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SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



Daily Mass

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First

Friday 3:00 pm -

Cathedral

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us
through the Son.



Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

8:00 am: Florence Eckenrod, Birthday Remembrance, (Pat & Denny Heptner)

11:00 am: Roger Stoy (Joanne Stoy)

5:00 pm: No Mass

Monday, January 2. - Saint Basil the Great and Gregory the Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Readings: 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Charles "Chuck" Ellis (Wife Dorothy, David, Carol & Paul Harnish)

Tuesday, January 3. - Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 John 2:29-3.6 / John 1:29-34

7:00 am: Anna Eicher (William Sabo & Katie)

12:05 pm: Peter Yanko (Barry & Kathy Smay)

Wednesday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Readings: 1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42

7:00 am: Frank Trio (Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pleskovic)

12:05 pm: Rick Hanson (Maria Demarco & Agnes Eppolito)

Thursday, January 5, - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: 1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51

7:00 am: Linda Herdman (George & Margaret Plowchin)

12:05 pm: John "Tucker" Servacek (Chris Holmes)

Friday, January 6, - Christmas Weekday, Saint André Bessette, Religious

Readings: 1 John 5:5-13 / Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

7:00 am: Robert D. Klug (Linda Lowes)

12:05 pm: June Walker (Alexandria & Tori Houdeshell)

Saturday, January 7, - Christmas Weekday,

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Readings: 1 John 5:14-21 / John 2:1-11

8:00 am: Rose Bachani (Mr. & Mrs. James Martin)

5:00 pm: Helen Freiwald (Janet Swanhart)

Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

8:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the Television Ministry

5:00 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

From Father Crookston...

Mary, Mother of God O Most Pure of Virgins, first among the blessed, Mother of the unshakable edifice of the church, Mother of the immaculate Word of God, taking refuge beneath your boundless wings that grant us the protection of your intercession, we lift up our hands to you, and with unquestioned hope we believe that we are saved. (Panegyric of the Theotokos by St. Gregory of Narek)

Pope Francis - Peace Message: At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence can resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for "it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" (Mk 7:21). But Christ's message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. Mt 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. Eph 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus can acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts".

To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence. As my predecessor, Benedict XVI observed, that teaching "is realistic because it considers that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This 'more' comes from God". He went on to stress that: "For Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behavior but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Love of one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the 'Christian revolution'". The Gospel command to love your enemies (cf. Lk 6:27) "is rightly considered the magna carta of Christian nonviolence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil..., but in responding to evil with good (cf. Rom 12:17-21), and thereby breaking the chain of injustice".

March for Life Bus Due to the presidential inauguration the annual March for Life is Friday, January 27, 2017. That Friday will begin locally with 6:30 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Immediately after the Mass, the bus for the March for Life will head to our nation's Capital from St. Francis and make a pickup in front of St. John Gualbert Cathedral on Clinton Street. Parking will be available in the St. John Activity Center lot. All seats are \$10.00 and must be paid to reserve your seat. Marchers should pack their lunch and know that they will stop for "Dutch-treat" supper. The Pro-life travelers will return at approximately 10:00 pm. Please call Heidi at 536-7335 or Patricia Loughlin at 255-8915 to reserve your seat or for more information.

January Tramp "Enough cold" says Fr. Jim who travels to the South Island of New Zealand from January 6 to January 22. He will still see snow on the peaks of the Southern Alps and touch the Franz Joseph Glacier. Main attraction is a four-day, thirty-five-mile tramp, on the Milford Track.

FROM OUR PARISH

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Please note our new email address: sigcathedral@outlook.com.

Offertory Envelopes for 2017 will be moved to St. Anne's Shrine on January 2, 2017. Please pick up your envelopes.

The Saint John Gualbert Book Club will be enjoying an extended holiday season and is cancelling the January 2017 meeting. We will resume reading and have our next meeting March 20, 2017. Details to follow. Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

Post Holiday Blues

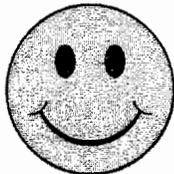
With dread, anxiety, and pain—that's how many of us approach the season of supposedly joy-filled, family-oriented excitement. Sometimes we think we have been successful in creating the Norman Rockwell scene of family unity, humor and love. Other years, we are just glad to see January so we can put away the decorations.

For most grieving people, it's not easy to make simple decisions. Every action and thought seems tainted by pain and uncertainty. Making long-range plans appears useless and too demanding. Deciding New Year's resolutions feels childish and burdensome.

What about the days to come? Make some plans for the days after New Year's. The natural let-down of post-holiday blues can be lightened by having something to anticipate. Get tickets to a play, schedule a group activity, invite a friend to visit or go to a friends for a few days. Do whatever keeps you involved with others and gives you a reason to make it through this emotionally draining season.

No matter how bad things seem to us, looking around the world illustrates that others are worse off than we are. There's a miracle in helping others—we receive as much, if not more, than we give. If we give from our own goodness, we can't help but be touched. True happiness is derived from making a difference for others and from bringing beauty into another's life. Whether with a phone call, card, or visit, reach out and touch someone.

Hope is contagious!



"It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable." –Moliere

Time Offers Opportunity

By Jim Rohn

The problem with waiting until tomorrow is that when it finally arrives, it is called today. Today is yesterday's tomorrow. The question is what did we do with its opportunity? All too often we will waste tomorrow as we wasted yesterday, and as we are wasting today. All that could have been accomplished can easily elude us, despite our intentions, until we inevitably discover that the things that might have been have slipped from our embrace a single, unused day at a time. Time offers opportunity but demands a sense of urgency.

Regardless of a person's current age, there is a sense of urgency that should drive them into action now—this very moment. We should be constantly aware of the value of each and every moment of our lives—moments that seem so insignificant that their loss often goes unnoticed.

For most of us, there will be a tomorrow, a next week, a next month, and a next year. But unless we develop a sense of urgency, those brief windows of time will be sadly wasted, as were the weeks and months and years before them. There isn't an endless supply!

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Volunteer Spirit Starts Early

Children learn the true value of service by watching family members contribute to their community; then, as they grow, they serve others alongside their parents. An early start leads to ongoing interest in service. Teens who volunteer reported that they started before the age of 12.

Children experience empowerment when they serve, because giving to other people develops both skills and qualities of character. When we involve youth as volunteers, we are preparing them to become active, responsible, caring citizens.

When families participate in community service together, children see and experience the values of compassion, justice, integrity, and responsibility.

Volunteering as a family also gives family members a meaningful way to spend time together. When volunteering becomes a natural part of a child's life at an early age, it adds an important dimension to the process of growing up. No amount of schoolwork and no paid employment can teach citizenship the way that volunteering does.

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Enjoying Snow Days

As we begin to settle into winter don't let these days get you down. Pull out those dusty games, puzzles, photos or craft boxes and enjoy family time or quiet time learning to knit, crochet or sew. Finish a project that's been tucked away. Turn the devices off and light a fire or candle, make popcorn or smores. Try to pretend we are living in simpler times like families of long ago.

COLLECTION: December 25, 2016

Collection/Christmas—cash	\$2,964.35
Collection—envelope	\$4,604.50
Maintenance	\$95.00
Christmas	\$9,428.51
Retired Religious	\$152.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$104.00
New Years	\$5.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$5.00
All Souls	\$25.00
All Saints	\$25.00
Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$30.00

Total \$17,463.36

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators January 7-8

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Beth Stern

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich,
Russ Gramlich, Betty King,
Patricia Loughlin, Christine Russell

Server: Randy Russell, Rylee Russell

Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, January 8, 8:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Fred Oliveros

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso,
Sam Grasso, Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Diane Thomas

Server: Riley Hearn, Donald Klimek

CCA Gift Card: Carri Hearn, Nicole Scaletta

Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, January 8, 11:00 AM

Reader: Christine Brothers, need one volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair,
Dolores Podratsky, Gene Podratsky,
Russ Smith, David Wilson

Server: Lorene Favor, Zachary King

CCA Gift Card: Brian King, need one volunteer

Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday, January 8, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Dixie Lochrie

Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar, Pat Roth,
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Server: Namita Gallo, Brent Zierer

Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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Family Ritual

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After Mass celebrate with a favorite food or family activity.



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