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December 25, 2022
Noah Riggio, Age 10

The First Christmas. Noah Riggio, Age 10

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
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Christmas, 2022

Dear Friends,

Along with our Archbishop, the Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, I welcome you to St. James Cathedral on this wonderful feast of Christmas.

For many of you, St. James Cathedral is your home. You are a member of this marvelously diverse parish. For others, celebrating Christmas at St. James is a long and cherished tradition; still others of you are coming here for the first time. All of you are most welcome!

My hope is that you will discover in this holy place what people have always discovered at St. James: a cathedral alive with the presence of God, and a vibrant community of people who not only pray together in this place, but also carry out an almost dizzying array of outreach ministries to the poor and needy of our city.

I never cease to marvel at how many people find a home here at St. James Cathedral and how many meet Jesus in this place. They meet him in the Eucharist that is celebrated here day after day; they meet him in the Word that is proclaimed and preached here; they meet him in the community that gathers here for prayer; and they meet him in the poor and homeless people who have always found a home here—maybe the only place some of them can really call home.

Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, thousands of people gather here for Mass and then leave this beautiful place to go out and live their Christian faith. In welcoming you here this Christmas, I invite you to consider becoming a part of this wonderful community—part of the life and mission of St. James Cathedral—by joining us for Sunday Mass and, to the extent you can, by involving yourself in the ministries and activities that are the hallmark of this place.

On Christmas we celebrate the wondrous mystery of a God who found a home among us in the human family, a home in our own flesh and blood. Ever since that world-changing event, Christmas has been not only a moment in the far-distant past, but an event in the present and a constantly unfolding mystery. What happened in a lowly stable in Bethlehem two-thousand years ago happens over and over again in our time as we open our lives, our hearts, and our homes to the God who actually takes delight in dwelling among us.

May you and all your loved ones be touched by the great Mystery we celebrate this day and, if you happen to be among those who find yourself wondering whether or not you belong here, let me assure you that you do, and that you are most welcome!

May the peace, abiding love, and overflowing joy that are Christmas be yours in abundance.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Michael G. Ryan
Pastor
ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR
The Nativity of the Lord

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle, Presider & Homilist (Noon)

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan
Pastor of St. James Cathedral, Presider & Homilist (All other Masses)

PRELUDE

Où s’en vont ces gais bergers
Claude-Bénigne Balbastre (1724–1799)

La Nativité
Jean Langlais (1908–1992)

ENTRANCE

O come, all ye faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

GREETING
PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

(10:00 and Noon)

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12 Mass at Dawn
Isaiah 52:7-10 Mass during the Day

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 96 Mass during the Day
Peter Latona (b. 1964)

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7 Mass at Dawn
Hebrews 1:1-6 Mass during the Day

ALLELUIA

St. James Mass of Carols
adapt. St. James Cathedral

St. James Gloria
Jessica French (b. 1984)
CREED

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 KNEEL

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

(CANTOR/CHOIR)

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

ALL RISE

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (8:00am and 5:30pm)

In dulci jubilo
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Peter Latona

Offertory Motet (10:00am and Noon)

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella!
Bring a torch to the cradle, run!
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,
Christ is born and Mary's calling.
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother!
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Child!

It is wrong, while the Child is sleeping,
It is wrong to talk so loud;
Silence, all, as you gather around,
Lest your noise should waken Jesus.

Hush! hush! see how fast he slumbers!
Hush! hush! see how fast he sleeps!

Offertory Carol

O little town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
2. How silent, how silent The wondrous gift is given!
3. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.

Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlast ing Light;
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!
SANCTUS

Cantor or Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Cantor or Choir, then ALL:

AGNUS DEI

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

The eucharistic bread given during Mass has great significance for Catholics: it is the body of Christ, our Lord and God. We invite those who do not share our Catholic faith to be seated at this time, or if you wish, to come forward and ask for a blessing. Upon returning to your seat, PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

COMMUNION

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation which comes from our God.

(MASS AT DAWN)

COMMUNION MOTET (10:00am and Noon)

Viderunt omnes chant, Mode I

Gesiù bambino Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

In the Bleak Midwinter Harold E. Darke (1888–1976)

Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table, near the presider’s chair.

When you return to your place, please kneel or be seated.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (5:30pm only)

Servers will bring the light to you as Communion comes to an end.

PLEASE HOLD LIT CANDLES UPRIGHT.

HYMN OF PRAISE

STILLE NACHT, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Sleep in heav’nly peace, Christ, the Saviour is born!
Sleep in heav’nly peace, Christ, the Saviour is born!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

5:30pm only: Please extinguish candles as the lights come up for the processional hymn on the next page. Used tapers may be dropped in the baskets at the entrances.

PROCESSION

Joy to the world (Psalm 98)

arr. Richard Webster (b. 1952) and Bern H. Herbolsheimer

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
   songs of rejoicing rise;
   We praise and magnify his name as we enter the holy place.

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns: Let us our festivity share;
   hearts that are heavy come to life;
   let the fields and pastures glow with joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns intrude;
   nations prove the triumph sure;
   the people's hearts are all set free.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove his glory;
   let the rightousness of his ways make peace with all the earth.

POSTLUDE

Rhapsodie sur des Noëls

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

All are invited to visit the Christmas Manger Scene in the Chapel.
The Chapel is located in the southeast corner of the Cathedral.

Acknowledgments
Christmas decorations are made possible by the contributions of many Cathedral parishioners.
This year, the poinsettias are offered in honor of our parents: Gerard and Marijke Vreeburg and Jan and Ansje DeGoede.
Special thanks to Debe Meder and her team for the floral arrangements. We acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the many ushers and greeters, altar servers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, catechists, choristers and others who support the liturgy at St. James Cathedral.

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CATHOLIC ADVOCACY BULLETIN
The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) represents the legislative priorities of our state's bishops in Olympia. With a long legislative session slated for 2023, the WSCC will be publishing weekly bulletins starting in January. There will be plenty of news and updates, as well as sign-in opportunities for bills and information to contact your legislators. Subscribe, Washington State Catholic Conference, https://www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/join-our-network.

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ON THE COVER

NO SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR TODAY
There will be no Sunday coffee hour on December 25 or January 1. We look forward to seeing you on January 8!

VISIT THE MANGER SCENE
All are invited to visit the Christmas manger scene in the Cathedral Chapel, through January 8. O, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT ON NEW YEAR’S EVE
Saturday, December 31 at 5:30pm. We will mark the end of 2022 with a special Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with beautiful music and hundreds of candles. What better way to end the old year, or start the new one?

EVENING PRAYER WITH MUSIC FROM TAIZÉ
Friday, January 6 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to this celebration of evening prayer with candlelight and the haunting music of the ecumenical community of Taizé, France.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, DECEMBER 28
On this day, we remember those who died as the Holy Family fled for their safety. May we pray for today’s refugees, who flee their lands out of concern for their safety, and for those who are left behind in danger. May we also pray for the unborn children lost to abortion, and pray for healing and reconciliation for post-abortion mothers and fathers.

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!

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

ON THE COVER
CATHEDRAL KITCHEN As the Cathedral Kitchen prepares to return to complete in-person dining each weeknight, consider joining the Kitchen team by committing to prepare and serve meals once a week. Information, Mick McHugh, 206-264-2091 or mmchugh@stjames-cathedral.org.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST There are only two opportunities for homeless and low-income people to enjoy a free breakfast on Sunday mornings, and St. James is one of them. Volunteers come in either on Saturdays to cook, or Sundays to heat up and serve breakfast. Information, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org

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 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.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST. JAMES? Many who attend St. James regularly and consider the Cathedral their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the Cathedral (including offering envelopes!). You can register online at www.stjames-cathedral.org.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU When a woman’s adult daughter became ill, she invited her daughter and toddler grandchild to live with her and her own son. Wanting to live closer to the medical facility treating her daughter’s illness, the family of four moved from the south end to Seattle. Although the woman works full time, expenses incurred in moving and securing a new apartment, made her short of rental funds. The woman called the St Vincent de Paul Helpline requesting assistance (206-767-6449). Thanks to your support, we offered enough help so this family could settle into their new apartment with the hope of staying on top of their expenses. Information, Jo Ann Wiesner, 206-291-4012 or wiesnerjo@gmail.com.

FAITH FRIENDS INCLUSION MINISTRY Faith Friends is an inclusion ministry serving children and teens from across the Archdiocese of Seattle. We are a unique blend of our Faith Mentor and Children’s Faith Formation program, and provide Sacramental Preparation, as well as opportunities for friendship with other youth. Information, Jennifer Wong, 206-619-0816, faithfriends@stjames-cathedral.org, or www.faithfriendsstjames.org.

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VISIT THE CATHEDRAL COLUMBARIUM The Cathedral’s new Columbarium was blessed by Archbishop Etienne last December. A columbarium is a cemetery for the reverent burial of cremated remains. The way we honor the mortal remains of our deceased family members and friends is a reflection of the faith we profess in the Nicene Creed: we believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. The columbarium is open for prayer whenever the Cathedral is open. It is a beautiful place to visit and pray for all our beloved dead. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA Be sure to follow the Cathedral on social media for up-to-date information about ongoing events in the life of the Cathedral! On Instagram: @stjamescathedral. On Facebook and Twitter: @stjamesseattle. The Cathedral has a podcast as well! Search “St. James Cathedral, Seattle” on Apple podcasts or visit https://stjamescathedral.simplecast.com. And of course, you can always visit www.stjames-cathedral.org for up to date information on Cathedral happenings, or to sign up for our weekly e-bulletin.

CARE FOR CREATION PRAYER 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. from Pope Francis

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.
Jesus our peace, 
by the Holy Spirit 
you always come to us. 
And in the deepest part of our soul, 
there is the wonder of a presence. 
Our prayer may be quite poor, 
but you pray within us. 

Brother Alois of Taizé

On the first Friday of each month, all are welcome to a contemplative prayer in the Cathedral, with song, silence, and candlelight. The service includes the meditative chants of the ecumenical Taizé community in France, founded by Brother Roger Schutz as a sign of reconciliation after World War II.
We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

HEBREWS 12:1

SUNDAY GIVING AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

RESULTS THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2022

Total pledges received.................................................................490
Average pledge...........................................................................$60/week
% participation so far (out of 2,374 households).........................21%
Participation goal......................... 40% (we need 460 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 in the basket or make your pledge online at www.stjames-cathedral.org. Thank you!

Information, Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.