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SUNDAY LITURGY

Cancelled until further
notice

DAILY MASS

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CONFESSION

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Whoever loves me will keep
my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him
and we will come to him.



Sunday 11:00 Mass Televised Live from St. John's

All other Masses/Liturgies to be said privately by the Priests

Sunday May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Peter 4:13-16 / John 17:1-11a
Charlene Tarnowsky (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)
TV Ministry
People of the Parish

Monday May 25 St Bede the Venerable; St Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

Readings: Acts 19:1-8 / John 16:29-33
Esperanza Bair Health (*Sister, Kathy*)
Special Intention (*Kathy Bumbernick*)

Tuesday May 26 St Philip Neri, Priest

Readings: Acts 20:17-27 / John 17:1-11a
Sister M. Kenneth Hrbal 1st Anniversary (*Family*)
Jack Leonard 1st Anniversary (*Wife & Family*)

Wednesday May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Readings: Acts 20:28-38 / John 17:11b-19
St Anne Society
Richard Britt Health (*Jeff Hammer*)

Thursday May 28 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 22-30 / John 17:20-26
William C. Stephens (*Herdman & Homola Families*)
Stephen J. Molnar (*Wife & Children*)

Friday May 29 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21 / John 15-19
James Karafa (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)
Mark Gojmerac (*Frank Krall*)

Saturday May 30 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 28:16-20 / John 21:20-25
Jack Leonard (*Wade & Marianne Meyer*)
Cathy Delawder Health (*Janet Swanhart*)

Sunday May 31 Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7 / John 20:19-23
Ronald Vogel (*Joe Vogel*)
Sophie Roman (*Len & Jeanne Grecek*)
People of the Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter

"... the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them."

John 17: 1-11a

Ever-changing hope

Two years ago, her now 17-year-old son had a biking accident. He plowed into the boy in front of him, who stopped suddenly. He got up off the ground sometime later with a few scrapes and a vicious headache.

The headache still has not gone away.

For two years, he has been in and out of school. He is unable to participate in the extracurricular activities he loves. He struggles to remain upright for more than four of five hours at a time; he often faints and feels nauseous. His mom and dad have consulted several physicians and tried different medications and therapies. Nevertheless, their son's headaches persist.

His mom remembers those first prayers for her son. "The hope fueling these prayers were focused, frantic, and frenzied. It was a hope based entirely on results, on causes, on effects, on miracles and magic." Now, two years in, she still prays for her son's headaches to go away. However, she says, "the hope fueling the prayer is softer now, quieter. It is an unclenched hope, one set free of expectation, clamoring, and frenzy. It is a hope grounded in things not seen."

She has discovered that "hope is not about magical results – it is about the long haul and the long darkness. Hope is robust and muscular and ferocious, and long-suffering. Hope never gets so cynical that it can be surprised. Hope finds and names God in the world's most desolate places. Hope kneels on hard ground and yearns without shame. Hope gets in apathy's face and says, *No, not good enough. Try again.* Hope sits in the darkness – out-waiting torture, humiliation, crucifixion, and death – until finally, a would-be gardener shows up at dawn and calls us by name.

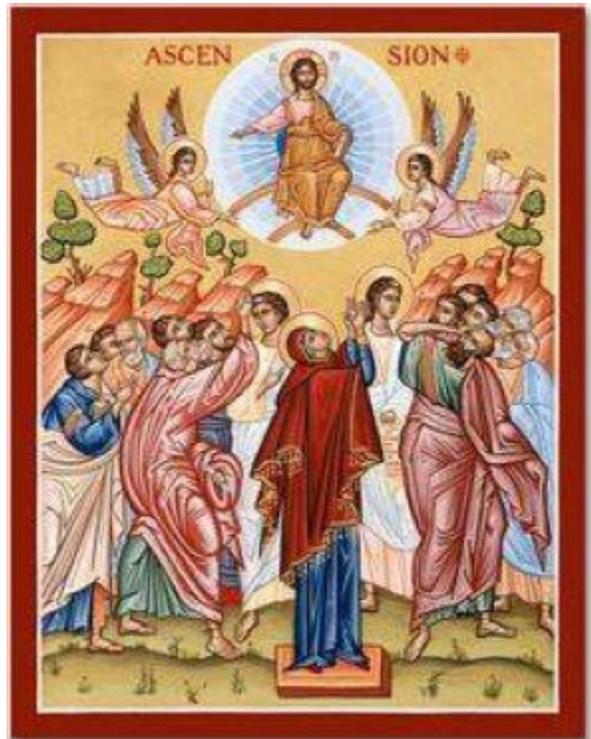
"These days, I hope not because things are even close to being OK but because the God of the small and the mundane and the inexplicable is my son's companion in his pain. I am learning, slowly and cautiously, to live with the mystery of the already-and-not-yet kingdom of God . . .

"After all, what else is hope? Isn't it precisely the mystery that strains toward what I do not yet have? Isn't it all about the unseen, the unknown, the unreached? If I already had what I longed for, I would not need hope. As it is, hope is my tether, my footing, my solace. It is a bridge, wider and sturdier than I imagined it would be, that connects me still to the God who loves my son."

[From "Hope sits in darkness" by Debie Thomas, *The Christian Century*, December 4, 2019.]

That connection between God and this mom is what Jesus prays for in today's touching scene from the Last Supper. As the challenges and obstacles that we face in our lives become more daunting, our perspectives may change, our understanding may become more lucid, our prayers may be re-focused, but the hope in that connection between God and us remains. May the hope of Jesus' prayer the night before he died be the center of our constant trust that God will transform our Good Friday crucifixions into Easter resurrections.

The Ascension – We Are in the World with Hope



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Cathedral Open for Private Prayer. Saint John Gualbert Cathedral is open (Mon-Sat: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sun 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm) for a maximum of twenty-five persons at a time. Please sit at one of the available chairs/pew end seats next to the chairs. Observe safe social distancing and always wear a mask as we do our part to help everyone keep safe from the coronavirus.

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Father's Day	15.00
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"May God bless you in all your future endeavors"

For Catholics, wearing masks can be an act of charity for neighbor...

"The simple reason [to wear a mask] is primarily to protect others, the secondary reason is to protect oneself. Masks are a barrier to the airborne droplets that can carry the virus and infect anyone who breathes them in," said Dr. Barbara Golder, a physician, lawyer and bioethicist with a background in pathology. Golder told CNA that wearing a mask while in public is "a small thing to do, and it may well save lives."

By News Desk May 14, 2020 in US NEWS

A Prayer for the World

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right
medicines to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you
and keep us safe. Amen.

Confessions resume on Thursdays and Saturdays at 3:00 PM. Wear masks, observe social distancing, follow usher's directions. Fr. Chuck will be in a confessional in St. Anne shrine. Fr. Jim will be in an outdoor confessional in the rectory courtyard.

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