



ADVENT 2022

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 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 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. This beautiful candlelit service is the perfect conclusion to a December Sunday.

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 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,
he is 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 in generating and supporting the piety and emotion needed for adequate faith. The movement led to some of the most inspiring musical creations of the time. Join us as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons by exploring the musical traditions of *Devotio* in all its aspects. 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.

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 New Year's Day.