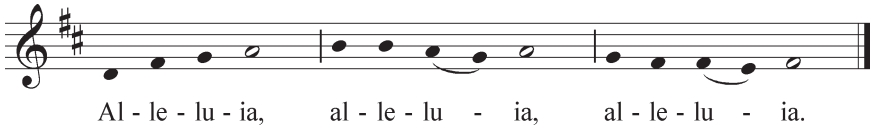
FIRST READING — Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM RESPONSE — Psalm 25
Willcock




SECOND READING — I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

ALLELUIA — Hurd




GOSPEL READING — Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

HOMILY — **Father David A. Brant**

CREED **chanted on one tone**

(10:00 and Sunday Evening)

chant, *Jubilate Deo*

*Presider* *Credo in unum Deum,*

**I believe in one God,**

Schola Patrem omnipotentem factorem cæli et terræ,
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

**the Father almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth,**
**of all things visible and invisible.**

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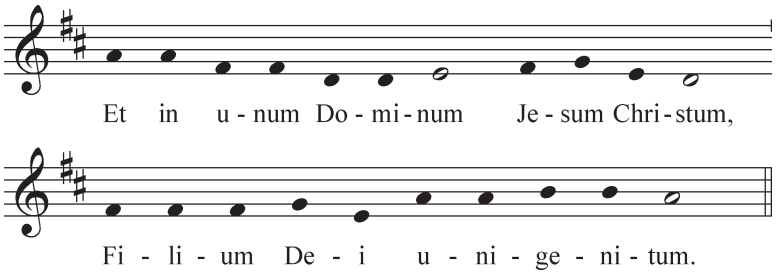


**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**
**the Only Begotten Son of God,**

Schola Et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula.

**born of the Father before all ages.**

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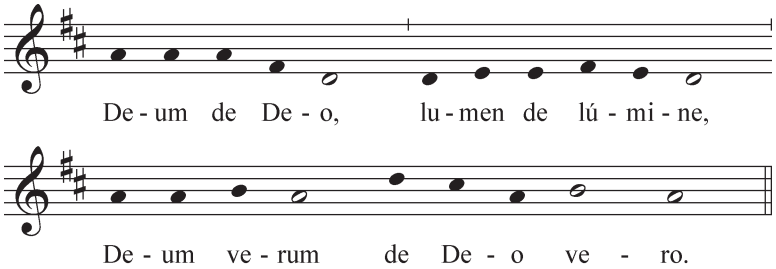


**God from God, Light from Light,**
**true God from true God,**

Schola Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt.

**begotten, not made,**
**consubstantial with the Father;**
**through him all things were made.**

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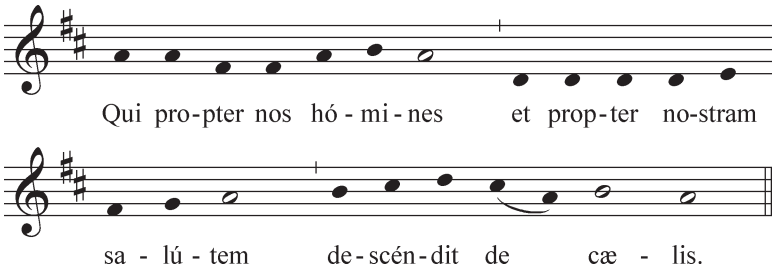


**For us men and for our salvation**
**he came down from heaven,**

All bow at the words of incarnation, sung by the Schola:

Schola Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine,
et homo factus est.

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

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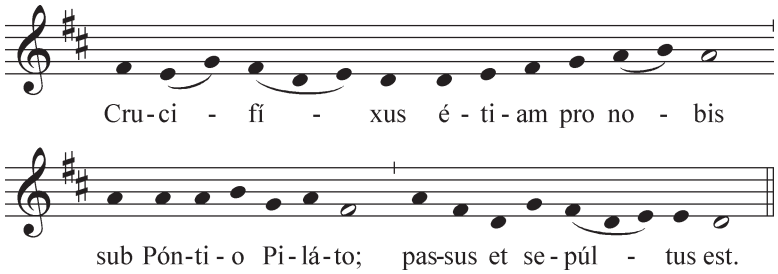


**For our sake he was crucified**
**under Pontius Pilate,**
**he suffered death and was buried,**

Schola Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas.

**and rose again on the third day**
**in accordance with the Scriptures.**

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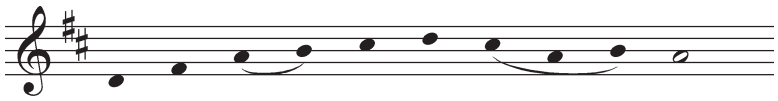
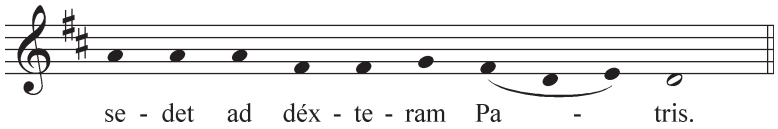



**He ascended into heaven**
**and is seated at the right hand**
**of the Father.**




Schola Et iterum venturus est cum gloria,
judicare vivos et mortuos,
cuius regni non erit finis.

**He will come again in glory**
**to judge the living and the dead**
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

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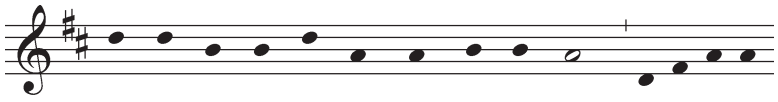
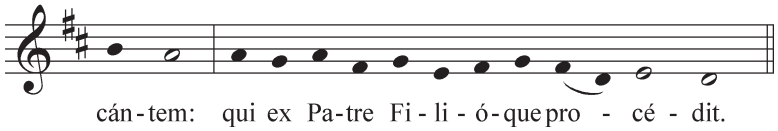



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the Lord, the giver of life,**
**who proceeds**
**from the Father and the Son,**




Schola Qui cum Patre et Filio simul
adoratur et conglorificatur:
qui locutus est per prophetas.

**who with the Father and the Son**
**is adored and glorified,**
**who has spoken through the prophets.**

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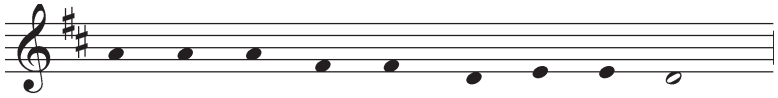
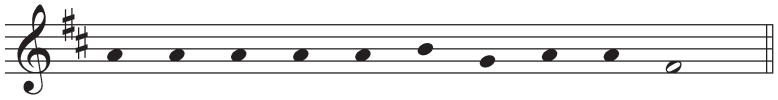



**I believe in one, holy,**
**catholic and apostolic Church.**




Schola Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

**I confess one Baptism**
**for the forgiveness of sins**

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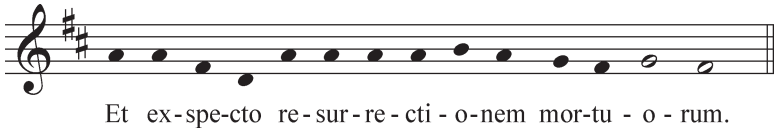


**and I look forward**
**to the resurrection of the dead**

Schola Et vitam venturi sæculi.

**and the life of the world to come.**

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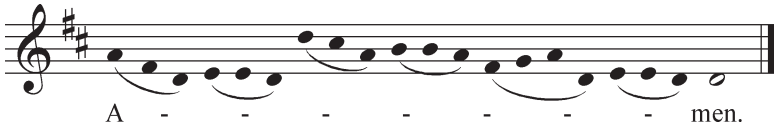


**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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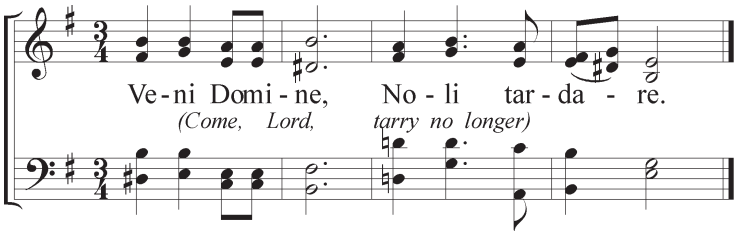


# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS
(10:00)

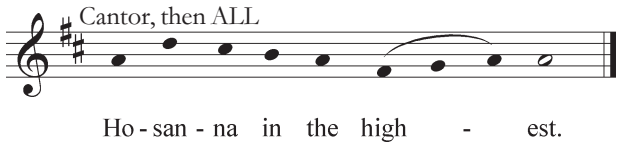
"And the glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*
Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

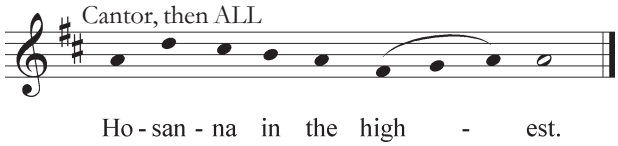
SANCTUS

*New Plainsong Mass*
Hurd

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.




Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.




MYSTERY OF FAITH

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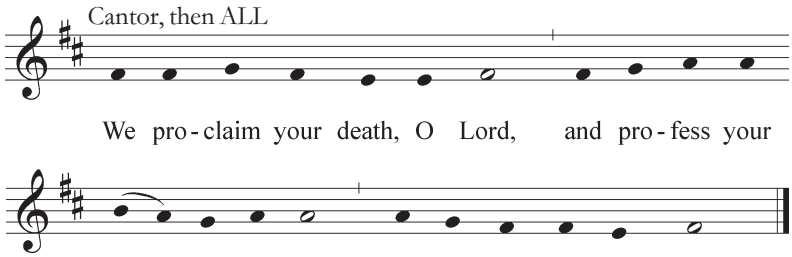


AMEN

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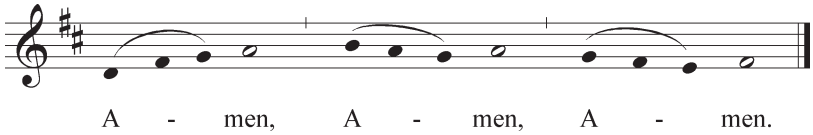


AGNUS DEI

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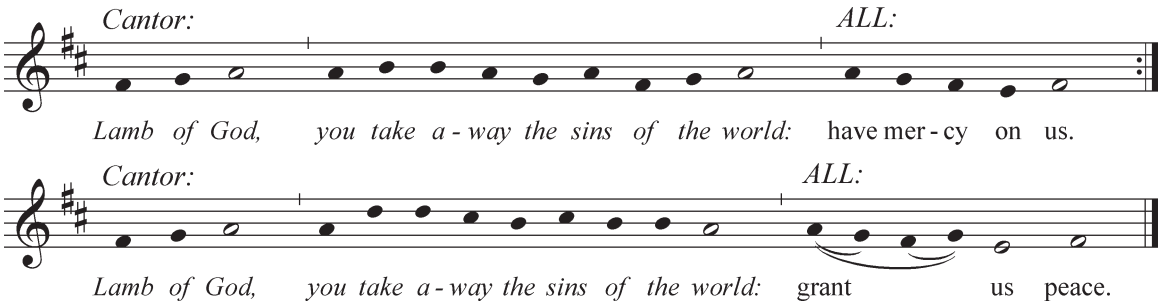


COMMUNION

The Lord will bestow his loving kindness,
and our land will yield its fruit.

chant, Mode I

(10:00)

*O Thou, the central orb*

Wood

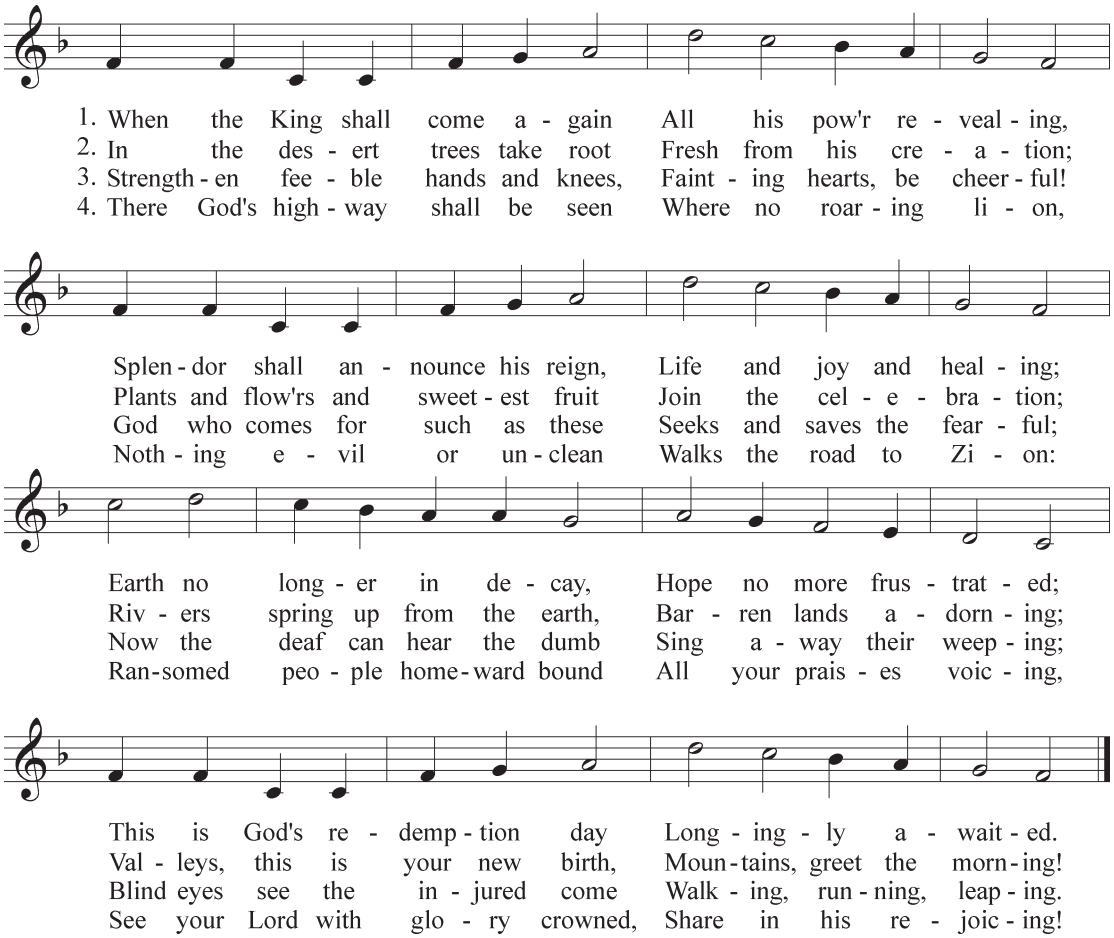
O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
(Text by Henry Ramsden Bramley)

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

*When the King shall come again*

GAUDEAMUS PARITER




PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION

ICON OF CHRIST PANTOCRATOR.

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**CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS**

**MASS**

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| 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.

**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.

**FUNERALS** for parishioners, please contact John Simpson, Pastoral Care Minister, 206-274-3173.

**"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

**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. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our* ***Sunday Help Desk*** *at Coffee Hour. A Cathedral staff person will be on hand to assist you.*

**COVER ART** Angel with lantern. Detail of the Cathedral's Great Cross, artist unknown.

**ADVENT FAIR TRADE BAZAAR** TODAY, Sunday, November 29, after the 8am, 10am, and Noon Masses, we have an opportunity to get started on our Christmas shopping while supporting a number of great causes! L'Arche, Catholic Relief Services, our own Youth Ministry, the Association of Catholic Childhood, the Cathedral Bookstore and others will be offering handmade items.

**CARE FOR CREATION COMMITTEE** will meet Monday, December 7, at 6:30 in the Pastoral Outreach Center. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." Please join the Care for Creation Committee to discuss ways in which we at can put into action our call to be good stewards of God's creation. *Information*, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515, pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org.

## *Sacred Steps*

Sacramental Celebrations at St. James

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** to *Riko Byer, Max Francis Dockal, Sloane Francis Dockal, Declan Patrick Marley, Hugh Anthony McNicholas, Madelyne Hope Cristobal Rouse,* and *Laura Tressa Stephanie Unger,* baptized in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 22. We welcome with joy these newest members of the family of faith!

**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. Andrew in Sumner, St. Francis Xavier in Toledo, and St. Barbara in Black Diamond.

## *YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY*

*For parishioners in their 20s and 30s*

**FIRST FRIDAY TAIZÉ AND SIMPLE SUPPER** On Friday, December 4, join other young adults for Taizé prayer at 6:30 in the Cathedral. Afterwards, we will meet in the north entrance of the Cathedral for a simple supper.

**COOK MEALS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS** We'll go to Lifelong AIDS Alliance in Georgetown and cook dinner to be delivered by the Chicken Soup Brigade on Saturday, December 12, 3pm-5:30pm. Lifelong holds that food is medicine, and people can live their fullest lives when they consume nutritious foods! RSVP is required—tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org.

**ADVENT THROUGH FILM: BICYCLE THIEVES** ***CHANGE OF DATE*** Wednesday, December 16, we will explore the themes of Advent by watching and discussing the 1948 classic *Bicycle Thieves*, widely hailed as one of the best films of all time and on the Vatican's Best Film List. Meet at the Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia St.) at 7pm. There will be food!

**GREENING OF THE CATHEDRAL** Save the date for December 20! This is the fun evening for young adults to come together to make the Cathedral even more beautiful for the Christmas season. If you like, you'll be able to explore some of the nooks and crannies of the Cathedral that are normally closed off! Once we are finished decorating we will have a pizza party. RSVP required—please email tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**
Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org
Facebook.com/StJamesYoungAdultMinistry

**MUSIC FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS** On Sunday, December 6 at 7:30pm, don't miss resident ensemble Opus 7's celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas with Benjamin Britten's brilliantly entertaining and moving cantata, *Saint Nicolas*. This joyous cantata for choir, orchestra, tenor soloist, and children's choirs will feature young singers from St. James' own Youth Music Program (Stacey Sunde, director) and Dr. Paul Thornock, organist. *For more information and advance passes*, visit www.opus7.org.

**NIGHTWATCH SEEKS VOLUNTEER** The St. James Cathedral team at Operation Nightwatch needs a volunteer to help serve a late dinner to people experiencing homelessness on the third Tuesday of the month, 8:30-10:30pm, at 302 14th Ave S. The volunteer must be willing to commit for at least 6 months. *Information*, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**NO YOUTH NIGHT** this Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us next week on December 6 from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Open to 8th-12th grade students.

**ADVENT FAIR ROSARY FUNDRAISER** Please check out our booth at the Advent Fair this weekend! Youth ministry participants are selling handmade, Fair Trade Nicaraguan rosaries as a fundraiser. All proceeds will help send our cathedral delegation to World Youth Day in Poland with Pope Francis! You can help us get there!

**MIGRANT TOY & WINTER COAT DRIVE** We are once again collecting toys and winter coats for migrant children in the Skagit Valley. We have included gift tags on this year's parish Giving Tree, available NOW at the Advent Fair. Please consider taking a tag and contributing to the effort. Toys and coat will be delivered by our team of youth on Saturday, December 19.

**QUESTIONS?** Joe Cotton, 206-264-2082, jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org

## *Mental Health & Wellness Ministry*

**COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP** Did you know that 40% of all college students do not seek support when feeling overwhelmed or experiencing depression, anxiety, eating disorders, addiction or thoughts of suicide? Non-traditional students like veterans, parents, immigrants, those living with a mental health condition or other complex situations may have even greater challenges. Join psychology doctoral candidate Andrea Salazar for *Pizza and Problem Solving* on Sunday, December 6, 3:00-4:30pm, Fireside Room, Pastoral Outreach Center. The group will gather monthly. RSVP to Nancy

**THE LAST MEETING** of the daytime monthly Grief and Loss Support Group will take place Tuesday , December 1, 1:30–2:45pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center.

**THE MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** has been canceled due to low attendance.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The next Mental Health First Aid Training will take place on Saturday, January 16, 8:00am–5:00pm. Learn the basics about mental health conditions and feel equipped to assist those in need of intervention.

*Information*, Nancy Granger, 206-382-4269, ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org

Rembrandt, Return of the Prodigal Son (detail)

# PARISH ADVENT RETREAT
## for the YEAR OF MERCY

*"Rediscover the merciful face of the Father"*
*POPE FRANCIS*

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**
7:00pm—9:00pm
Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia Street

Throughout our lives, we use our imaginations, intellect and experiences to see the Mystery of God in ways that continue to grow and change. As we move through the years of our lives, praying, studying, reflecting, loving… we draw nearer and nearer to God. Our lives change, and the ways in which we imagine God change; we become more and more in harmony with this God we love.

The retreat, led by Rosanne Michaels, will offer short presentations, with ample time for silent reflection. During our time together, we will:

- Spend time with our own images of God, past and present
- Reflect on different images of God, as presented in scripture
- As we move into this Year of Mercy, we will be invited to ponder scriptures that speak of God's infinite mercy

All are welcome. **RSVP requested**.

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# The Year of mercy BEGINS

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, and continuing through November 20, 2016. This Year of Mercy is a special time of prayer and pilgrimage, a graced opportunity to encounter the mercy of God. In cathedral churches and shrines around the world, Doors of Mercy have been designated so that all Catholics can take part in a Jubilee pilgrimage. In the Archdiocese of Seattle, St. James Cathedral will welcome pilgrims to visit, to pray, and to pass through the Doors of Mercy. **You are invited to two special Masses which will mark the beginning of this great Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015 | 5:30pm Mass**

## The Jubilee of Mercy Begins

The Year of Mercy begins on the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis chose this date because it also marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. Thus the Year of Mercy in light of the Council, when "the walls which for too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way… The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world" (Pope Francis).

Following the Mass, all are welcome to a festive reception in the Holy Names Room, Pastoral Outreach Center. On this night, the Cathedral's new exterior lighting will be illuminated for the first time, at around 7:45pm.

**Sunday, December 13 | 12 Noon Mass**

## Solemn Opening of the Holy Doors of Mercy

This solemn liturgy will begin with an outdoor procession, as Archbishop Sartain leads us from Cathedral Place Hall to the Cathedral for the opening of the Doors of Mercy. "This is the Lord's gate: let us enter through it and obtain mercy and forgiveness" (*from the Rite of Opening the Holy Doors of Mercy*). All who wish to join the procession are invited to gather in Cathedral Place Hall before the 12:00pm Mass.

**FOR INFORMATION VISIT WWW.STJAMES-CATHEDRAL.ORG/MERCY**

# advent 2015

## *Advent Liturgies*

To mark this holy season of longing and waiting, we change some of our usual liturgical practices. The procession is modified and the altar is decorated more simply. During the liturgies, a greater role is given to silence, to the chanting of psalms, and to the ringing of bells. In accordance with a very ancient tradition in the church, the use of the organ is reduced during Advent.

## *Advent Wreath*

The Advent wreath is a devotion Catholics have adopted from the Lutheran tradition. Prior to each Mass, the priest gathers with the liturgical ministers for the prayer and candle-lighting associated with the wreath. With each succeeding Sunday of Advent, an additional candle is lighted on the wreath, a symbol of the dawning of the light of Christ into the world.

## *The Giving Tree*

Stop by Cathedral Hall after any Mass November November 29 or December 6 to pick a tag off our annual Giving Tree. Each tag contains a gift wish from someone in need in our community. This year we are partnering with Frederic Ozanam House, the Youth Migrant Project, and Pregnancy Support Ministry. It's easy and fun to participate: simply shop for the gift and return it after Sunday Mass on December 6, 13, or 20. *Information*, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515 or pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org.

## *Advent Fair Trade Bazaar*

On Sunday morning, November 29, after the 8am, 10am, and Noon Masses, we have an opportunity to get started on our Christmas shopping while supporting a number of great causes! L'Arche, Catholic Relief Services, the Association of Catholic Childhood, the Cathedral Bookstore and others will be selling items to support those in need.

## *Advent Retreat: Rediscover the Merciful Face of the Father*

This Advent, we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy. As we prepare to enter into this Jubilee, Rosanne Michaels will lead us on a retreat that invites exploration of our own images of God. How can we heal and deepen our images of God and experience God's mercy? Rosanne Michaels will offer reflections, interspersed with time for silent prayer . The retreat will be held in the Pastoral Outreach Center on Tuesday evening, December 1, from 6:45 – 9:00 pm. *Information, or to RSVP*, Rosanne Michaels, 206 654-4658, or rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org.

# Advent Music

## *Music for the Feast of St. Nicholas*

**Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 pm**

St. James Cathedral resident ensemble Opus 7 celebrates the Feast of Saint Nicholas with Benjamin Britten's brilliantly entertaining and moving cantata, *Saint Nicolas*. This cantata for choir, orchestra, tenor soloist and children's choirs will feature young singers from St. James' own Youth Music Program (Stacey Sunde, director) and Dr. Paul Thornock, organist.

## *A Service of Readings and Carols*

**Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 pm**

Stacey Sunde directs the Cathedral's youth choirs in the traditional candlelit service of readings and carols. Readings are juxtaposed with choral works and congregational singing to tell the story of the Christ Child from the foretelling by the prophets to the nativity. Father Ryan will preside.

## *Praetorius Christmas Vespers*

**Friday, December 18 at 8:00 pm**

David Fallis, artistic director of the Toronto Consort, leads the Northwest Baroque Masterworks ensemble of thirteen vocal soloists, strings, winds, brass, lutes, organ, and full choir in festive cantatas to fill the Cathedral with sounds of the holiday season. The performance recreates the joyful celebration of Christmas Vespers as it might have been heard under the direction of Praetorius in a 17th-century German church.

## *Natus Est Rex!*

**Saturday, December 19 at 8:00 pm ~ New Date!**

The Medieval Women's Choir presents an evening of solemn hymns, irresistible dances, stunning motets, and songs of praise for St. Nicholas, the Virgin Mary, the New Year, and, of course, Christmas. This European holiday tour draws on music from Italy, Aquitaine, France, Spain, and England.

**Parishioner pay-as-able passes available for all Advent Music events, 206-382-4874**

## *Young Adults Sock Drive*

Our 12th Annual "Warm Hearts and Soles" Advent Sock Drive is underway! Our Goal: **3,000** pairs of socks for homeless men. Please drop socks off at coffee hour after 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12 Noon Masses in Advent. If you're ordering socks online, have them shipped directly to St. James Cathedral! *Information*, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org.

## *Madre de las Americas*

Saturday, December 5, 11:30am, Entrance of the Dancers and Mariachi. 12:10pm, Mass with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain. The Hispanic community of western Washington comes together at this celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of the Americas. *All are welcome*.

## *The Immaculate Conception*

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be observed on Monday, December 7 at 5:30pm Mass and Tuesday, December 8 at the 8:15 am and 5:30 pm Masses.

## *The Year of Mercy Begins*

On Tuesday, December 8, at the 5:30pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception, we will mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy. There are special events for this special Jubilee in Advent and throughout the coming year of grace. Visit www.stjames-cathedral.org/mercy for details.

## *Dickens'* A Christmas Carol

On Thursday, December 10 at 7:00pm in the Rectory Parlors, you are invited to a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* by parishioner Scott Webster. This hour-long reading, based on Dickens' own readings of this holiday classic, has become a beloved tradition at St. James Cathedral. Hot apple cider and cookies will be provided; you are welcome to bring something to share.

## *Simbang Gabi Celebration*

Saturday, December 12, 11:00am Mass. Join Archbishop Sartain and participants from some 80 parishes for the festive opening celebration of *Simbang Gabi*, a novena of Masses in which we prepare for Christmas in company with Mary. This colorful and prayerful Mass includes the blessing of *parols* (traditional star shaped lanterns from the Philippines) and helps us to focus our Christmas celebration on the coming of Jesus, Light of the World. All are welcome.

## *Communal Reconciliation Services* will be held on **Monday, December 14** at 7:30pm and **Saturday, December 19** at 4:00pm. During these beautiful services of readings, reflection and song, we will open ourselves to experience the gift of God's gracious and loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. *It has long been a tradition in the church to confess one's sins before celebrating the great feast of Christmas. These will be ideal times to do so.*

## *Cathedral Kids Christmas Party*

Saturday, December 19, 11:00am—2:00pm, Cathedral Hall. It's really for the whole family—don't miss it! There will be activities, games, lunch, caroling, piñatas and more. If you have a small family crèche, bring it with you for a blessing. RSVP required. Please contact Theresa Van De Ven by Sunday, December 13 with the number of children and adults attending, 206-219-5822 or tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org.

## *Greening of the Cathedral*

On Sunday, December 20 at 6:30pm, Cathedral Young Adults are invited to help decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. This is a fun evening for anyone in their 20's or 30's to come together to make the Cathedral even more beautiful for the Christmas season. Once we are finished decorating we will have a pizza party. This is a favorite event for young adults—we hope you can join us! RSVP required! *Information or to RSVP*, Tom Frasene, tfrasene@stjames-cathedral.org.

## *Vespers: Evening Prayer*

4:00pm Sunday afternoons. You are invited to join in the universal prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, a forty minute service of sung prayer concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This beautiful candlelit service is the perfect conclusion to a December Sunday.

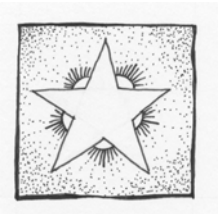
## *Midday Prayer*

Each weekday, Monday through Friday, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours at 12:10pm in the Cathedral Chapel. Called "the prayer of the Church," the Liturgy of the Hours is a good way to enter into the spirit of Advent. Make a mini-retreat in the middle of the day by joining in this simple Advent prayer.

## *Ecumenical Evening Prayer*

Each Friday evening at 6:30pm, you are invited to join in this beautiful prayer of music, candlelight, and silence. Set aside a Friday evening this Advent to experience the meditative, peaceful spirit of Taizé. The prayer takes place in the Chapel.

## *Christmas Masses*



The celebration of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Thursday, December 24, and continues with the Mass during the Night—Carol Service at 9:00pm, Mass at 10:00pm. **Please note the new time—following the practice of the Holy Father, we will begin the night Mass at 10:00pm instead of Midnight this year.** The Masses of Christmas Day on Friday, December 25 will be 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00 Noon. Solemn Vespers of Christmas will be at 4:00pm on Christmas Day. *Note that there is no 5:30pm Evening Mass on Christmas Day.* Find out more at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

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# St James Cathedral
# **Children's Christmas Party**
# Saturday, December 19, 2015
# 11:00 am—2:00 pm
# Cathedral Hall

All Cathedral children and their families are invited to celebrate the **coming** of Jesus.

**Come**, make Christmas tree ornaments, enjoy a spaghetti lunch, take a swing at a piñata, sing Christmas carols and more!

<u>RSVP by Sunday, December 13.</u>
Include the number of children and adults who will be **coming**. Contact Theresa Van de Ven at (206) 219-5822 or tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org.

***Children's Faith Formation Diaper Drive***
*We are collecting diapers for infants and toddlers in need. Especially needed are sizes 3, 4 and 5. Look for the donation box on the 2nd floor of Cathedral Place or at the Party.*