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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

# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.



### **Sunday, December 15, - Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11:2-11

8:00 am: Julius Kovach, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Janet & Richard Sanders)

11:00 am: Herb Delawder, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Wife, Cathy & Jensen)

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

### **Monday, December 16, - Advent Weekday**

Readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Matthew 21:23-27

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Jack Drummer (Family)

### **Tuesday, December 17, - Late Advent Weekday**

Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Matthew 1:1-17

7:00 am: Roger Stoy (Cha Cha & John Bair)

12:05 pm: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

### **Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday**

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Matthew 1:18-25

7:00 am: Corita Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)

12:05 pm: Jim & Helen Farley (Son, Jimmie)

### **Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday**

Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Luke 1:5-25

7:00 am: Anna Mauthe (Grandson, Charles E. Huffman & Family)

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

### **Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday**

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: John D. Kendera, Anniversary (Monica & Angela)

12:05 pm: George Pappas (Irene Ritter)

### **Saturday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday,**

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

Readings: Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Luke 1:39-45

8:00 am: Joseph Yambor (Family)

5:00 pm: James R. Gerber (Dorothy Gerber)

### **Sunday, December 22, - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Romans 1:1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24

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: Joanna Harris (Daughter & Family)

## From Our Pastor...

**Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation** At least five opportunities remain for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM; St. Therese, West End – Monday, December 16, 6:30 PM; Visitation, Eighth Ward – Tuesday, December 17; St. Patrick, Moxham – Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM; and St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 22, 5:00 PM.

### **Blessing of the Crèche and Placing of the Christ Child upon Blest Straw**

The household gathers near the manger scene. Candles may be lit, and flowers placed nearby. A family member prays the blessing:

Bless us, Lord,

As we come to Bethlehem  
Where animals and angels,  
Shepherds and seekers  
Together behold your face.

Here snow becomes straw  
And frost becomes flowers  
As winter melts into everlasting spring.

In our holy Christmas  
Give us the riches of your poverty.  
Show us the wonder of simplicity  
As we join the angels  
In proclaiming your praise:  
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,  
Now and forever. Amen.

The figure of the Christ child is now placed upon some of the blest straw in the manger, and all sing "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," or any favorite carol.

**Putting the Nativity Together** On Monday, December 23, at 1:00, we are bringing Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings, villagers, and sundry animals into the cathedral. You are most welcome to help assemble our manger tableau and add the bows of gold in our Christmas decorating of our parish family's home.

**Families, Please Select One Calendar** We thank area funeral directors for their sponsoring religious calendars. Tom Dixon provides the Family Life Office's Family Calendar 2020. The calendar's suggestions of daily family activities enhance the months and liturgical seasons of the new year. Give your imagination free range to savor each day and record events that your family may revisit in the years to come.

Frank Duca furnishes the religious art calendars for 2020. Select one of these sacred almanacs to grace your home throughout the year.

**Anticipated Seasonal Concert** The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Youth Chorale joyfully present their Advent of Christmas Concert, "On That Holy Mountain: Songs of Peace for a Waiting World," Saturday, December 21, 7:00 PM at our Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. We invite all and will gather a free will offering..

## FROM OUR PARISH

### Resurrection Religious Education News:

- **Sunday, December 22** – no class - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- All 11th grade Confirmation Candidates PLEASE make sure you have turned in your sponsor name, code of conduct and your Confirmation name by January 26th.

The Christian Life and Service Committee will be conducting their **Annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign** in support of pro-life before and after all Masses the weekend of January 11 & 12. The monetary donations received will get our fellow parishioners down to Washington, DC for the March for Life to be held on Friday, January 24th. Thank you for your many prayers and generosity in supporting this effort.

**2020 Offertory Envelopes are available near the Clinton Street entrances.**

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**News from DMCA:** The latest issue of DMCA Crusher News is out and full of info, including our holiday calendar, ways to support our schools through SCRIP and Amazon Smile, an introduction to new staff (and a highlight on a few familiar faces!), and more. Visit [www.divinemeracy.academy](http://www.divinemeracy.academy) to check it and for all our latest news. And all the best for merry and blessed Christmas for our families to yours!

All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting a **sing along/ concert of beloved Polish Christmas carols (Koledy)** as well as exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at their church located at 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell (Somerset County). Following the event refreshments will be provided. Any questions please call the All Saints parish office at (814 629-5551. All are welcome.

Award-winning contemporary Christian singer **Mark Schultz** will perform at the **Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica** at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21. General admission tickets are available for \$20, while non-Saint Vincent students with a valid ID will be admitted for \$10. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 724-805-2177 or online at [www.saintvincentarts.com](http://www.saintvincentarts.com) under the 'Special Concert Events' tab. Since his debut in 2000, Schultz has released 11 albums and has garnered 10 number-one singles, while serving as a spokesperson for Bethany Christian Services, World Vision, Food for the Hungry and the Congressional

Coalition on Adoption Institute.

## What is a Gift?

How does a gift come to us? In what might it be wrapped? In the blankets of a tiny baby...in the artwork of a child...in the creativity of a friend...in the ancient message of a small picture...in the contemporary competition of foils, ribbons and papers?

Should we be looking for God's gift to us in every place, in every life experience? Should our eyes be open to what God is giving us in our relationships, in the messages shouted across all media, in the emotions of celebration, longing and love?

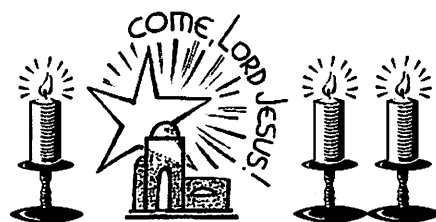
A gift is more than an object. A gift is a carrier of meaning, values, esteem and is a symbol of our faith. So that, any gifts we think of giving reflect God's giving and truly participates in the giving to which God calls us, ask first: What meaning can this gift carry? What values can this convey? How can this gift reflect my feelings for the receiver? What can this gift symbolize about my faith?

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## An Advent of Christmas Concert

*entitled On That Holy Mountain: music of peace for a waiting world*

Will be held 7pm, Saturday, December 21 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.



**COLLECTION: 12/08/2019**

Collection - cash	\$878.25
Collection - envelopes	\$4,289.48
Maintenance	\$627.00
Retirement for Religious - cash	\$294.26
Retirement for Religious - envelopes	\$303.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00
All Saints	\$18.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Christmas	\$225.00
Christmas Flowers	\$340.00
Immaculate Conception	\$696.00

**Total \$7,695.99**

**Thank you for your Stewardship**



**Family Ritual**

A question to ponder about Christmas lights:  
How we love to see lights everywhere this  
Christmas Season! Do we light our homes as a  
symbol to the world that we believe that the  
"True Light of the World" has come? Or are  
you decorating for purely aesthetic or secular  
reasons? Something to think about!!!

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and  
Audio Operators, Dec. 21 - 25**

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Pat Loughlin  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich,  
Betty King, Elizabeth King,  
Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Kevin Slonka

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Marcy Olek, Fred Oliveros  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Pam Sabol,  
Rose Ann Schellhammer,  
Gloria Stephens  
**Server:** Hayden Gates, Nate Gates  
**Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jodie Hall, Rachel Hall,  
Russ Smith, Geoffrey Stumpo,  
Justin Zierer  
**Server:** Levi Giffin, Zachary King  
**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Lou Aust, Dixie Lochrie  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust,  
Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Request one minister  
**Server:** Margie Bevans, Eli Updyke  
**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke

**Volunteers are needed at all Masses Christmas Eve and  
Christmas. Please check the schedule to see if you would  
be available to volunteer. Thank you for your ministry!**

*Families and the Gospel*

*Matthew 11:2-11*

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put  
to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who  
will give guidance to the children in your life or must  
they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics  
for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

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