

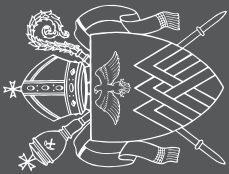
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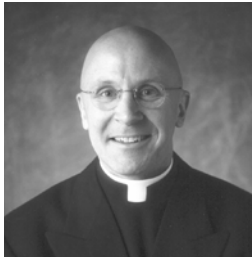


February 2012

SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL



From the Dean: Walking with Jesus



After many years of discussion, planning and hard work, we shall bless a set of the Stations of the Cross on Sunday, February 19, and we shall hear about their production at the Dean's Forum that day.

This has been a wonderful project from start to finish. Several years ago, some parishioners asked if we could have a set of Stations, and so we began to look around. We checked the usual church supply companies, but nothing seemed to fit our architecture and culture. We kept our eye on eBay, but there was nothing right there, either.

So we realized that we were going to have to create our own. It was parishioner Jennifer Ballentine who came up with the idea of Stations in some kind of textile, especially in colors that would bring out the hues of our beautiful windows, and it was a short step from there to think about needlepoint. Janet Thompson then took up the challenge, and before we knew it, we had designs, colors, and the stitching began. A faithful group of needle-pointers have been working hard to produce the 14 Stations, and they are now done. They will be hung permanently on the pillars of the Cathedral and dedicated on the last Sunday before Lent begins so that we can use them during Lent.

This has been a remarkable creative project, and I am so grateful to Jennifer, Janet, and all those who have designed and made these Stations. They are not just a work of art; they come from our won community, and that makes them even more special for us. They will be an integral part of our spiritual life for years to come.

Needlepoint has a venerable heritage in the Episcopal Church. In my last parish, the great expert in church needlepoint, Mary Olsen, lived in gracious retirement, and she gave me many lessons in its history and application. In Saint Martin's Chapel, we have a great example of the tradition in the kneelers at the communion rail that were made some years ago. And there are other examples of needlepoint both in the Cathedral and in the chapel.

So we receive two gifts. First, we receive the great gift of a focus for our devotion, especially in walking with Jesus the way of the cross during Lent. For many of us, such focuses are fundamental to the way we relate to God in worship. Worship embraces all our senses, and visual images can capture and stimulate our imagination.

And then we receive the gift of the creativity of our fellow parishioners who have made these Stations. By their skill and generosity, our worship and devotion is greatly enhanced, and they have helped us to take another step along the way of our walk with Jesus. I am so grateful to all of them.

Join us on Sunday, February 19, as we dedicate the new Stations and hear from our fellow parishioners about them. And join us, too, on Friday evenings in Lent, as we walk the way of the cross with Jesus, and so deepen our relationship with the One who has opened to us the gate of eternal life.

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Candlemas

Thursday, February 2, 5:30 pm. Saint Martin's Chapel.

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm. Saint Martin's Chapel.
Please see more information on page 5.

Evensong

Sunday, February 19, 3:30 pm.

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 26. Regular Sunday Schedule.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Fridays during Lent, beginning February 24, 6:00 pm. Cathedral.
Please see more information on page 5.

Agency Day 2012


Sunday, February 26 following the 9:00 am service (Dean's Forum) and the 11:15 am service. Every year, the Cathedral partners with agencies in our city to bring effective and life-saving help to individuals and families in tremendous need. Agency Sunday is your opportunity to meet with leaders and volunteers from these agencies and learn ways to be more involved with hands-on service in our community.



Candlemas

Thursday, February 2, 5:30 pm
Saint Martin's Chapel

The Presentation of Jesus at the temple celebrates an early episode in the life of Christ. Join us for a time of reflection and at this closure of the Epiphany season.



Christians Engaging Israel - Changing the Conversation

Because of the reputation of the Cathedral and our Abrahamic Initiative as leaders in inter-religious dialogue, in 2008 the Dean was invited to be among the first Fellows of a new Christian Leadership Initiative at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. This program is designed to introduce Christian leaders from the United States to the complexity and pluriformity of contemporary Israeli Judaism. He held this Fellowship for two summers in 2008 and 2009.

Just before Christmas the Dean was invited by the Institute to be join a small working group to create a program for mainline Christian Churches in the United States to be able to engage contemporary Israel in a new way. The conversation about Israel in the United States is stuck. Christians are fearful of any conversation or criticism of Israel, because they do not want to be accused of anti-Semitism; and many Jews are fearful of the conversation because there is an assumption that the Jewish community in America must show a united front in support of the State of Israel.

The Hartman Institute believes that this impasse in the dialogue in this nation is harmful for everyone involved, and it needs to change. The Institute has already developed a program for Jewish congregations to begin to shift the conversation, and now there is a hope that the same resources can be brought to Christian congregations

The Cathedral has long been committed to the work of reconciliation at every level of our Church and society, and this venture is firmly grounded in this core value. This project has only just begun and is in its early stages. However, as the project progresses, the Dean will invite us into the conversation, and we shall be among the first beneficiaries of the new program when it is completed.

The logo for 'Dean's Forum' is written in a white, cursive font on a dark background. The background of the top section of the page is a photograph of a grassy area next to a stone-paved path.

Sunday, February 5, 10:10 - 11:00 am – Second Annual Pajama Sunday

Chris Conner from Denver's Road Home will be with us to share current initiatives to end homelessness in Denver. We will also be sharing information about the Cathedral's participation with six other downtown churches to provide emergency overnight shelter for women and how we can help New Jerusalem Baptist Church with their overnight shelter for women.

Sunday, February 12, 10:10 - 11:00 am – The Bible and You

The Bible is our foundational document. We are in the process of launching a number of ways throughout the week to engage the Bible in such a way that we can read it with a deeper understanding, and allow it to shape our lives of prayer and action more effectively. At this Forum we shall examine some of these methods of Bible study, and learn of the opportunities at the Cathedral to enter more profoundly the world and message of the Scriptures.

Sunday, February 19, 10:10 - 11:00 am – Our New Stations of the Cross

Today we dedicate a new set of Stations of the Cross, and at our Forum we shall hear about their conception, design, and making. We shall also learn about the devotion of the Stations, and how it can deepen our spiritual lives.

Sunday, February 26, 10:10 am - 2:00 pm – Agency Sunday

Every year, the Cathedral partners with agencies in our city to bring effective and life-saving help to individuals and families in tremendous need. Agency Sunday is your opportunity to meet with leaders and volunteers from these agencies and learn ways to be more involved with hands-on service in our community.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21 at 5:15 pm in Dagwell Hall

Join us to let indulgence and excess have one last hoorah before the Season of Lent. All proceeds go to Cathedral Camp Scholarships. Enjoy the best pancakes from here to New Orleans (and wash it down with a Mimosa!) Suggested donation: \$6 for kids, \$10 for adults, \$22 for families.

At 6:30, children will gather for a short lesson about the season of Lent, and then will join one of the clergy in the White Garth to burn the palms from last year to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday services. Crafts & activities provided, too!

Please register online at sjcathedral.org!

For more information, please contact Carol Mohr at 303.577.7703.



Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22, and we shall have the usual celebrations of the Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm Family Service (in the Saint Francis Chapel), and 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of particularly solemn observance, and it is one of the days in the year when all Christians are enjoined to be at the Eucharist. It is also one of the two days of the year (the other is Good Friday), when we are encouraged to try to fast if our health and circumstances permit.

Please join us for this first day of Lent as we set out, once again, on this special journey with Jesus to the Easter Feast. Please also note that our 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Cathedral is Cathedral Nite for everyone together on this day. There are no other Cathedral Nite activities on this evening. The Nursery is open for the 7:00 pm service.



The Stations of the Cross in Lent

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross is a traditional service for the season of Lent, and this year we have a magnificent new set of Stations on the pillars of the Cathedral.

Please join us in the Cathedral on Friday evenings after the 5:30 pm Eucharist in Saint Martin's Chapel (at about 6:00 pm or so) to walk the way of the cross with Jesus. This is a spiritual and liturgical practice that will deepen your understanding of the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus, which lies at the heart of our faith as Christians.



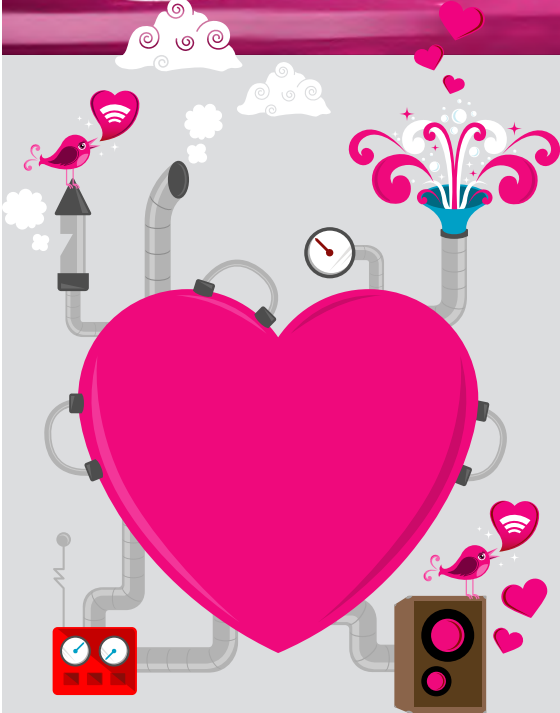
The Sacrament of Confession in Lent

Lent is a time of serious observance for Christians, and is a season that is marked by a number of spiritual practices.

One of these is the Sacrament of Confession, often now called the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Over the generations, this sacrament of personal conversion of life has been an invaluable support to many who have wanted to conform their lives more closely to the pattern of Jesus.

If you are interested in exploring whether this sacrament might be a part of your spiritual life, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the clergy. The clergy are available to administer this sacrament every day after the 5:30 pm Eucharist, or at other times by appointment.

SOAR: SENIORS ON A RAMPAGE



We have an active, seniors ministry with monthly activities involving field trips, fun, learning, fellowship, food and care for one another.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Thursday, February 9
1:00 - 3:00 pm

We will celebrate St. Valentine's Day in Dagwell Hall with sweet treats and activities. We invite you to help decorate valentines and/or meal sacks for Project Angel Heart's clients (people with life threatening illnesses).

Cost: \$5.00 per person; pay at the door.
Reservations required: Call Joan Jarboe at 303-424-7095 by February 6.



Women's Retreat

Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25 at Cathedral Ridge. Come to beautiful Cathedral Ridge for a weekend of relaxation, community building and spiritual refreshment. Saint John's Women are planning a weekend spiced with a variety of spiritual practices, worship, activities, reflection and rest. Retreat Leaders: Canon Rebecca Crummey & Kim McPherson. Cost includes lodging, meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners) and all activities. (Scholarships are available). Please contact Kim McPherson with questions.

Single: \$150. Double: \$140. Triple: \$ 115. Dorm-style: \$95

Register online at sjcathedral.org today!



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The Eucharist with the Sacrament of the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for the Sick now on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm

For many years at the Wednesday evening Eucharist we have offered the Sacrament of the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for those who have desired it. This has been an important rite for members of the parish who are ill or in some kind of distress that needs God's healing presence in this focused prayer.

With the establishment of Cathedral Nite and the Sung Eucharist on Wednesdays, it will not be practical to continue this custom on Wednesdays. So this Eucharist will now take place on Tuesday evenings, in exactly the same manner as is our long-standing custom.

As always, the clergy are happy to administer the Sacrament of the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for the sick to any who wish it at any time, especially those ill in hospital or at home.

Volunteering at Saint John's

Volunteers are needed for the Welcome Center Reception Desk. We have openings all week to serve, Monday through Friday. To serve, contact Christine@sjcathedral.org or call her at 303.577.7721.

Glory in the Wilderness

Glory in the Wilderness features the art of Saint John's Cathedral from 1911 - 2011 with over three hundred photographs and descriptions.

The book is available in the Cathedral library during the week during library hours. The book is also available at the Tattered Cover Bookstore and online at GuestGuidePublications.com.

Are you on our e-newsletter list?

Receiving weekly e-newsletters is a great way to find out what is going on in your Cathedral Parish. Email communications@sjcathedral.org with your contact information!

Questions/Comments?

Contact us at info@sjcathedral.org with any question you may have. We'd love to help!

A Note of Gratitude from the Reverend Blake Sawicky

Dear Friends,

Saturday's ordination and Sunday's first masses were beautiful, moving events, and I am deeply grateful to all of you! I am amazed at how quickly you have each become very dear to me, and I thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and the readiness of your affection. Please continue to pray for me, even as I will continue to thank God for you!

With love and prayers,

Blake

Cathedral Nite

Wednesday Evenings at Saint John's Cathedral

An evening of Food for Body, Mind, and Soul. Even if you have not been with us before now, Cathedral Nite continues, and the formations groups are always open to newcomers.

5:30 pm - The Eucharist in Saint Martin's Chapel

6:15 pm - Supper in Dagwell Hall

7:00 pm - Catechumenate and formation groups

- The Catechumenate with Canon Crummey (new members can join in September)
- Church history with the Dean
- Bible Study with Canon Van Culin
- Prayer and Spirituality in the Anglican Tradition with Father Sawicky

8:30 pm - Compline with Benediction by candlelight

BURRITO SUNDAY! FEBRUARY 5

Don't forget to grab your burritos after services! \$3 for one, \$5 for two. Veggie or Sausage.

Our youth are pledging some of the funds they raise through sales to purchase the ingredients for our Sunday Sandwich Ministry. So, feed yourself and help feed the hungry too!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY AGES 0-3

Our nursery is a cheerful, safe and welcoming environment for our very youngest members. It is staffed by professional caregivers as well as volunteers—all trained to ensure your child’s stay is safe in every possible way! Nursery Volunteers begin the introduction to our Christian tradition through creative play and stories. During weekday or other offerings, older children are welcome, too.

Sundays

8:30 am - 12:45 pm
5:30 – 7:30 pm for the Wilderness

Wednesdays

4:00 to 8:45 pm and during special services & events throughout the year.

When you visit us, parents are asked to fill out an information sheet and to alert caregivers of anything that might make their child’s time in the nursery more pleasant. Please put your cell phone on vibrate (and have it handy in case we need to call you).

Serving

We would love to have you serve our children! For more information about our Nursery or to volunteer, please visit sjcathedral.org or call Kim McPherson at 303.577.7729.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN AGES 3 - GRADE 5

Sundays

9:00 am Children’s Chapel (Ages 3 & up) Saint Francis Chapel, 2nd Floor

The Children’s Chapel time includes a lesson with activity, confession, prayers, hymns, songs and involvement every step of the way! Parents may drop off children or remain in Chapel.

10:15 am Godly Play (Ages 3 - 3rd Grade)

In Godly Play, we create a safe and beautiful space where children are deeply respected as they see, hear and wonder about stories from the Bible or another part of our Episcopal tradition. Using hands-on materials and “wondering questions” to reflect on the story together, children then choose from a variety of materials—art supplies, building materials, books, etc—to make their own creative responses, and to help make the stories truly their own. Prayers and a feast (snack) round out the session.

3-4 year olds: Preschool Godly Play, Room 101

K-1st Grades: Godly Play Class, Room 103

2nd-3rd Grades: Godly Play for Older Kids, Room 107

10:15 am SOWhAT (4th - 5th Grade) Room 204

SOWhAT stands for: Stories, Outreach, Wonder, Arts & Theology. At this age, children can begin to delve more deeply into the meaning of biblical core stories, and to learn ways to respond that are more sophisticated. This year, we are working with the creation story, delving into the mystery and meaning contained in each of the “days.” From creating pinhole

viewers to a meditation on thirst, this class will deeply engage in wondering, and in reaching out to people in need.

Wednesdays

4:00 – 5:00 pm Godly Play, Room 103. Ages 4-9.

Director of Christian Education, Kim McPherson leads this Godly Play class. Younger children and those attending choir may be signed in to the nursery in advance.

SJC Kids Pledge, Too!

It's not too late to pledge! Please encourage your child to participate. This is a wonderful way to teach our children the spiritual discipline of giving some of our money to help others. This year's campaign will go to Episcopal Relief and Development. To learn more: www.er-d.org. If you haven't turned in an animal pledge card yet, they are on the table just outside room 103. You have all of 2012 to bring your money, and with all of us pledging we are able to raise a lot of money to help ERD be the hands of Christ in the world. Last year, our children's pledges and offerings totaled \$8,991.85!

Kacolytes: "Kid Acolytes"

Children and youth (4th-12th grades) can be part of the SJC Kid Acolyte team! For more information, please contact Connie Kurtz at mamadogwood@q.com. Join this visible service and experience Holy Eucharist in a brand new way! Next training will be February 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Cathedral.



We provide a caring, peaceful, justice-seeking and fun community in which youth can engage their faith in relevant ways. After the 9:00 a.m. service, all youth gather in room 300 for refreshments and some play time. Pool or ping pong, air hockey or cards, this is a time for laughter and fun. Then they gather for consideration of a topic, and separate into middle and high school groups (in rooms 208 & 209) for deeper conversation relevant to their age group. We encourage questions and conversation in a trusting atmosphere, and will intersperse the year with a variety of spiritual practices.

Sundays

Sundays at 10:15 am. After the 9 am service, all youth gather in room 300 for refreshments. Conversation and activities around a chosen topic follows. Sometimes Middle & High School groups break into smaller groups (rooms 208 & 209) for age-relevant discussion.

Important dates for Youth

Sunday, February 5, 7:30 am: Make and sell burritos in your PJ's!

Sunday, February 5, 9:00 am: Wear your PJ's to church for Pajama Sunday!

Tuesday, February 21, 5:15 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Help set up, clear tables, and lead activities for children.

Confirmation for High School Youth

A group of high school youth are meeting regularly to prepare for confirmation at the Easter Vigil service, April 7. For more information, please contact Kim McPherson at Kim@sjcathedral.org.

Youth Mission Trips

The High School will be traveling to New Orleans June 9 -14 and the Middle School will be serving at St. George's in Leadville July 16-20. For more information and to let us know if you are interested in going, please contact Blake Sawicky at Blake@sjcathedral.org. Full trip information is located at sjcathedral.org/ChildrenYouth/Youth.aspx.

March Winter Wonderland Trip

March 2-4 at Cathedral Ridge. We've scheduled a weekend at Cathedral Ridge for winter fun! Sledding, hiking, snowball

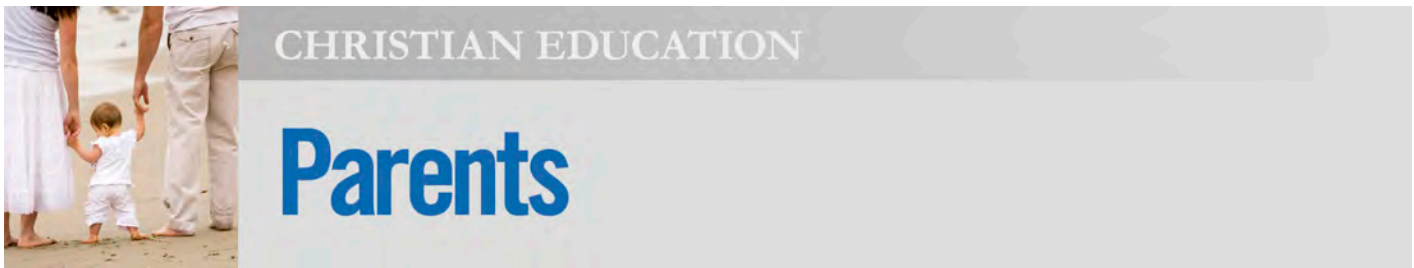
competitions, toasting marshmallows, arts & crafts and really good food! Cost \$100. Register online at sjcathedral.org/ChildrenYouth/Youth.aspx.

Cathedral Camp

June 24-30. Check the website for info!

Youth are involved in many ways at Saint John's

To serve as an Usher, please contact Deanna White at deanna_white1500@hotmail.com. To serve as an Acolyte, please contact Connie Kurtz at mamadogwood@q.com. To serve in the choir, contact Stephen Tappe at tappe@sjcathedral.org. To be involved in general service, please talk to the youth leaders.



Meet the Parents

This is a time to get to know other parents.

Join us Sunday, February 5 in Room 202 at 10:15 am. This is a good way to get to know other parents, drink excellent coffee and feast on doughnuts. Drop off your children at their classes and come on up the stairs to join us.

First Tuesday Play Dates

Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Nursery and Room 300. Next Play Date: February 7. Join other parents and young children to play and get to know one another. Bring your lunch!

SJC Kids & Parents e-Newsletters

If you have not received our newsletter, please contact carol@sjcathedral.org. These are short and focused on events and programs for families with children. This is a great way to connect to our Christian Education program and get involved.

Pajama Sunday!



Hard to get the kids ready for church? At the 9:00 am service, wear your pajamas to church on Sunday, February 5 in support of Denver's Road Home to end homelessness (and to have fun seeing all the silly pj's!)

For more information about Denver's Road Home, visit denversroadhome.org or contact Kim McPherson at kim@sjcathedral.org.

Yoga for Every Body

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 pm in Room 200
Registered Yoga Teacher Jan Bernstein offers a Wednesday yoga class to the Saint John's community. Come to stretch, breathe, relieve tension and enjoy relaxation. Children are welcome in the nursery. This class is offered through the Christian Ed Dept.; a donation basket will gratefully receive gifts. Suggested donation is \$5 per session. All are welcome!

Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:45 am in Room 101
Using the Anusara Yoga universal principles of alignment, Jan will guide you through a restorative asana (yoga poses) and pranayama (breathing) practice followed by a luxurious 10 minute savasana (relaxation), and meditation. The fee for this class is \$5 minimum (pay what you can).

CONCERTS

All Music at Noon concerts are FREE to the public.
Visit sjcathedral.org for current concert and ticket information.

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♦ *Ticketed event*

Evening concerts begin at 7:30 pm, and doors open 30 minutes prior, unless otherwise indicated. Concert dates and times are subject to change.

General and handicapped parking is available in front of the Cathedral's Welcome Center. Additional general parking is located north of 14th Avenue behind Argonaut Liquors with entrances on Washington and Clarkson Streets.

Richard Robertson, organist	FRIDAY 2/10
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Music at Noon: Colorado Chamber Players	TUESDAY 2/14
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Benjamin Sheen, organist. Oxford, England	FRIDAY 2/17
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♦ Michael Unger, organist Hosted by the Boulder Bach Festival	FRIDAY 2/24
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Christophe Mantoux, organist. Paris, France	FRIDAY 3/2
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Music at Noon: The Polite Jazz Quartet	TUESDAY 3/13
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Alan Dominicci, organist	FRIDAY 3/16
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♦ The Tallis Scholars Oxford, England. Doors open at 6:30 pm	SATURDAY 3/24
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Music at Noon: The Renaissance Project	TUESDAY 4/10
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Joyce Shupe Kull, organist	FRIDAY 4/27
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♦ Kantorei Spring Concert	FRIDAY 5/4
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Music at Noon: Opera Colorado Young Artists	TUESDAY 5/8
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♦ Colorado Chorale Bernstein and Britten	FRIDAY 5/18
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♦ Ars Nova Singers, New Perspectives: Modern Masterworks	FRIDAY 6/1
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Christopher Houlihan, organist. The Complete Organ Symphonies by Louis Vierne	FRIDAY 6/15 SATURDAY 6/16
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Concert Highlights

Friday, February 10, 7:30 pm - Richard Robertson, organist

Richard is currently the Assistant Organist at Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver. This recital includes works by J. S. Bach, Julius Reubke, Charles Marie Widor, Jaromir Weinberger, and Charles Tournemire. Freewill offering.

Friday, February 17, 7:30 pm - Benjamin Sheen, organist

Benjamin Sheen is currently the Senior Organ Scholar at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He also maintains a busy solo career, which has led him to numerous performances in cathedrals and concert halls. This program will include works by W. A. Mozart, William Walton, Julius Reubke, and others. Freewill offering.

**Friday, February 24, 7:30 pm - Michael Unger, organist
(hosted by The Boulder Bach Festival)**

Canadian-born organist and harpsichordist Michael Unger appears in recital as a soloist and chamber musician in North America, Europe and Japan. This recital, entitled "Bach inspirations," includes works by J. S. Bach, André Raison, Robert Schumann, and Franz Liszt. For tickets and other information, please visit www.boulderbachfestival.org.