The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR  
*The Third Sunday of Advent*

PRELUDE  
*Savior of the nations, come*, BWV 659  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*Gaudete in Domino/Rejoice, again I say rejoice*  
chant, adapt. Thomas B. Stratman (1939–2008)

SPRINKLING RITE  
*Rorate cæli*  
chant, adapt. Thomas B. Stratman

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)  
*The Liturgy of the Word.*

FIRST READING  
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

PSALM RESPONSE  
Psalm 146  
Robert LeBlanc (b. 1948)

SECOND READING  
James 5:7-10

ALLELUIA  
*New Plainsong Mass*  
David Hurd (b. 1950)

GOSPEL READING  
Matthew 11:2-11

HOMILY  
Father Michael G. Ryan
PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all: the Lord is e’en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.

(Sunday evening)

SANCTUS

Ex ore innocentium
John Ireland (1879–1962)

New Plainsong Mass
David Hurd
We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

AMEN

LORD’S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: ALL:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Cantor: ALL:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please kneel following the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.

COMMUNION

Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini chant, Mode VII

Say: “Take courage, you who are faint-hearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.”

COMMUNION PROCESSION

My soul rejoices in my God, my soul rejoices in my God.
COMMUNION MOTET  (10:00)

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come
Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our LORD, The LORD, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come: Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming!
E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more:
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, For Christ will be their All!
Revelation 22

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

1. When the King shall come again All his pow’r reveal ing,
2. In the des ert trees take root Fresh from his cre a tion;
3. Strength en fee ble hands and knees, Faint ing hearts, be cheer ful!
4. There God’s high way shall be seen Where no roar ing li on,

Splendor shall announce his reign, Life and joy and healing;
Plants and flow’rs and sweet est fruit Join the cel e bra tion;
God who comes for such as these Seeks and saves the fear ful;
Noth ing evil or un clean Walks the road to Zi on:

Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustr at ed;
Riv ers spring up from the earth, Bar ren lands a dorn ing;
Now the deaf can hear the dumb Sing a way their weep ing;
Ransomed peo ple home ward bound All your prais es voic ing,

This is God’s re demp tion day Long ing ly a wait ed.
Val leys, this is your new birth, Moun tains, greet the morn ing!
Blind eyes see the injured come Walk ing, run ning, leap ing.
See your Lord with glo ry crowned, Share in his re joic ing!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PROCESSION

Savior of the Nations, come, BWV 661a
Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue on the Magnificat: Meine Seele erhebt den Gott, BWV 733
Johann Sebastian Bach
WELCOME, VISITORS! 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.

The Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

FOR YOUR SAFETY At each of the weekend Masses a Seattle police officer or uniformed security guard is present on the Cathedral campus.

ON THE COVER Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? The Baptism of the Lord. Eustace Ziegler, artist, 1950. St. James Cathedral Reconciliation Chapel.

HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS Join us in Cathedral Hall for scones from Macrina Bakery, fresh fruit, and the chance to visit with fellow parishioners.

FLOWERS AT THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF SEATTLE in the Cathedral Chapel are offered by the Pettigrew family in loving memory of David Pettigrew on the 17th anniversary of his death.

FLOWERS AT THE SHRINE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER in the north transept are offered by Bridget Cooley in memory of her mother, Ann McIntyre, on the 8th anniversary of her death.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE TODAY If you are seeking to grow deeper in your devotion to Jesus Christ, you’re invited to join our Open House today at the Pastoral Outreach Center from 6:30-8:00pm (immediately following the 5:30 Sunday Mass). Come connect with us to learn more about joining a weekly small group as well as opportunities to support social justice in our community. Children are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

MORNING ROSARY During Advent, you are invited to join in the praying of the rosary immediately following the 8:00am Mass on weekdays. Let us pray!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Every Friday morning, following the 8:00am Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing until 9:30am, with the Rosary at 8:30am. All are invited to join in this time of prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP This week, let us respect the Earth. All living beings are interdependent and every life has value.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR
The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

PAROCHIAL VICAR Reverend Alex Pablo

IN RESIDENCE Reverend David A. Brant

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGE
Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Theresa Van de Ven for information. 206-219-5822.

MOTHER MARY
FLOWERS AT THE SHRINE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER in the north transept are offered by Bridget Cooley in memory of her mother, Ann McIntyre, on the 8th anniversary of her death.

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 pray for the parishes of St. John in Vancouver and Seattle, St. John Mission in Montesano and Mukilteo, and St. John of the Woods Mission in Tacoma.

The Very Reverend David A. Brant

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WELCOME BACK Would you yourself—or someone you know—like to take another look at the Catholic Church? If, for one reason or another, you have been away and long for community, or feel hungry for something more, Welcome Back might be just the right place to safely express your concerns. A new in-person six-week series will begin in January. Information, John Simpson, 206-654-4658 or jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Seeking a closer relationship with God? Feeling the need for spiritual community and support? Wanting to make the Catholic faith your own? Wondering how to go about joining the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be for you. Information, John Marquez, 206-654-4640, jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org.

Adult Confirmation Are you or is someone you know 17 or older and in need of the sacrament of Confirmation? The sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00pm. Classes in preparation for Confirmation begin on Tuesday, February 28. Catholic Baptism and First Communion are required. Information and registration, John Marquez, 206-654-4640 or jmarquez@stjames-cathedral.org.

Advent Giving Tree and Sock Drive A profound word of thanks to all of you who have supported the Giving Tree and the Sock Drive during this Advent season. Many men, women and children throughout Seattle, King County and Skagit County will be enjoying the Christmas season because of your generosity. As you have blessed them with your gifts, please also bless them in your prayers during this time of year. Thank you.

In the Cathedral Bookstore Christmas shopping for a good cause! Stop by the Cathedral Bookstore for a wide variety of good books, history, prayer, scripture, and so much more. The Cathedral Bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteers and all proceeds benefit St. James Cathedral. There are also openings to volunteer either weekdays or weekends. Information, Caroline Okello, cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4500.

International Human Rights Day Is Observed Every Year on December 10, commemorating the United Nations’ adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all of us are entitled. It guarantees the rights of every individual everywhere, without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language, or any other status.

Mindful Alternative Support Group is a place where parents of adult children with mental illness get support and share resources about mental health care, housing, social engagement, job opportunities and more. The meeting takes place on the last Saturday of the month at 2:00pm via Zoom. Information, Terry Proctor, mindfulalternative@gmail.com.

Seraphim Choir (Children, Grades 1-3) If you and your 1st through 3rd grade child(ren) are seeking an opportunity to participate in youth music ministry this holiday season, Seraphim Choir is here for you! The choir meets every Thursday from 4:30-6:00pm and will sing for the first time since the pandemic at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24. Connect with the Youth Music Office to learn more about joining! Snacks and activities are provided at each weekly rehearsal. Information, the Youth Music Office, youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4876.

Schola Cantorum (Grades 4-8) and Jubilate (Grades 8-12+) Youth Music is calling all newly interested singers, present choristers, and Youth Music alums to journey in faith and song with us this Advent and Christmas Season. Jubilate rehearses on Mondays, 4:45-6:45pm. Schola Cantorum rehearses on Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm. Information, the Youth Music Office, youthmusic@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4876.

Hygiene Items For Our Unsheltered Neighbors The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking donations of hygiene items for Seattle’s unsheltered neighbors. Donated items will be assembled into individual hygiene kits which will then be distributed in person by SVdP volunteers several days each week to those in need. Hygiene items being sought include: hotel amenity/travel size shampoo/conditioner/lotion; bar soap; hand sanitizer; disposable razors; deodorant; lip balm; dental floss; toothbrush, small tube toothpaste; packet of personal body wipes used for basic hygiene; small packets of Kleenex. The donation collection box is located in the Cathedral Book Store. Donations can be made Monday through Friday 11am-3pm and after each weekend Mass.

Tutoring Student Expresses Gratitude One of our students, D.Y., has been tutoring for 26 years! He recently wrote to thank Immigrant Assistance and the larger St. James community for the “years of hard work, care and help.” He has had two tutors since 1996 who have been “patiently and meticulously teaching and tutoring [him] English and computer knowledge.” He also said, “They never stop helping me learn and keep our heart to heart. So they are my good friends.” He can read and write without a dictionary now, thanks to all the tutoring he has received. We are all lifelong learners, and language learning is certainly a lifelong endeavor. Some tutoring pairs become lifelong friends as well. D.Y. has gotten a winter jacket through the Giving Tree and is very grateful for this “New Year’s gift to wear and warm my heart.” We appreciate all the tutors past and present who have made a difference in the lives of immigrants like D.Y. We are always looking for more tutors to join our ESL and Citizenship tutor team. Information, Sayuko Setvik, sssetvik@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

Sacred Steps

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Merlino, Humberto Martinez, Joseph Verhey, and Anne Schmitz-Robinson.
We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

HEBREWS 12:1

SUNDAY GIVING AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

RESULTS THROUGH DECEMBER 4, 2022

Total pledges received.................................................................354
Average pledge...............................................................$246 monthly
% participation so far (out of 2,374 households)...............15%
Participation goal.........................................................40% (595 more pledges!)

A huge thank you to all who have turned in a pledge! If you haven't already done so, please remember to drop your commitment card for 2023 in the mail or make your pledge online. Your commitment makes it possible for the Cathedral to plan its budget in the coming year.

Information, Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.
Parish Communal Celebration of the
**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Monday, December 12, 2022
7:00 pm

During this beautiful service 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.

Pope Francis says: “The Sacrament of Reconciliation... enables us to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with our own hands. For every penitent, it is a source of true interior peace.” *It has long been a tradition in the Church to confess one’s sins before celebrating the great feast of Christmas. This will be the ideal time to do so.*
O come, all ye faithful! Music and readings from Holy Scripture combine in joyous proclamation of the Advent of Christ's birth. The Cathedral youth choirs Jubilate! Young Women's Ensemble and Schola Cantorum, together with the Cathedral Choir & organ, offer music for Advent and lead the congregation as we sing favorite carols. The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, presider

**Friday, December 16 at 7:30pm**

Free Parking in Cabrini Garage beginning at 6:30pm.
Cathedral remains open after usual 6pm closing time.
More information: Email musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org or call 206-382-4874.
Christmas 2022
at St. James Cathedral

Saturday, December 24, 2022
5:30pm
The Nativity of the Lord—
Vigil Mass with Children and Youth
Blessing of the Christmas Crib
The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan,
Presider & Homilist
with youth readers, musicians, and servers

9:00pm Carol Service

10:00pm*
The Nativity of the Lord—
Mass during the Night
The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne,
Archbishop of Seattle, Presider & Homilist

Sunday, December 25, 2022
8:00am*
The Nativity of the Lord—Mass at Dawn
Father Ryan, Presider & Homilist

Sunday, December 25, 2022 continued

10:00am*
The Nativity of the Lord—
Mass during the Day
Father Ryan, Presider & Homilist

12 Noon
The Nativity of the Lord—
Mass during the Day
Archbishop Etienne, Presider & Homilist

4:00pm
Solemn Vespers of Christmas
Father Ryan, Presider

5:30pm
The Nativity of the Lord—
Evening Mass on Christmas Day
Father Ryan, Presider & Homilist

Masses marked with * will be livestreamed. A mask-only section will be designated at Masses of Christmas Day (but not Christmas Eve).

For more information, visit www.stjames-cathedral.org
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<td><strong>First Sunday of Advent</strong></td>
<td><strong>A non-migration of geese, a never-thriving of crops, these give one pause. Nature isn't separate from us.</strong> Diane Ackerman, The Human Age</td>
<td><strong>The Amazon Rain Forest is close to being unable to pull tons of carbon from the atmosphere.</strong> Pay for an end to deforestation and preserving its future as our planet's &quot;lungs.&quot;</td>
<td><strong>Climate change is inextricably linked with water. Witness the increase in floods, tropical cyclones, rising sea levels and melting ice sheets. Pray on this as you turn on your water faucet.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Creeping deserts and water scarcity have far-reaching effects. Lakes and rivers dry up. People must still find water and food. Pray on this as you turn off your water faucet.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ours is the first generation to deeply understand the damage we have been doing to our planetary household, ...</strong></td>
<td><strong>... and probably the last generation with the chance to do something transformative about it.</strong> Kate Raworth, Donut Economics</td>
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<td>4 <strong>Second Sunday of Advent</strong></td>
<td>5 <strong>I will not believe that I don’t have to concern myself with what happens far from here.</strong> Dom Helder Camara</td>
<td>6 <strong>Oh Jesus, I pray for refugees, fleeing from violence. All of them need your help!</strong> Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo</td>
<td>7 <strong>We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God’s peace to come to our world.</strong></td>
<td>8 <strong>Immaculate Conception</strong></td>
<td>9 <strong>Almighty Creator, help us realize that none of us can move forward as long as one of us is left behind.</strong> John Clossick</td>
<td>10 <strong>Breathing in, Christ lives in our lives. Breathing out, it’s good to be alive!</strong> Cora Tabing-Reyes</td>
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<td>11 <strong>Third Sunday of Advent</strong></td>
<td>12 <strong>Our Lady of Guadalupe</strong></td>
<td>13 <strong>Christ within us. Light above us, Earth beneath us, Love surrounds us.</strong> Eco Congregation, Ireland</td>
<td>14 <strong>Love one another and the Earth. How do you care for the Earth and how might you be endangering her?</strong></td>
<td>15 <strong>Pray for the grace to bring and receive joy by accompanying those journeying through parched lands.</strong></td>
<td>16 <strong>I encourage the Laudato Si’ Action Platform, that it may foster in everyone a concrete commitment to care of creation.</strong></td>
<td>17 <strong>Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!</strong></td>
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<td>18 <strong>Fourth Sunday of Advent</strong></td>
<td>19 <strong>Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!</strong></td>
<td>20 <strong>Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father’s love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!</strong></td>
<td>21 <strong>Trine Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.</strong></td>
<td>22 <strong>God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.</strong></td>
<td>23 <strong>Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.</strong></td>
<td>24 <strong>O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.</strong> This week’s prayer is from Laudato Si’ by Pope Francis.</td>
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The St. James Cathedral Care for Creation Team wishes you & your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas!
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 these 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 lit on the wreath, a symbol of the dawning of the light of Christ into the world. The Advent wreath used in the Cathedral this year was designed by Father Josef Venker, SJ of Seattle University. The weathered wood base suggests the scripture heard each year during this season: A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom (Isaiah 11:1).

Evening Prayer with Music from Taizé
On Friday, December 2 at 6:30pm, this beloved monthly prayer service returns, with music, candlelight, and silence. Start your weekend with the meditative, peaceful spirit of Taizé.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is celebrated each Saturday morning in the Reconciliation Chapel, from 8:30am until 9:30am.

Communal Reconciliation Service
will be held on Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm. During these beautiful service 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.

The Immaculate Conception
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8. Masses for the Holy Day will be Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30pm, and Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am, 10:10am (with O’Dea High School), and 12:10pm.

Prayer during the lighting of the Advent wreath
Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
his the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of our Advent wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Blessings

Madre de las Americas
Saturday, December 3, 11:30am, Entrance of the Dancers. 12:10pm, Mass with Archbishop Etienne. 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 both for the procession and the Mass!

Simbang Gabi Celebration
Saturday, December 10, 11:00am Mass. Join Archbishop Etienne and participants from some dozens 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.
Biblical Prints by Sadao Watanabe
In the Chapel this month, you’re invited to view several prints by the renowned Japanese Christian artist Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996). Watanabe illustrated biblical scenes from the Old and New Testaments in the idiom of Japanese folk art. Stop by to view the prints whenever the Cathedral is open.

Cathedral Dedication Anniversary
Thursday, December 22 marks 115 years since St. James Cathedral was dedicated in 1907, and 28 years since it was rededicated in 1994. We will celebrate this anniversary with a special Mass on December 22 at 5:30pm, with the lighting of the dedication candles. Father Ryan will preside.

Advent Rosary
During the season of Advent, you’re invited to join in praying the rosary following the 8:00am Mass, Monday through Friday.

A Christmas Carol
Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Holy Names Room of the Pastoral Outreach Center. A parish Advent tradition returns! Scott Webster will read selections from the Christmas classic of Charles Dickens. Holiday drinks and snacks will be provided. Victorian attire is optional. :) All are welcome.

The Giving Tree
Stop by the Mary shrine to pick a tag off our annual Giving Tree, or visit the Cathedral website for the virtual Giving Tree. Each tag contains a gift wish from someone in need in our community. It’s easy and fun to participate: simply shop for the gift and return it after Sunday Mass in the Cathedral Chapel or have it shipped to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 11. Information, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

Sock Drive
Our Annual “Warm Hearts and Soles” Advent Sock Drive is underway! Our Goal: 2,023 pairs of socks for homeless men. Please drop socks off in the Cathedral Chapel or in the Parish Office. If you’re ordering socks online, have them shipped directly to St. James Cathedral!

Christmas Masses
The celebration of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 24, and continues with the Mass during the Night – Carol Service at 9:00pm, Mass at 10:00pm. The Masses of Christmas Day on Sunday, December 25 will follow the usual Sunday schedule: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30pm. Solemn Vespers of Christmas will be at 4:00pm on Christmas Day. Find out more at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

Advent Music
Saturday, December 3 at 8:00pm
Medieval Women’s Choir
Devotio: Seasonal Music of the Common Life
Sisters of the Common Life,
Brothers of the Common Life:
These were terms used in the Middle Ages to refer to religious communities who lived apart from the world. They followed a movement called the Devotio Moderna, a new style of devotion that emphasized individual experience and spiritual fulfillment, and in which music played a crucial role. The movement led to some of the most inspiring musical creations of the time. Eric Mentzel, artistic director. Tickets and more info at medievalwomenschoir.org/events/ or 206-717-4550. $30 general admission or use the pay-what-you-will option on their ticketing page.

Saturday, December 10 at 8:00pm
Of a Rose
Opus 7 is delighted to present our second concert of our 30th-anniversary Year of Celebration – music for Advent and Christmas with harp, handbells, choir & soloists. Celebrate the Joy and Mystery of the season at Seattle’s most iconic sacred space. For tickets and more info, visit opus7.org or call (206) 782-2899. Walk-up tickets will be available at the Marion/Terry entrance only. A limited number of pay-what-you-can parishioner passes are available through the Cathedral music office – musicoffice@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4874.

Friday, December 16 at 7:30pm
A Service of Readings and Carols
St. James presents our annual Service of Readings and Carols. In the soft glow of candlelight, St. James adult and youth choirs and organists perform music for the Advent season, with traditional readings from Holy Scripture heralding Christ’s birth. This prayer is open to all; freewill offering.

Information, 206-382-4874 or www.stjames-cathedral.org/music

Mary, Mother of God & Epiphany
The celebration of Mary, Mother of God begins with the vigil at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 31. On January 1, New Year’s Day, Masses will follow the usual schedule, with Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am 12 Noon, and 5:30pm. Vespers will be at 4:00pm on