ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Prelude and Fugue” from *Douze Novelles Pièces*
Dubois

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE  No. 547 in red Worship Hymnal

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Presider  Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Choir  Et in terra pax hominibus bona voluntatis.

ALL  Lau-da - mus te.

Choir  Benedicimus te.

ALL  A-do-ra - mus te.

Choir  Glorificamus te.

ALL  Gra-ti-as a-gi-mus ti-bi prop-ter mag-nam glo-ri-am tu-am.

Choir  Domine Deus, Rex celestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

ALL  Do-mi-ne Fi-li u-ni-ge-ni-te Je-su Chi-ste.

Choir  Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

ALL  Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, mi-se-re-re no-bis.

Choir  Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

ALL  Qui se-des ad dex-te-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-re-re no-bis.
OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 2:1-5

ALLELUIA

Mode VII

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 112

Guimont

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

HOMILY

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 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.

Choir   Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

ALL   Tu solus Dominius.

Choir   Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.

ALL   Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ

with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father
Amen.
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 (10:00)

(Sunday evening)

SANCTUS

Beautiful Savior
Christiansen

Ave Maria
Saint-Saëns

Mass for the City
Proulx
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen.

R. 1, 2: have mercy on us.
R. 3: give us your peace.

I will go in to the altar of God, to the God who gives joy to my youth.

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.
HYMN OF PRAISE

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sovereign Lord! Might-y King whom an-gels worship, Fa-ther, by your church ad-ored:
2. True a-pos-tles, faith-ful proph-ets, Saints who set their world a-blaze, Mar-tyrs, once un-known, un-heed-ed, Join one grow-ing song of praise,
3. Christ, at God’s right hand vic-to-rious, You will judge the world you made; Lord in mer-cy help your ser-vants For whose free-dom you have paid:

While your church on earth con-fes-ses One ma - Raise us up from dust to glo-ry, Guard us earth draw near your throne, Sing-ing “Ho-ly, ho-ly, jes-tic Trin-i-ty: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly from all sin to-day; King en-throned a-bove all

Ho-ly, Lord of hosts, and God a-lone!”

Spir-it, God, our hope e-ter-nal-ly, prais-es, Save your peo-ple, God, we pray.

PROCESSION

“Allux” from Douze Novelles Pièces Dubois
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR
The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

IN RESIDENCE
Reverend David A. Brant

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BAPTISMAL GARMENT AND CANDLE
Stained-glass window, Reconciliation Chapel, St. James Cathedral.

BAPTISMAL GARTMENT
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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. Bernadette in Seattle, Our Lady of Lourdes in Seattle and Vancouver, and Our Lady of Lourdes Mission in Wilkeson.

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. 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. Be sure to stop by the Cathedral Bookstore after Mass for a wide selection of Cathedral souvenirs as well as Catholic books and gifts.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

ON THE COVER “You are the light of the world.”
Baptismal garment and candle. Stained-glass window, Reconciliation Chapel, St. James Cathedral.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are the gift of an anonymous donor. Flowers at the North Transept shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary are offered by the Nguyen family in honor of the 26th anniversary of the death of Emmanuelle Chi Dang.

CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO This month, all proceeds benefit our Youth Music Program. The espresso cart is open at coffee hour after 10:00am Mass.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS St. James has SIX Catholic Elementary Schools in Seattle: St. Therese, St. Paul, St. Edward, St. George, St. Joseph and Holy Family Bilingual. These schools provide in-parish tuition rates for registered St. James parishioners. We also support FOUR Catholic High Schools (O’Dea, Holy Names, Bishop Blanchet, and Kennedy Catholic) through the Simperman Scholar program. Please contact Theresa Van de Ven at 206-219-5822 or tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org for requirements and an application packet for the 2020-2021 school year. Completed applications must be submitted by April 30, 2020.

DID YOU MISS THE CHANCE TO TAKE MARYKNOLL IMMERSION TRIP TO EL PASO, TEXAS LAST YEAR? Here is another chance! Join our Immigrant Assistance team on a Maryknoll immersion trip to El Paso, TX, as we put a human face on complex border issues. We will explore the realities, challenges, and interconnectedness with our sisters and brothers on the border. Experience first-hand how economic and immigration policies affect people. Deepen your faith through encounter with their hopes, joys, and struggles. Information, Caroline Okello, cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP Here’s a simple way to know your carbon footprint: Track your waste for a week. How much of it can be replaced with recyclables or reusables? What can you challenge yourself to live without?

HOW THE CRS RICE BOWL CARES FOR CREATION Saturday, February 22, 9:30-11:30am, Pastoral Outreach Center (907 Columbia St.) Truong Tung, Country Manager of Catholic Relief Services Vietnam, will give a prelude of this year’s Rice Bowl campaign as he shares how your Rice Bowl donations help vulnerable farming families in Vietnam affected by floods, droughts and rising sea levels caused by climate change. Co-sponsored by the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.

AGE 7 THEN GRADE 7; FIRST COMMUNION THEN CONFIRMATION Beginning the Fall of 2020, St James will adopt the new normative age for Confirmation – Grade 7. As we adjust to this new reality mandated by the Archdiocese, we will be sure to include an opportunity for older youth to prepare for Confirmation, as well – in addition to youth entering Grade 7 or who will be age 13. St James will also continue to offer the two-year preparation program for children who will be age 7 when they celebrate First Communion. Both the Confirmation and the First Communion programs begin September 13, 2020. Information, Brenda Bellamy, 206-274-3108 or bbellamy@stjames-cathedral.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN Thank you to the Nanta Drum Team and St. Andrew Kim Parish for your generous donation to our Cathedral Kitchen. We greatly appreciate your help in feeding our many neighbors in need. Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers from JP Morgan in Seattle. Your donations of food and volunteer hours were very helpful. We appreciate your enthusiasm and care in serving those in need.

Opportunities to Serve

MEN’S WINTER SHELTER Openings for overnight hosts and breakfast providers, assisting homeless men over 50 years old. Overnighters commit once a month (Fri., Sat., Sun. or Mon., 8pm-7:30am). Breakfast brings and serves food once a month (Sat., Sun., Mon. or Tues., 6am-7:30am). Information, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH Buy groceries, make sandwiches, cook or serve dinner for homeless persons at a local shelter once a month. Availability: 1st or 3rd Tuesday (4pm-6pm or 8:30pm-10pm) and 2nd Sunday (8:30pm-10pm). Information, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

SUNDAY EARLY BREAKFAST There are two opportunities to assist with the early Sunday breakfast that is served to the homeless. Saturday, 3-5 pm: food preparation and cooking what will be served on Sunday morning. Sunday, 6-8 am: tasks include preparing fresh fruit, making coffee, warming the hot entrée, welcoming guests, serving breakfast, doing dishes, and clean up. Come and join this great team and help our homeless neighbors. Information, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

A communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place at St. James Cathedral on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at a special 10:30am Mass. Father Ryan will preside. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

What is the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?
The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Like the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), it is a sacrament of healing. Our understanding of this sacrament has changed with time. In the early Church it was seen as a sacrament of healing, but later it came to be known as “Extreme Unction” – literally, “last anointing” – and was not administered until death was imminent. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has returned to the more ancient practice with regard to this sacrament.

Who can receive this sacrament?
Catholics, both children and adults, who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age should seek this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

What happens during the Rite of Anointing?
The priest leads a litany in which all pray for the healing and forgiveness of the sick person, as well as for doctors, nurses, and caregivers. Then, in silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person, an ancient gesture of prayer that is used in connection with many of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Orders.

After the laying on of hands, each sick person is anointed with the Oil of the Sick (pure olive oil, blessed each year by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass). The sick person is anointed on the forehead and then on the hands, and simple words accompany the anointing: “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” A concluding prayer follows, and if the sacrament takes place in the context of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual.

No RSVP is required. Information, Corinna Laughlin, 206-264-2086, or e-mail claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

www.stjames-cathedral.org
THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The image is separated from us by more than 1,600 years, but it is still instantly recognizable: three travelers, cloaks blowing in the wind, stride towards the seated figure of a mother with a child in her arms. This carving from a 4th-century Roman sarcophagus is one of the earliest depictions of the story of the magi, recounted in The Gospel of Matthew. Wise men from far away see a star in the sky, and travel all the way to Bethlehem to worship a newborn king. They present him with symbolic offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts that suggest kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Then they return home "by another way" (Mt 2:12), changed by their encounter with the child of Bethlehem.

The magi come into their own at Christmas, of course. They are featured in our carols and nativity sets, on ornaments and Christmas cards. (We might even write their initials in chalk over our doors at Epiphany!) But we would do well to remember the Magi, those first gift-givers, every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, because their journey to Christ is echoed in the presentation of the gifts at every Mass.

An ancient tradition

In the earliest accounts of the liturgy, this presentation of gifts stands out as an important part of the Mass, a great procession in which all the faithful participated. People brought bread prepared at home and wine from their own tables. They brought gifts of money. Sometimes they brought oil, cheese, olives, milk, honey, and other goods as well! A description of the papal Mass in Rome from the year 700 describes the whole assembly coming forward to the altar with gifts of various kinds. The deacons were on hand to receive and sort the gifts. Everyone, from choristers to the Pope himself, brought an offering.

Obviously, much more bread and wine would be presented than could be used at a single Eucharist. Some of the gifts made their way to the altar; others served the needs of the clergy. The largest portion, however, was distributed among the poor.

With time, this ritual action—which must have been lengthy and quite complex—faded from use. The bread and wine were simply brought from the side table by the altar servers, or even placed on the altar before Mass began. People still made their financial offerings, of course; but the intimate link with the celebration of the Eucharist was lost.

With the renewal of the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council, this important moment for the participation of the faithful was restored and expanded. "Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 73). In the liturgy as we celebrate it today, representatives of the parish community bring forward the bread and wine, as well as financial contributions, at every Mass. At least a few times a year, especially on Holy Thursday, the entire assembly joins the procession forward to the altar with their gifts for the Church and for the poor.
Layers of meaning

The presentation of the gifts is rich in meaning. In this part of the Mass, the divine and the human meet: the bread and wine, “fruit of the earth and work of human hands,” are placed on the altar, where they will become the Body and Blood of Christ. God receives our simple gifts, only to return them to us transformed into something infinitely more precious: the very presence of the Godhead. The liturgy highlights this holy exchange in the silent prayer that is said as the priest or deacon adds a little water to the wine: “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity” (Roman Missal). In every Mass, the Word becomes flesh, and makes his dwelling among us.

Participation in the presentation of gifts is closely linked with participation in the Eucharist itself; the two processions are like two sides of the same coin. In the early Church, only the baptized were allowed to bring forward their gifts. The non-baptized were not to bring an offering until the day of their baptism. To bring forward the gifts was to begin to participate in the Body and Blood of Christ.

The presentation of gifts is also intimately linked with the Christian call to share with the poor. Thus St. Cyprian of Carthage (c.200-258) scolded a wealthy woman who came to the Eucharist but made no offering of her own: “You are rich and well-to-do; yet you think you celebrate the Lord’s Supper even though you... come to it without an offering and receive a part of the offering brought by a poor person. Consider the widow in the gospel.” The same holds true today. Eucharist and charity go hand in hand.

Praying the procession of gifts

During this part of the Mass which comes between the two great movements of the liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it can sometimes feel like we are just waiting for “the exciting part” to begin. But this is a special time of prayer and preparation for Christ’s coming to us in the Eucharist, with a meaning and purpose all its own. Like the Magi of old, we journey into the presence of Christ, bearing such gifts as we have to offer. In the words of Christina Rossetti’s wonderful poem:

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.
(Christina Rossetti, In the Bleak Midwinter)

What is the spirit of the liturgy? It is a spirit of offering and gift—self-offering, self-gift.

—Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy

A Quiet Prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts

Lord Jesus,
as the altar is prepared,
prepare me to celebrate this Eucharist
with an attentive mind and a receptive heart.
Draw me closer to you
and to my brothers and sisters
in this shared prayer.

As the collection is taken,
open my eyes to the needs around me
and show me how to share my substance with others.

As the bread is brought forward,
receive all I have accomplished this week
as my offering to you.

As the wine is poured out,
receive the failure, pain, and suffering of my life
and transform them.

As the water and wine are mingled,
make me more like you,
so that the Holy Spirit may have room to act in me.

As the priest washes his hands,
I ask you to bless him and all priests.
Make them worthy servants of your mysteries,
and faithful ministers to your holy people. Amen.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and for the good of all his holy Church.
The Rainbow Catholic Schools

St. Edward ♦ St. George ♦ St. Joseph ♦ St. Paul ♦ St. Therese ♦ Holy Family

St. James Cathedral Parish is a contributing member of the Rainbow Schools Coalition, a program whereby several Seattle parishes without schools contribute to the support of six Catholic elementary schools in the central area of the city. Our participation not only makes it possible for Catholic education to continue in this area, it also allows children from our parish to attend one of the schools at “parishioner” tuition rates. The Rainbow Schools are St. Edward, St. George, St. Paul, Holy Family, St. Joseph, and St. Therese.

The Rainbow Schools invite you to come see what a positive difference a Catholic education can make for your family. These highly diverse school communities have long traditions of engaging students with academic rigor steeped in strong Catholic values. They work in partnership with families to teach the skills, behaviors and attitudes necessary for learning and encourage students to reach their highest potential in every area of their lives. They offer a variety of specialist classes, sports programs, after school clubs and Extended Care programs to support and enrich students’ lives. Rainbow School graduates go on to make positive differences in their high schools and local communities. So come, walk through the classrooms, meet the staff and see the students shine!

Registration for 2020-2021 is open. Because we are committed to being accessible to all families who value Catholic education, tuition assistance is available to those who qualify. We will work hard to make it work for your family! Please call or email for an appointment today.

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Changing climate and frequent and severe storms are impacting vulnerable farmers in Vietnam, whose 2,000-mile coastline puts it at high risk for floods, droughts and rising sea levels. Families are losing their farms, homes and livelihoods, making it difficult to survive.

Truong Tung, Country Manager of CRS Vietnam, is helping families identify these risks and develop plans to protect their businesses, homes and families. His own experience shaped his desire to work on programs aimed at reducing poverty and alleviating hunger.

“My dream during my childhood was about food and I wished I could do anything to provide people with food,” Tung says. “I wanted to work for CRS because I feel they bring significant impact to the lives of vulnerable people in Vietnam.”

As Lent and a new CRS Rice Bowl campaign begin, come hear Truong Tung share how the CRS Disaster Risk Reduction Program is working with vulnerable farming families in Vietnam in the face of climate change.

Co-Sponsored by the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center.

Information, Patrick Barredo, Director of Social Outreach & Advocacy
206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org
SVdP volunteers at St James Cathedral brought spiritual comfort to residents of our parish by making 565 home visits, giving financial help to 805 people and referring more than 270 people to other sources of help beyond what we could provide. Because we are entirely volunteer, over 99% of what we spent went to direct aid to people in need.

INCOME

$128,392 from donations collected for us by St James Cathedral, including online donations to SVdP (via the St James website) and the special collection taken by ushers the 3rd weekend of most months

$ 8,323 from donations by members of our conference and others who donate directly to our conference, including $4,500 cash shared with us by the SVdP conference at Holy Family in Kirkland (not included in the $8,323 is an additional $2,825 in gift cards we received from St Jude in Redmond and then delivered shortly before Christmas to 29 families, thereby helping 35 adults and 52 children)

$136,715 Total income ($11,393 per month)

EXPENSE

$139,991 paid for direct aid to residents of our parish, including:

- $109,495 for rent (about $9,125 per month)
- $ 18,486 for beds
- $ 3,274 for food (paid via Safeway gift cards and vouchers to QFC and Grocery Outlet)
- $ 2,657 for utilities bills (electricity, natural gas, water)
- $ 2,646 for household items
- $ 1,873 for furniture other than beds
- $ 1,015 for security deposits on rental apartments
- $ 545 for clothes, hygiene products and baby items

$ 1,500 paid for direct aid to a SVdP conference in one of the poorest areas in India that we have been assisting for many years; our modest help is a major source of their funding

$ 455 paid for dues that our SVdP conference at St James is required to pay to be part of the Society of St Vincent de Paul

$ 661 paid for operating expenses (postage, mailing supplies, computer supplies, bank fees, SVdP voucher books)

$142,607 Total expense ($11,884 per month)

We thank you for your donations, which we put to work directly helping people as quickly as we can. Although total income for the year was down slightly, the amount of rent help needed in our parish continues to escalate, and the need for new beds remains very strong. Because of this growing strain on our finances, we referred more people than in the past to non-SVdP sources of help if we were unable to help or could provide only part of the total help needed. We ended 2019 with a cash balance on hand of $22,703, which is slightly less than our goal of keeping two months expenses on hand.

The best way to make financial donations to us is either by placing your check or cash in the special collection for SVdP taken at St James at Mass on the 3rd weekend of most months or by making an online donation to SVdP at the St James website. Checks should be payable to St James Cathedral – please write “SVdP” or “St Vincent” in the “memo” or “for” line on your check. That allows the parish to maintain and send you a unified record of all your donations, including your gifts to SVdP.

Questions? Please contact any conference officer:
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