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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JUNE 10TH - JUNE 11TH)

Donation	\$4,011.00
Donation Online	\$2,140.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,186.00

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SPECIAL COLLECTION: PETER PENCE COLLECTION June 24th & June 25th



Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including Pop Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Job Opening

St. James Cathedral has an immediate opening for a Custodian. This is a full-time position with a full Benefits package. Duties will include Custodian to keep the parish Campus clean and support of the Facilities team in other buildings. To receive a job description and details, interested applicants should download the [Seattle Archdiocesan Job Application](#) and send with a resume to Facilities Manager via e-mail, to tnguyen@stjames-cathedral.org or call Tang Nguyen 206-355-9378



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Christ's Heart Beats for Us

Jesus Christ is a man for others.

- His heart overflows in concern and compassion for the suffering crowds of people following him around.

- He sees how much they long for a better life, for a deeper understanding of the meaning of life.

- Jesus is not indifferent to these crowds: he cares. They matter to him.

- And Jesus hasn't changed. He is not indifferent to us.

- He knows our hidden sufferings, fears, hopes, and dreams, and he cares about them.

- We matter to him.

- Our needs are his needs.

By giving us a glimpse of Jesus' heart, this passage reminds us of that.

And we constantly need to be reminded of it. Otherwise, our faith gets distorted and reduced to a few rules, a list of dos and don'ts.

- The whole project of Christ's life, from Bethlehem to Calvary, consisted in winning back for us what we had lost by sin: hope, eternal life, meaning, friendship with God, lasting joy, enduring peace.

- All he wants is to reap a harvest of souls for his Father's house.

- His teaching shows us the way.

- His miracles convince us of this teaching.

- His suffering, death, and resurrection plant the

new Tree of Life, whose fruit we receive in the Eucharist.

- Not one word, not one deed, not one thought of Christ's earthly journey was for himself.

- He lived entirely to please his Father and to save sinners.

- Even at the peak of his atrocious suffering, as he hung writhing and dying on the cross, his heart did not turn in on himself, but continued to focus on us, as he prayed: "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Christ has a beating heart even now, as he sits enthroned in heavenly glory, and it beats for each one of us.

Finding Happiness by Giving It Away

Christ's heart beats for others, for us.

And we, as Christians, are called to follow in Christ's footsteps.

This means that we are called to love the same way that Christ loves: thinking first of all not of ourselves, but of those around us.

There is a paradox here.

- We are called to love without seeking a reward, and yet, when we do love that way, we automatically receive the greatest reward of all: happiness.

- Here on earth we can never experience perfect happiness.

- This is a fallen world, filled with evil, and we are fallen human beings, faced with an endless gauntlet of struggles and problems.

- But when we respond to those struggles as Christ responded to his - with love, with self-sacrifice - we grow in wisdom, experience internal joy, and discover the meaning and purpose for which we were created.

- True, we can't be perfectly happy here on earth, but when we follow Christ's example of self-forgetful love, we experience the next best thing: the interior strength and joy that comes from knowing without any doubt that we are on the one true path to the perfect happiness that God has in store for us.

- This is what Jesus meant when he said, "Those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39).

- It is also what he meant when he said; "There is more joy in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35).

- We find happiness in this life when we work for the happiness of others.

Today, Jesus will show his love for us once again in the sacrifice of this Mass, and he will give himself to us in Holy Communion.

When he does, let's ask him to give us the grace we need to follow his example, caring more about the needs of others - whether family members, colleagues, classmates, or next-door neighbors - than about ourselves.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice, neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.