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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm

Sundays
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

OUTDOOR COMMUNION

Sundays
12:30-1:00 pm
St John Activities Center

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday
7:00 am
12:05 pm

Saturday
8:00 am

CONFESSION

Thursday before 1st Friday 3:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm @ the Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

ALL MASSES ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CALL THE RECTORY TO SECURE A WEEKEND SEATING LOCATION

God was reconciling the
world to himself in Christ
and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation.



Sunday August 30 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2/ Matthew 16:21-27
8:00 am Lonnie & Melanie Rietscha *20th Wedding Anniv. (Lonnie Rietscha)*
11:00 am Michael O'Shea *Anniver. (Gr. Granddaughter- Dianne O'Shea)*
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday August 31 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Luke 4:16-30
7:00 am St Anne Society
12:05 pm Richard Delusa (*Denny & Dee Dee*)

Tuesday September 1 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 / Luke 4:31-37
7:00 am Ronald Vogel (*Kiel Family*)
12:05 pm Stephen J. Molnar (*Wife & Children*)

Wednesday September 2 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 / Luke 4:38-44
7:00 am Margie Ballestrini (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)
12:05 pm Karen Varner (*Sister- Barbara*)

Thursday September 3 *St Gregory the Great, Pope*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 / Luke 5:1-11
7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of 1st Slovak Ladies
12:05 pm Helen Machowski (*Barry Rummel*)

Friday September 4 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 / Luke 5:33-39
7:00 am Butch Huffman *Birthday Remembrance (David Ellis)*
12:05 pm Christopher Mauro (*Aunt- June Arena & Family*)

Saturday September 5 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 / Luke 6:1-5
8:00 am Barbara Regula (*William & Maryanne Newcomer*)
5:00 pm Amelia Britz (*Karlene Tantlinger*)

Sunday September 6 *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20
8:00 am John McInchok. (*Daughter- Nancy*)
11:00 am Proclaim TV Mass
5:00 pm People of the Parish

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."



Matthew 16: 21-27

On NOT "beating" cancer

In his book *Leaping: Revelations and Epiphanies*, Brian Doyle writes:

"I know a boy with brain cancer. He is 16 years old. He is not battling cancer. It is not something to defeat. He is enduring it with the most energy and creativity and patience he can muster. He says the first year he had cancer was awful because of the fear and vomiting and surgery and radiation and chemotherapy and utter exhaustion. Nevertheless, he says that first year was also wonderful, because he learned to savor every moment of his days, and because he met amazing people he would never have met, and because his family and friends rallied around him with ferocious, relentless humor, and because he learned that he was a deeper and stronger and more inventive and more patient soul than he had ever imagined.

"He also learned about fear, he says, because he was terrified and remains so, but he learned that he can sometimes channel his fear and turn it into the energy he needs to raise money for cancer research. Since he was diagnosed with cancer, he has helped raise nearly \$100,000."

Brian Doyle, who himself died of a brain tumor three years ago at the age of 60, learned from his young friend that "if we celebrate grace under duress rather than the illusion of total victory we will be less

surprised and more prepared when illness and evil lurch into our lives, as they always will; and maybe we will be braver and better people if we know we cannot obliterate such things, but only wield oceans of humor and patience and creativity against them."

It is a natural and understandable reaction to avoid whatever is unpleasant, uncomfortable, stressful, hurtful. In today's Gospel, Peter wants to protect Jesus from the suffering that awaits — but Jesus sharply rebukes Peter for trying to diminish or skirt the cross because it is difficult. To take up one's cross — whether that cross is dealing with cancer or teaching in a parish religious education program — is not a "battle" of good over evil but a means for bringing God's promise of resurrection into our lives and the loves of those we love. In "dying" to ourselves, Jesus says, we become something more splendid, that in letting go of the temporary and ephemeral, we become more flourishing, that in the suffering we endure, we become stronger, in the failures we experience we become wiser.

"Almighty and eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, You restored us the Savior we thought



defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg You, so to empty ourselves of self-concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat." (Prayer at the Fourteenth Station – Jesus is laid in the tomb)

COLLECTIONS: 8/23/2020

Cash	\$ 718.10
Envelopes	2,885.00
Maintenance	75.00
Assumption	70.00
Flush Fund	10.00
Food Collection	5.00
Cemetery Donation	20.00
Total	\$ 3,783.10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Envelope offerings, Catholic Ministry Drive gifts, Mass stipends, you may mail these or place them in the rectory mail slot. You also may give online. Please go to Dioceseaj.org, click on the "Giving" icon, select the appropriate "Make a Donation" rectangle, then enter select a recurring or one-time gift before continuing to enter your gift information. Thank you for your generosity in these challenging times. Mass requests and stipends are by postal mail or rectory mail slot.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators September 5 & 6

Saturday September 5 5:00 pm

Readers: Elizabeth Rhoades
Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Loughlin
Server: Keara Brandon
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday September 6 8:00 am

Readers: Carrie Weaver
Sub requested
Eucharistic Minister: Rich Ott
Server: Hayden Gates
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday September 6 11:00 am

Readers: Christine Brothers
Beth Stem
Eucharistic Minister: Geoffrey Stumpo
Server: Zachary King
Audio Operator: Russ Smith

Sunday September 6 5:00 pm

Readers: Charlotte Amenti
Lou Aust
Eucharistic Minister: James Sandoval
Server: Namita Gallo
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

Religious Education News for Resurrection Religious Education:

*Sunday, September 13th-9:15 - We will be having our first monthly parent meeting to go over the lesson for students in K-8. We will meet in the Resurrection Church Hall and maintain social distancing while wearing masks.

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“It’s a Boy . . . It’s a Girl”

Please help support Birthright of Johnstown by participating in our annual “*Baby Shower for Birthright*” the weekend of September 19 and 20.

This year there is a dire need for cash donations only. Checks are to be made out to Birthright. Birthright is completely dependent upon the donations of its supporters because it does not receive any government funds.

Their mission of love and compassion saves babies lives by offering their mothers guidance and support up to a year after the birth of their child to avoid abortion.

Because of the Covid-19 virus this year, donations may also be dropped off during the week at the rectory or mailed to

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Our Christian Life & Service Committee “thanks you” for your generosity in supporting this effort.



Parent Meeting Focusing on the New Faith

Formation School Year Next Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 am in the St John Gualbert Activities Center, Father Jim will gather with parents who will have children in grades K through 11 this coming September. Whether the children attend a public school, Divine Mercy, or Bishop McCort, at least one parent from each family should be present for the meeting. Father will explain the new settings this school year for religious education and sacramental preparation. Parents who have yet to complete the

annual memorandum of understanding for Divine Mercy or the entrance memorandum for McCort should bring this document with them. Father will also invite all parents to consider in which weekend Mass ministry they and their children will participate. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Fr. Jim (934-9605) to schedule a meeting with him at the rectory.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Early September marks the first part of the process of becoming Catholic. Follow-up meetings will occur this, and next Sunday, September 13, at 9:15 am in the St John Activities Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Streets.

We will have a separate group for adults and a separate group for children and youth. Participants in the younger group are children within families considering becoming Catholic and baptized Catholic children who are past second grade and have yet to celebrate First Penance and First Communion.

Those wanting to hear more about Catholicism and those wanting to help welcome them – persons interested in being members of the Christian Initiation Team – may talk to Father Jim (934-9605) or the Christian Initiation team members: Sister Honora, Rose Eckenrod, Lonnie Rietscha, Valerie Wilson, Dave Wilson, Christine Brothers, Marge Bevans, Elizabeth Gramlich, or Patricia Loughlin.

New Altar Ministry Schedule in Preparation We very much appreciate your service at the altar. Considering your safety during the pandemic, we request that you provide updated information as to your availability for ministry and the Mass times when you are willing to help for the liturgies that celebrate Late Summer and Autumn Ordered Time. We cordially welcome the nearly twenty percent of participants at in-person Masses who join us from neighboring parishes. We also invite you to ministry at the altar as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Audio Operators, and Altar Servers. We will publish the full new schedules by September 12. A partial update will be in the bulletin next weekend. Call the office (536-0117) if you need a scheduling postcard or contact Fr. Jim (934-9605) for help using the scheduling Web Terminal at a computer or smart device.