



# Advent 2009

## Advent Liturgies

To mark this holy season of longing and waiting, we change some of our usual liturgical practices. The processional path of the ministers into the cathedral 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 we have adopted from the Lutheran tradition. As in past years, the wreath is placed at the foot of the statue of Our Lady in the north transept. Prior to each Mass, the presider gathers with the liturgical ministers for the prayer and candle-lighting associated with the wreath.

## The Giving Tree

Stop by Cathedral Hall during coffee hour on November 29 or December 6 to pick a tag off of our annual Giving Tree. Each tag contains a gift wish from someone in need in our community. This year we are partnering with Elderhealth Northwest, King County Juvenile Detention Center, First Nations Housing and Recovery Project, and Frederic Ozanam House. It's easy and fun to participate: simply shop for the gift and return it to coffee hour by December 13. *Information*, Jennifer Ibach 206-654-4640 or [jibach@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:jibach@stjames-cathedral.org).

## Madre de las Americas

Saturday, December 5, 11:45am, Dancers and Mariachi. 12:10pm, Mass with Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett. 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.*

## Advent Bazaar

On Sunday morning, December 6, 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, and – of course – our own Cathedral Bookstore will be selling items to support those in need. Christmas cards, Nativity scenes, and much more!

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8, we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be on Monday, December 7 at 5:30pm (Vigil), and on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, and 5:30 pm.

## Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi Commissioning

Saturday, December 12, 11:00am. Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese will gather at St. James Cathedral to begin the Advent novena of Masses in honor of Mary to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Archbishop Brunett will preside at this Mass which includes the blessing and commissioning of Simbang Gabi coordinators from the various parishes in the archdiocese. This celebration also features Christ, Light of the World, symbolized by the parols (Christmas lanterns). *All are welcome.*

## Communal Reconciliation Services

will be held on **Monday, December 14**, 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.*

## Musical Prayer for Advent

### Feast of St. Nicholas

**Sunday, December 6, 8:00 pm**

St. James Resident Ensemble, Opus 7 presents *From heaven on high* – an evening of radiant and brilliant music for choir and orchestra by Mendelssohn, Rautavaara, and Georg Schumann featuring our Cathedral Soloists and the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra. Loren Pontén, director. *Information*, [www.opus7.org](http://www.opus7.org) or 206-782-2899

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Saturday, December 12, 8:00 pm**

Resident Ensemble, Medieval Women's Choir, celebrates the feast with an all-Spanish program featuring lively and imaginative music from the Middle Ages. Cathedral Cantor, Stacey Sunde. Margriet Tindemans, director. *Information*, [www.medievalwomenschoir.org](http://www.medievalwomenschoir.org) or 206-264-4822.

### Candlelight, Carols and Cathedral Children

**Sunday, December 20, 7:30 pm**

The sublime voices of the Cathedral's youth choirs, Dr. Clint Kraus, director present the traditional candle-lit service of readings and carols – the perfect way to begin the celebration of Christmas. Father Ryan, presider. Stacey Sunde and Rebekah Gilmore, conductors with Mark Hilliard Wilson, Cathedral Guitarist, and members of the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra. Freewill offering. *Information* [www.stjames-cathedral.org/music](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org/music) or 206-382-4874.

## Advent Retreat: Do Not Be Afraid

Thursdays, December 3 and 10. 7:00pm, Pastoral Outreach Center. Using the Gospel account of the Annunciation and the Nativity from St. Luke, as well as our Cathedral Icons, we meditate on the Bible stories of the Annunciation and the Nativity. The retreat will include time for silence, prayer, and small group discussion. This will be a great way to prepare for the Communal Penance Service on Monday, December 14. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284.

## A Christmas Carol

On Monday, December 7, at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center Community Room, you are invited to rediscover Charles Dickens' classic Advent tale, *A Christmas Carol*. The evening will include a roaring fire and hot apple cider, as well as a dramatic reading (lasting about 40 minutes) by parishioner Scott Webster. All are welcome! *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284.

## Advent Bible Study

JESUS: THE INCARNATION OF PRAYER. Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15 from 1-3pm or 7-9pm in Cathedral Place, 2nd floor. "The drama of prayer is fully revealed to us in the Word who became flesh and dwells among us." Join us as we contemplate Jesus in prayer and what it reveals to us about our own prayer lives. No Bible experience necessary. *Information*, Helen Oesterle, 206-382-4514, hoesterle@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 brief retreat in the middle of the day by joining in this beautiful, simple Advent prayer.

## Ecumenical Prayer with Music from Taize

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 concludes about 7:15pm.*

## Solemnity of the Dedication

On Monday, December 21, 2009, at the 5:30pm Mass, we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. James Cathedral. St. James Cathedral was dedicated December 22, 1907 and rededicated December 22, 1994.

## Christmas Masses

The celebration of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:30pm on Thursday, December 24, and continues with the Midnight Mass of Christmas, and the Masses of Christmas Day – 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00 Noon. *There is no 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.* View the complete schedule of Christmas Masses, with details on music, at St. James Cathedral at [www.stjames-cathedral.org](http://www.stjames-cathedral.org).

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*at a glance*

**Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent**  
Blessing of the Advent Wreath at all Masses

### Saturday, December 5

Madre de las Americas: Dancers and Mariachi, 11:45am; Mass, 12:10pm. Archbishop Brunett, presider

### Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Bazaar in Cathedral Place Hall after 8, 10, and Noon Masses  
First Sunday Youth Celebration, Noon  
Music for Advent II, 7:30pm: Opus 7, *From Heaven on High*

### Tuesday, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, December 7 at 5:30pm; Tuesday, December 8 at 8:15am, 12:10pm, and 5:30pm

### Saturday, December 12

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass, 11:00am.  
Music for Advent III, 7:30pm: Medieval Women's Choir, *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

### Monday, December 14

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, 7:30pm

### Saturday, December 19

Christmas Party for Cathedral children and families, 11:30am-2:00pm  
Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, 4:00pm

### Sunday, December 20

Music for Advent IV: *Candlelight, Carols, and Cathedral Children*, 7:30pm

### Monday, December 21

The Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral, 5:30pm. *Father Ryan, presider*

### Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of the Nativity scene, 5:30pm  
Organ prelude to the Midnight Mass, 10:15pm;  
Carol Service, 11:00pm; Mass at Midnight, 12:00 Midnight

### Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

Masses of Christmas Day, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon. Solemn Vespers of Christmas, 4:00pm. *There is no 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day.*