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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 virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel.



## **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)

## **Monday, December 23, - Late Advent Weekday, Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Luke 1:57-66

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Lydia Wincer (Matt Wincer, Sr. & Family)

## **Tuesday, December 24, - Late Advent Weekday**

Morning Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Luke 1:67-79

Vigil readings: Isaiah 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Matthew 1:1-25 or Matthew 1:18-25

Night Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6/ Timothy 2:11-14/ Luke 2:1-14

7:00 am: Bob King (Wife Betty, Children, & Grandchildren)

5:00 pm: Christine Barber (Family)

Midnight: Charlene Tarnowsky (Cha Cha & John Bair)

## **Wednesday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Dawn Readings: Isaiah 62:11-12/ Timothy 3:4-7/ Luke 2:15-20

Day Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10/ Hebrews 1:1-6/ John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

8:00 am: Mr. & Mrs. John O'Donnell (Ed O'Donnell & Family)

11:00 am: Mike Rosey (Family)

5:00 pm: NO MASS

## **Thursday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

Readings: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/ Matthew 10:17-22

7:00 am: Thomas M. Komar (Father, Thomas A. Komar)

12:05 pm: Lois Weimer (Karen Stramanak)

## **Friday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Readings: 1 John 1:1-4/ John 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 am: Anita Jubas (Johnstown High School Athletics)

12:05 pm: George S. Wehner (Larry & Jeanne Wehner)

## **Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2/ Matthew 2:13-18

8:00 am: Cheryl Eckenrod, Birthday Remembrance (Husband, Tom)

5:00 pm: Evelyn Mikas, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

## **Sunday, December 29, - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Matthew 2:13-15

8:00 am: Esther Prieto, Birthday Remembrance (Cha Cha & John Bair)

11:00 am: John Kucenski (Sandy Jones)

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

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**From Our Pastor...**

**Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation** The final opportunity for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord is at St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 22, 5:00 PM.

**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.

**Welcome, Yule!** We warmly welcome all who will come this Christmas Season to celebrate the glorious feast of the Messiah's birth. We welcome the stranger, the traveler, and the guest! We welcome our students home from college for a good winter's rest! We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends! We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. We hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again! We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do! Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all one People of God -- redeemed by the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light -- together in the mercy and favor of Christ.

**Pope Francis on the Christmas Crèche:** It is customary to add many symbolic figures to our Nativity scenes. First, there are the beggars and the others who know only the wealth of the heart. They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus; no one can evict them or send them away from a crib so makeshift that the poor seem entirely at home. Indeed, the poor are a privileged part of this mystery; often, they are the first to recognize God's presence in our midst.

The presence of the poor and the lowly in the Nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, "gentle and humble in heart" (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly.

The Nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims in a meek yet powerful way the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.

Children — but adults too! — often love to add to the Nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures.

From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: All this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us. *Apostolic Letter on the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene.*

## FROM OUR PARISH

### Resurrection Religious Education News:

- **Sunday, December 22-** no class - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- **Sunday, December 29** - no class - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- **All 11th grade Confirmation Candidates** please turn in all your sponsor information and 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.

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

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 performer Mark Schultz will perform at the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica** at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21. Since his debut in 2000, Schultz has released 11 albums, garnered 13 number one singles and sold more than 1.3 million albums. General admission tickets are \$20, while students with a valid school ID will be admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased by calling 724-805-2177 or online at [www.saintvincentarts.org](http://www.saintvincentarts.org).

Dear Lord,  
 You gave us the greatest present of all, the gift of your Son. May we never forget to unwrap the gift of Your Love and may we be willing to wrap others in Your Love.  
 Amen.  
 Merry Christmas!

*Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

## 8 Gifts That Don't Cost A Cent

**The Gift of Listening:** But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

**The Gift of Affection:** Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

**The Gift of Laughter:** Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

**The Gift of a Written Note:** It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

**The Gift of a Compliment:** A simple and sincere "You look great", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

**The Gift of a Favor:** Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

**The Gift of Solitude:** There are times we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition:** The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

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### *Families and the Gospel*

*Matthew 1:18-24*

The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

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### *Families and the Gospel*

*December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas*

God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

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**COLLECTION: 12/15/2019**

<b>Collection – cash</b>	<b>\$878.36</b>
<b>Collection – envelopes</b>	<b>\$4,370.77</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$59.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$346.52</b>
<b>Retirement for Religious</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>Food Collection</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Catholic Register</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$56.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and  
Audio Operators, Dec. 24 - 29**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Karen Pavlosky, request a second reader  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Loughlin, Pam Sabol, Rose Batzel  
Request six additional ministers  
**Server:** Zachary King, request a second server  
**Audio Operator:** request an audio operator

**Christmas Midnight Dec. 25, 12:00 AM**

**Reader:** Fred Oliveros, request a second reader  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Russ Smith,  
James Hollis, request two more ministers  
**Server:** John Werzyn, request a second server  
**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Christmas Morning Dec. 25, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Dave Harteis, Christine Brothers  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Rose Ann Schellhammer,  
Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso,  
Request two additional ministers  
**Server:** Request two servers  
**Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain

**Christmas Mid-day Dec. 25, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Mary Jann Verbiar, Geoffrey Stumpo  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty King, Jodie Hall  
Request seven additional ministers  
**Server:** Rachel Hall, John Werzyn, Damien Byer,  
Request four additional servers  
**Audio Operator:** Request an audio operator

**Saturday, Dec. 28, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty King, Elizabeth King, Pat Loughlin,  
Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, Dec. 29, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Gates, Carmen Grasso,  
Sam Grasso, Marcy Olek, Don Yokitis  
**Server:** Hayden Gates, Nate Gates  
**Audio Operator:** Peter T Yanko

**Sunday, Dec. 29, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Rachel Hall, Beth Stem  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jodie Hall, James Hollis,  
Lonnie Rietscha, Russ Smith,  
David Wilson  
**Server:** Damien Byer, Hayleigh Rietscha  
**Audio Operator:** Brian Vuletich

**Sunday, Dec. 29, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Lou Aust, Heather Jezeskie  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust,  
Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Request one minister  
**Server:** Namita Gallo, James Sandoval  
**Audio Operator:** Ron Jezeskie