

# ST. JAMES WINTER SHELTER

November 2011



Dear Friends, as I write you on the day before Thanksgiving, I am deeply aware of the many blessings you bring to our shelter guests, to our cathedral parish, and to me personally. Thank you for your extra efforts during October when we struggled to fill all the calendar openings. To our veteran volunteers, thank you for showing the ropes to our new recruits. Thanks, too, for your patience with traffic hassles and maintenance issues. Our winter shelter could not remain open without your faithful commitment to serving our homeless brothers. My heartfelt thanks to each of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

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**DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE DISHWASHER AND OVENS** are in the shelter log book. Before using the dishwasher, be sure to fill it with water until the side receptacle is about 2/3's full.

**Traffic Changes Near St. Martin's** Demolition of the viaduct has caused traffic changes in the area around St. Martin's. A map with driving directions (including an alternate route when streets are closed) is in the log book and in each of the vans. You can also call St. Martin's beforehand at 206-323-6341 to ask for a route update.

**VAN RULES** If a guest asks to sit in the back of the van with the bags of blankets, please tell him everyone is required to ride in a seat.

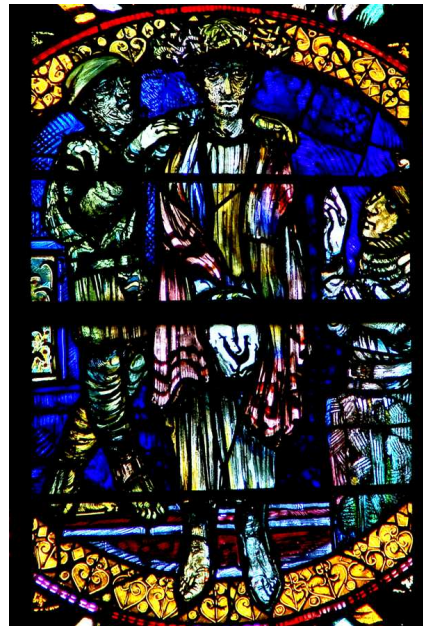
Also, when parking the vans in the cathedral lot in the morning, **be sure to back them in.** This allows the vans to be driven out more easily later in the day when the lot is full.

**REMEMBER** to clean up! Leave the kitchen and hall the way you found them.

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES** In the closet at the top of the stairs (opened with the key from the lock box), you will find ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, cough drops, first aid supplies, and kits for cleaning up body fluids. We do not routinely leave these items on the shelter

cart, as they have way of walking off, but do not hesitate to give them to our guests if they ask for them.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY** Any one who leaves after lights out at 10 pm, may not be readmitted to the shelter. Also, we cannot admit extra overnight or breakfast guests. Please make sure to keep the doors locked.



God most provident, we join all creation  
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.  
For generation upon generation  
peoples of this land have sung of your bounty;  
we too offer you praise  
for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.  
Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts.  
Continue to make our land fruitful,  
and let our love for you be seen  
in our pursuit of peace and justice  
and in our generous response to those in need.  
Praise and glory to you, Lord god, now and forever. Amen