



Cathedral Voices

JANUARY 2008

Being a cathedral. Being the church.

The Very Rev. Joy E. Rogers
Provost of the Cathedral

The most basic definition of a cathedral is that it is a church where the seat (*cathedra* in Latin) of the bishop resides. St. James meets that standard with the elegant wooden chair topped with the seal of the diocese in our sanctuary. We are not the first cathedral in Chicago. But this parish church, founded in 1834 and rebuilt after the Chicago fire in 1871, has been the cathedral of the Diocese of Chicago since 1955.

Cathedral calls to mind images of the great medieval Gothic structures of Europe, even 20th century recreations of the Gothic style in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City or the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. St. James doesn't look much like any of those—in all of our Victorian beauty.

To know that we are a cathedral congregation only begins to raise questions for us all and for the people of the diocese. The provost search committee used the word hybrid to describe the life of St. James—part parish church,

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■ **At the Cathedral** *Burning palms in the shrove fire*

Pageantry, ritual to mark new bishop's arrival

Therefore, Father, make Jeff a bishop in your Church” are the words Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefforts Schori will speak as she and other bishops lay hands on the Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, consecrating him as 12th Bishop of Chicago. The ceremony will be filled with pageantry, ancient ritual and mystery in a state-of-the-art, 21st century setting.

THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

The service will be held Saturday, February 2, 2008, at 1:00 pm at the House of Hope Arena on Chicago's far

south side, near the Historic Pullman District (752 East 114th Street). It will easily accommodate the anticipated crowd of 5,000 people, including a mass choir and hundreds of clergy.

The liturgy for the ordination of a bishop is similar to priestly ordinations, except that the Presiding Bishop serves as presider and chief consecrator. The service begins with representatives from the diocese, both priests and lay persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop to present the bishop-elect, saying “We ask you to lay your hands upon him

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Bishop-elect Jeffrey D. Lee (left) discusses plans for his consecration as 12th bishop of Chicago with provost Joy Rogers and director of cathedral music Bruce Barber.

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and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him a bishop in the one holy, catholic and apostolic church.”

Testimonials are given, scripture is read, a sermon is delivered, and then the bishop-elect is questioned: “Will you accept this call...Will you boldly proclaim...Will you guard the faith...Will you show compassion?” With the laying on of hands and the power of the Spirit, Jeffrey Lee will be made a bishop in the ancient tradition of apostolic succession. He will put on the vestments of his new office and his first words as Bishop of Chicago will be “The peace of the Lord be always with you.” At the Eucharist to follow, Bishop

The Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Medina, Wash., was elected at the Diocesan Convention in November to be the 12th Bishop of Chicago. His consecration will be held on Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 pm at the House of Hope Arena. He will be seated at St. James Cathedral the next day, Sunday, February 3, at a 4:00 pm service of Evensong.

Lee will be the chief celebrant, joined by the Presiding Bishop and other bishops as co-celebrants.

The service of consecration is open to all members of the Diocese of Chicago and the Episcopal Church. The House of Hope is easily accessible by Metra rail and by car from the Bishop Ford Expressway (I-94) using the 115th Street exit. There is on-site parking for 2,000 vehicles. More information about transportation and tickets will be communicated as it becomes available, through the cathedral website, the weekly cathedral e-newsletter, and the Sunday “New & Events” publications.

THE SEATING IN THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, February 3 at 4:00 pm, newly consecrated Bishop Lee will be seated on the *cathedra*—or bishop’s seat—in St. James Cathedral during a festive service of Choral Evensong, featuring the music of Charles Villiers Stanford, performed by the Cathedral Choir.

As the service begins, the new bishop will stand outside the front doors of the cathedral and knock three times with his crosier, or bishop’s staff, requesting permission to enter. The cathedral



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wardens will open the doors to welcome him and lead him in procession to the front of the cathedral. There, Bishop Lee will be greeted by the provost and escorted to the *cathedra*, taking his rightful place as diocesan bishop and rector of the cathedral.

It is expected that Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Chicago and representatives from a wide array of faiths will be with us to welcome Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee to his new cathedral home. A gala reception will follow evensong in the narthex and nave. ■

Worship ministry: Serving God and God's people

Their roles may vary widely, but the reason they serve is the same: The cathedral's ushers, acolytes and Altar Guild members serve because they're motivated by the invitation to honor God by serving God's people.

USHERS

"The warmth of my first welcome to St. James impressed me deeply," says Arun Eapen, who leads the Cathedral Usher Ministry. "I love passing that feeling on to others. When we hand a visitor a bulletin and say a few words, we show them we're at home here, proud of our cathedral and glad they're here. The other great part is greeting cathedral regulars, whom we already know and love."

Many people arrive thinking that St. James is Holy Name Cathedral. "We're pleased to direct them up the street, if they like. But some stay to worship with us, then thank us at coffee hour for the wonderful liturgical experience."

"From the back of the church, you have an extraordinary view of the Body of Christ, unified through worship," says usher Duncan Moore. "Solemnly moving forward, as one, to the communion rail, the people of God share the sacred mysteries. It's a wonderful feeling."



St. James Cathedral

Arun considers ushering as a good entry-point for serving the cathedral community, because usher teams serve only every five weeks. "We're delighted when others join our tight-knit group." To learn more, you can e-mail Arun Eapen at aseapen@hotmail.com.

ACOLYTES

"Acolytes are vested in liturgical garb not to make us special but to make us anonymous. We're symbols of service to the people of God," says lead vergger Ann Meuse. "The cross, heading the procession, is vastly more important than the person who happens to be lifting it high that day. The same is true of torches and other acolyte roles. We appreciate that at depth. Our congregation does, too."

The term *acolyte*, derived from a Greek word meaning *to follow*, covers a variety of lay liturgical roles, among them subdeacons, verggers, thurifers, crucifers and torch bearers.

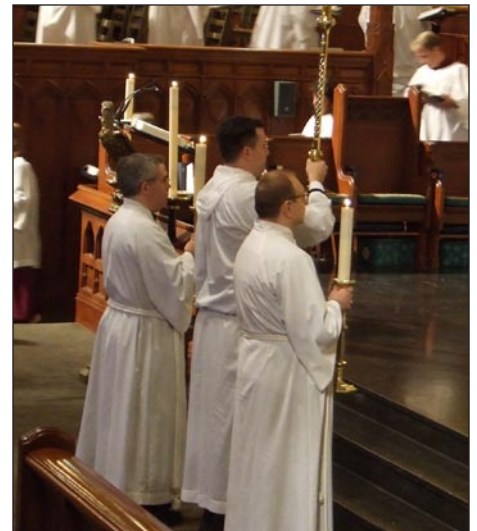
"Service is a profound honor," says Ann, "especially for liturgy junkies like most of us acolytes. It's astonishing to be trusted with the 'holy hardware' — sacred vessels and implements that furnish the Mass's majesty. We're privileged to support the celebrant in the Eucharistic mystery. We're allowed to stand near the center, facilitating the congregation's worship experience."

Acolyte training is available to anyone who wishes to join their ranks. To learn more, you can e-mail Ann Meuse at ameuse@fourthchurch.org.

ALTAR GUILD

"When we do our work properly, no one notices it at all," says Janet Diehl, who leads the Altar Guild. "We're behind

The Altar Guild works behind the scenes to make worship services run smoothly.



Many lay liturgical roles are covered under the general term acolyte, including torch bearers and the crucifer.

the scenes. When everything's in place, people can concentrate on the liturgical mysteries that bring us all together. But when something's not in place, it's distracting. We make certain that people aren't distracted."

Altar Guild members tend to those things most of us take for granted. They make sure the altar is properly dressed in liturgical colors, clergy vestments are tended to, bread and wine are ready for consecration, candles and immaculate linens are ample and available, even that the water in the font is warm enough to welcome babies for baptism.

"St. James has magnificent treasures of art: chalices, patens, glorious fabrics, and a thousand other things. St. James' history and legacy are in our hands. We want everything we care for to be in a condition that's worthy of its sacred purpose. The Lord is coming to be with us and we're allowed to set the table for him. Just imagine that privilege!" Janet continues.

"Our numbers are few because the Altar Guild really is invisible. But we're delighted to teach people who might want to experience the same quiet joy we know in this ministry." To learn more, you can e-mail Janet Diehl at jed1122@gmail.com. ■

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part diocesan cathedral. That is only the starting point when we ponder our identity, and even when I ponder my own role as provost in this time of transition.

I have been a rector. I know a lot about how to do that, and much of my work here is like being a rector. The rhythms and challenges of life in a parish church are still familiar, no matter the interesting mix of our congregation, the urban qualities of our people and our setting. People want to feel that they belong, that they are known by the clergy and by each other, that they have a stake in the mission of the

church and its ministries.

There is still the need to help build a sense of community, of mission, of identity, “to equip the saints for ministry” at every stage of anyone’s faith



Provost Joy Rogers

journey. I am used to preaching week in and week out to a community of folk who I know and who know me. So one of my goals is always to hold out a vision and an identity in which we might recognize ourselves, our particular yearnings and fears, and how we might live our lives, personal and corporate, in light of the Gospel.

And then there is this cathedral piece—and a lot of my work here is like being a dean. I have never done that, but I know and talk regularly with people who are deans of other cathedrals.

They speak of the challenge of connecting their cathedral and people to the larger life of a diocese, of making the cathedral truly a symbol of unity and identity for a larger constituency, a place for pilgrimage where spiritual travelers are welcomed and nourished

by an experience of being part of something larger than their parochial identities, a place for worship events like confirmations and ordinations that gather the diocesan family in a place that all can feel is somehow their own. And now I preach to congregations that include lots of visitors every week. And the question of vision and identity becomes a broader one.

And the truth is that I am neither the rector, nor the dean. By our constitution, the Bishop of Chicago is the rector of the cathedral. My role for now, as provost, is to be the bishop’s representative in the oversight of St. James, both as priest to the parish and as priest in the diocese. Our new bishop, the Cathedral Chapter and I will enter a period of discernment shortly after he arrives, to determine whether we want—all of us—to move forward together in ministry and make our relationship more permanent with me as your dean. In the meantime, I will continue to grow with you into our dual identities of parish church and cathedral.

That is for me a happy task. I love being part of St. James community; I am energized by our people, challenged by the amount of work we need to do together to organize ourselves and our material resources for more effective ministry. We have so much, between the heritage of generous benefactors who have gone before us in this place, and the amazing gifts of those who now fill our pews. I am learning about making the seams between our parochial life and our diocesan vocation, both in terms of my own work and yours. I do not have easy



Choral Evensong
**The Seating of the
New Bishop**

Join us as we welcome the Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee as the 12th Bishop of Chicago and rector of St. James Cathedral.

**Sunday, February 3, 2008
4:00 pm**

answers about the challenges, but I am enjoying exploring the possibilities.

The healthier and more productive, more inclusive, more engaged we are as a parish system, the better we will become at being the kind of cathedral the diocese and the bishop needs. It is truly a gift to be part of that larger mission and we are enriched in so many ways by the relationships that are possible through our cathedral identity. It is our vocation as members of St. James and part of what it means to belong to this community, to be part of these people, to have a stake in this place and to have a very particular, even unique, relationship with our bishop. And I do believe that none of the above means that we lose anything in terms of how we understand ourselves as a faith community at the level of a parish.

If our setting is unusual, if our pews are full of what one parishioner called “quirky urban gypsies,” if our resources are amazing, if our aesthetics somewhat over the top from time to time, if our history is a bit checkered in terms of how we care for each other or those beyond our doors, if our role is unique, then we embrace it all and move forward out of who we have been and who we are right now. And we will learn together, you and I (not quite a rector, not quite a dean) and our new bishop, Jeffrey Lee—we will learn together who God is calling us to become. ■

Voice of the Wardens

Marianne W. Culver | Senior Warden
Robert D. Black | Junior Warden

On January 27, we come together again as a parish, at our annual meeting. The annual meeting is a time for us to reflect as a community on what we've accomplished in the past 12 months and to plan for the year ahead. We're always excited when annual meeting comes along. It's a time of excitement, possibility.

But annual meeting is also a business meeting, and that's the aspect of it we'd like to focus on in this issue of *Cathedral Voices*. Below we describe what the parish is required to do at annual meeting, and who is eligible to do it.

REQUIRED BUSINESS

At every annual meeting we elect members to fill vacancies on the Cathedral Chapter. This year, we have three openings: the seats of Ron Mui, Marcus Hall and Marianne Culver. (Robert Black steps down, too, but last year the parish voted at annual meeting to extend his term as junior warden by one year. This means he held an extra chair through 2007 and does not need to be replaced for 2008.) The new members will serve three-year terms.

In addition, the parish will elect two new wardens. Under our newly revised by-laws and constitution (assuming the changes to the latter are ratified by the parish at this annual meeting), we will elect one warden for a two-year term at each annual meeting to create staggered terms for wardens. One warden will be the warden for administrative affairs, and the other will be the warden for real property. Wardens will no longer need to be elected from among the chapter members.

Under the new rules, the parish will be able to choose as warden individuals who have specific gifts to match their

duties. With two-year terms, each warden will be able to serve long enough to accomplish his or her goals, rather than merely set them. Since the terms of the wardens will overlap, each year the "new" warden will be able to learn from the one who has already served for a year. Of course, this year, since the parish must elect two wardens, it will be electing one (the warden for administrative affairs) for a two-year term, and the other (the warden for real property) for a one-year term, to set up the staggering of terms.

As indicated above, at this year's annual meeting, the parish will be asked to ratify changes to the constitution of the cathedral. We've described some of these changes in the preceding paragraph. The full changes and a summary of them will be published to the parish at least 10 days before the annual meeting. Please read these materials, and come ready to discuss and vote on the changes.

Finally, we will also elect three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention and two lay members of the Finance Commission. According to the cathedral Constitution, the Finance Commission is the body that advises the Cathedral Chapter on financial matters. It is composed of the treasurer, the wardens and two lay members of the parish, one of whom must be a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

WHO CAN VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Canons of the Diocese of Chicago control who can vote at the annual meeting. "The Parishioners qualified to vote for Wardens and [Cathedral Chapter], and upon all questions coming before any Annual or Special Parish Meeting, shall be only the

following: All baptized persons of the age of sixteen years and upwards, who regularly attend the public services of the Church in the Parish, and are recognized as members of the Parish by the [Provost] and at least one of the Wardens . . . and whose names appear on the books of the Parish Treasurer . . . during the six months immediately previous to the Meeting . . . ; and in addition declare their willingness to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Church."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The information described above comes from the constitution and by-laws of our cathedral, and from the Canons of the Diocese of Chicago. Copies of these documents are available in the cathedral office. ■

2008 Annual Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
12:00 NOON**

Candidates for wardens, chapter and convention delegates

Warden for Administrative Affairs

(2-year term)
T.J. Ferrantella

Warden for Real Property

(1-year term)
Cecilia Mowatt

Cathedral Chapter

(3 openings)
Mary Jo Barton
Shirley Beaver
Bill Cosper
Mary Downie
Phillip L. Miller
Duncan Moore

Diocesan Convention Delegates

(3 delegates, 3 alternates)
Jessica Abell
Bruce Barber
Robert Black
George Culver
Arun Eapen
Cathe McEnerney

Bishop recognizes service, names nine honorary canons

Bishop William D. Persell has announced the names of nine people to be installed as honorary canons of the cathedral at the final liturgy prior to his retirement as the 11th Bishop of Chicago. The service will be held in the cathedral on Saturday, January 26 at 11:00 am. Included in the list is Dr. Fumni Olopade, a long-time member and former senior warden of St. James Cathedral.

Honorary canons of the cathedral are chosen by the bishop and selected for their extraordinary service to the diocese. The appointments are made for life. Quoting the book of Ephesians, Bishop Persell has described honorary canons as people whose lives are “worthy of the call to which they have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Those named as honorary canons by the bishop include:

The Rev. Dr. Evangylee L. Baldwin Jr. (St. Thomas, Chicago) biologist, who also serves as deacon and chaplain of the Port of Chicago.

The Rev. Gwendolyn Dillon (Sts. George and Matthias, Chicago) deacon who manages the parish’s soup kitchen and homeless ministry.

The Rev. Clarence Langdon (St. Mary’s, Park Ridge) priest who, after retiring from parish ministry, joined

the Diocesan staff in various clergy-development roles.

Dr. Funmi Olopade (St. James Cathedral) renowned breast-cancer researcher, University of Chicago Distinguished Professor of Medicine/Human Genetics.

The Rev. James L. Risk (St. Giles, Northbrook) priest who, after retiring from parish ministry, became executive director of Bishop Anderson House and serves Episcopal Charities in chaplaincy administration.

Peter Rossiter (St. Elisabeth’s, Glencoe) attorney, Chair of Trustees for the Diocese Endowment Fund and former Chancellor of the Diocese.

Newland Smith (St. David’s, Glenview) retired academic dean/library director, Seabury–Western Theological Seminary. General Convention Deputy, representing Diocese of Chicago at seven General Conventions.

Anne Touhy (St. Elisabeth’s, Glencoe) parishioner, active in Diocese, National Church, and ecumenical community, serving the Diocese in Strategic Planning, Christian Formation, Standing Committee and Cathedral Chapter. Deputy to the past three General Conventions and Representative to Province V Synod.

Todd Young (Church of Our Savior, Chicago) attorney, Chancellor of the Diocese and an advisor to the bishop since 2002.

At the same service, Bishop Persell will also ordain Michael Stephenson to the priesthood. Michael is Canon for Development for the Diocese of Chicago. ■



Dr. Fumni Olopade

The ministry of deacons

The Rev. Jackie Lynn | *Deacon*

This column will appear periodically throughout the year to explain the role of the deacon and to assist the cathedral in becoming a diaconal parish. Judi Mason and I are the first two deacons ‘raised up’ from the cathedral congregation. I was ordained in 2002 and Judi in 2003.

A deacon is charged to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world—to serve all people, especially the poor, weak, sick, lonely and oppressed.

Deacons are a symbol to remind all baptized Christians of their ministry to serve others. During worship there are some symbolic roles—to proclaim the Gospel, lead the confession and dismiss the people to go out into the world. We are charged to preach connecting the Gospel with the needs of the world.

These liturgical roles are a small part of a deacon’s ministry. In our diocese, along with members of the parish, deacons have diverse ministries: some visit the sick, some have prison ministries or food pantries. Judi’s ministry includes chairing the

CATHEDRAL BUDGET

through November 30, 2007

Operating Budget

Income	\$ 732,469
Expense	\$ 756,121
Net Deficit	(\$ 23,652)

2007 Pledges *(152 pledges for 2007)*

Total Pledged	\$ 324,348
Expected to date	\$ 284,167
Received to date	\$ 282,650
Net Deficit	(\$ 1,517)

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Deacon Jackie Lynn

Diocesan Task Force for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities and serving the home bound in her own building. This year she's looking forward to working in

the cathedral community to revive the Lay Eucharistic Ministry. I continue to direct the National Episcopal Peace Fellowship, a 2,000-member organization working to dismantle violence, do justice and strive to be peacemakers. I also serve on the Diocesan Peace and Justice Committee.

Judi and I are glad to serve as deacons at the cathedral and look forward to sharing diaconal messages this year. ■

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan 2** Bill Cospier
- Jan 3** Jack Brown
- Jan 4** Jackie Mitchell-Loeffler
- Jan 5** John Hunter
- Jan 6** Dona Hollifield
- Jan 7** Bing Chang
- Jan 12** Kaye Wertz
- Jan 14** Robert Hood
Daina Staisiunas
- Jan 15** Georgia Elrod
- Jan 16** Geneva Gage
Steven Leary
- Jan 20** Bob Britton
- Jan 22** Barbara McCarthy
Mary Bruner
- Jan 23** Elsa Vaintzettel
- Jan 24** Ayo Falusi
Jessica Abell
- Jan 25** Salli Eley
Ken Madsen
- Jan 26** Kristen Ritchie
- Jan 27** Rosemary Gooden
Bob Harmon
- Jan 30** Paul Kobasa
Marina Katovich

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR & SPECIAL SERVICES

See back page for Schedule of Regular Services. For latest updates and more information visit www.saintjamescathedral.org

January 2008

- Tue 1** **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Cathedral Office Closed (also closed on Mon, Dec 31)
- Wed 2** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Sun 6** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist and Epiphany Pageant** Cathedral
12:00 pm **After Hours Group Lunch** Meet in narthex
4:00 pm **Chorale Evensong: Feast of the Epiphany** Cathedral
- Wed 9** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Sun 13** 12:00 pm **Cathedral Community Crash Course**
- Tue 15** 5:30 pm **Communications Ministry Meeting** Room 200
- Wed 16** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Sat 19** 11:00 am **Ordination of Deacons** Cathedral
- Sun 20** 9:15 am **Sandwich Sunday Homeless Ministry**
Diocesan Center Lobby
12:00 pm **Cathedral Community Crash Course**
4:00 pm **Cathedral Concerts: Students from the Merit School**
Cathedral
- Wed 23** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Sat 26** 11:00 am **Installation of Honorary Canons** Cathedral
- Sun 27** 12:00 pm **Cathedral Annual Meeting & International Brunch**
Burrill Hall
- Wed 30** 2:00 pm **Book Club: Mere Christianity** *Montgomery Place*
6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200

February 2008

- Sat 2** 1:00 pm **Consecration of Jeffrey D. Lee as 12th Bishop of Chicago**
at House of Hope (see article on page 1)
- Sun 3** 12:00 pm **After Hours Group Lunch** Meet in narthex
4:00 pm **Choral Evensong and Seating of the New Bishop**
Cathedral
- Tue 5** 6:00 pm **Shrove Tuesday Dinner** *Burrill Hall*
- Wed 6** 8:00 am **Ash Wednesday Service** Cathedral
12:10 pm **Ash Wednesday Service** Cathedral
6:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Service** Cathedral
- Wed 13** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Sun 17** 9:15 am **Sandwich Sunday Homeless Ministry**
Diocesan Center Lobby
4:00 pm **Cathedral Concerts: Chicago Early Music Consort**
Cathedral
- Tue 19** 5:30 pm **Communications Ministry Meeting** Room 200
- Wed 20** 6:00 pm **Bible Study** Room 200
- Wed 27** 12:00 pm **Book Club: The Lemon Tree** *Montgomery Place*



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WEEKLY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday

8:00 am
 Said Eucharist (St. Andrew Chapel)
 9:15 am
 Faith Formation (Burrill Hall)
 10:30 am
 Choral Eucharist (Cathedral)

First Sundays, October–June

4:00 pm
 Choral Evensong (Cathedral)

Wednesday

5:30 pm
 Said Eucharist and Healing Service
 (St. Andrew Chapel)
 6:00 pm
 Bible Study (Room 200)

Thursday/Friday

12:10 pm
 Said Eucharist (St. Andrew Chapel)

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 for upcoming events.

Join us at St. James Cathedral!



The Feast of Epiphany

Sunday, January 6

10:30 am

Choral Eucharist and Epiphany Pageant

4:00 pm

A Choral Evensong

The music of Peter Aston and John Weaver

Cathedral Concert Series

Sunday, January 20

4:00 pm

Young, Gifted and Stellar Musicians in Concert

You will not want to miss hearing the amazing talents of these choral musicians from Chicago's outstanding Merit School of Music. These students are a part of the nationally acclaimed tuition-free conservatory and they will bring to us a unique mixture of sacred and secular music from around the world. Free-will offering.

The Choirs of the Merit School of Music

The Concert Choir, The Chamber Chorus and The Merit Singers

Melba Wright, director
 David Richards, accompanist