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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

I give you a new
commandment,
says the Lord:
love one another as
I have loved you.



Sunday September 13 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9/ Matthew 18:21-35
8:00 am Judy O'Donnell *Birthday Rmbr. (Husband Ed and Family)*
11:00 am John Kucenski *(Wife- Mary Ann)*
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday September 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philemon 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
7:00 am St Anne Society
12:05 pm Nancy Bender *(Lida & Joan)*

Tuesday September 15 *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / John 19:25-27
7:00 am Ronald Vogel *(Hollern Family)*
12:05 pm Mary McCawley *Birthday Remembrance (Sister Honora)*

Wednesday September 16 *St Cornelius, Pope, Cyprian, Bishop*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Luke 7:31-35
7:00 am Helen Machowski *(John Werzyn)*
12:05 pm James Hecker *Birthday Remembrance (Sister & Family)*

Thursday September 17 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 7:36-50
7:00 am Butch Huffman *(Family)*
12:05 pm Joe & Ronnie Kmetz *(Kay Kmetz)*

Friday September 18 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3
7:00 am Corita Huffman *(Family)*
12:05 pm Catherine Knapp *Anniversary (Family)*

Saturday September 19 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Luke 8:4-15
8:00 am Eugene Ritter *(Joe & Janet Ritter)*
5:00 pm Christopher Mauro *(Joe & Donna Messina)*

Sunday September 20 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philemon 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a
8:00 am Helen Yuhas. *(Ashcom Children)*
11:00 am Joseph Hart III *(Mary Alice Newnam)*
5:00 pm People of the Parish

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The parable of the unforgiving debtor: "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"



Immaculée Ilibagiza

For decades, the Hutu and Tutsi tribes in the African nation of Rwanda were constantly at war. In 1994, in the wake of the assassination of the nation's president, an extremist Hutu group organized the extermination of the Tutsi people. Over one million Rwandans were murdered over the next 100 days; most were Tutsis killed in their towns by their neighbors and fellow villagers.

Immaculée Ilibagiza was an 18-year-old student, a member of the Tutsi tribe, when the genocide began. Her father sent her to hide in the house of a neighbor, a Hutu pastor. There she hid in a bathroom for the next ninety days. Despite almost being discovered several times, she survived. Her parents and brother did not.

In those horrific days of hiding, anger and hate consumed her for being stuck in that bathroom, for the state of her country, for the loss endured by so many of her people — and, she would later learn, the slaughter of her family. She imagined the violence she would inflict on the killers. However, over time, she saw that her hatred was the very source of the horror that consumed her country. She realized that "anger and hatred become a sickness."



Her faith, she said, was rooted largely in devotion to Mary. As she recited the rosary, a verse from the Lord's Prayer ("Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us") helped to begin an inner transformation even as she lay in hiding.

Immaculée still had the red and white rosary her father had given her before rushing her to the pastor's house. Every day upon waking at 6 a.m., she recited the rosary of the seven sorrows, beginning with Simeon's words to Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. In conversations, she stressed that she said these prayers from deep within, meaning deeply each word. Again and again, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those" resonated ever more deeply in her heart. "If God really is the father of everyone, including the Hutu who were carrying out the slaughter and looking for me by name—I could hear them calling me as they periodically circled the house," she said. "How could I keep wishing I could destroy them?" She

felt she would be lying to God. She also saw an inner image of Jesus on the cross and heard his words, "Forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."

When the genocide was finally suppressed, a new government initiated a program of reconciliation. Immaculée committed herself to work to unite her country through forgiveness.

One of the most dramatic moments in Immaculée's journey toward forgiveness came when she went to the jail to see the man who had killed her mother. Her family knew Felicien; he had been a respected member of her village. She describes waiting for the jailers to bring Felicien into the room: "I was not quite sure whether I was still going to feel forgiving toward him — I might look at him and change my mind." Nevertheless, once they were face to face, she said, "the forgiveness all became normal." She asked Felicien: "How can you have done this? Killing so many people, you cannot be at peace." In rags, Felicien seemed small and confused — he did not fully comprehend what he had done. "I wanted to reach out to him," she said. "I cried, and then he himself started to cry."

The official in charge of the jail, a Tutsi who was a survivor like Immaculée, witnessed the meeting. The official became angry at Immaculée: "How can you do this, forgive the killer of your mother? Are you crazy?" He had given her permission to slap Felicien and spit on him, but she refused.

Immaculée replied that she saw Felicien as a blind man who did not know what he had done. "All I wanted to do was give him to God."

Her act of forgiveness had a profound effect on the official. Later, when Immaculée was working at the United Nations office in Rwanda, the official came to see her. "You do not know what you did to me when you went to the jail and forgave Felicien," he told her. "I was shocked." Nonetheless, he had learned from her encounter with Felicien the necessity for forgiveness.

Immaculée Ilibagiza writes that she learned two things from her journey to forgiveness: that any hope for the restoration of community and peace begins with forgiveness and that forgiveness begins with recognizing the humanity and suffering endured by the person who needs forgiveness. The unforgiving steward understands neither. As Immaculée discovered, forgiveness requires empathy, the ability to place ourselves in the place of the other to see the situation from the perspective of their pain and brokenness. To realize the reconciling peace of Jesus begins with overcoming our anger and outrage at the injustice waged against us and focusing our concern, instead, on the person who wronged us and ruptured our relationship with him/her — and possessing the humility to face the hurt we have inflicted on others as a result of our insensitivity and self-centeredness. In our awkward, bumbling, and painful efforts at forgiving and seeking forgiveness, God is part of the encounter.

COLLECTIONS: 9/6/2020

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| Cash | \$ 556.50 |
| Envelopes | 3,249.00 |
| Maintenance | 295.00 |
| Assumption | 33.00 |
| Catholic Register | 20.00 |
| St. Croix | 55.00 |
| Retired Priest Medical | 25.00 |
| Peter's Pence | 5.00 |
| Catholic Communications | 5.00 |
| Total | \$ 4,243.50 |

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators September 19 & 20

Saturday September 19 5:00 pm

Readers: Dixie Lochrie
Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth King
Server: Keara Brandon
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday September 20 8:00 am

Readers: Dave Harteis
Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server: Rachel Hall
Audio Operator: Peter Yanko

Sunday September 20 11:00 am

Readers: Heather Jezeskie
Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis
Server: Damien Byer
Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday September 20 5:00 pm

Readers: Charlotte Amenti
Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Roth
Server: Namita Gallo
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

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PRAYER CHAIN FOR LIFE will be held on Sunday, October 4th from 1-2 pm on Broad St, Cambria City, in front of the former St. Columba Church. Please come to be a prayerful witness to the **pro-life** cause. Signs will be provided. For information call Gale @ 539-0155

The St Francis of Assisi **GABRIEL PROJECT** Pro-Life Ministry is in need of financial assistance as well as any baby items such as diapers, wipes, bottles, clothing, etc. For more information, please call Gale @ 539-0155.

“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.

The Blue Mass on Sunday, September 27 at the 11:00 am Proclaim! TV Mass, we will celebrate this special liturgy to honor the work of public safety personnel, including law enforcement officials, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. The term “Blue Mass” refers to the color of the uniforms worn by many in these professions, and dates to 1934. In the wake of events of September 11, 2001, the Blue Mass also recognizes the sacrifice of police, firefighters, and EMS personnel, and to remember those who have given their lives in service to their communities. On this nineteenth Anniversary of 9/11, and especially in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, we join our nation in prayer for First Responders, past and present.



By Tony DeGol
Proclaim!



Fall plans for the diocesan renewal initiative ARISE Together in Christ are in place. Season five was supposed to occur during this upcoming autumn season, but is delayed until next year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“The Diocesan Team and I prayerfully discerned that since season five is our final season and an important segment for setting the stage for moving forward to Intentional Discipleship, it is important to delay season five until the Easter Season of 2021,” explained diocesan ARISE coordinator Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW. “It is also our hope to conclude ARISE Together in Christ for our diocese with a closing liturgy in early summer and a convocation in the fall of 2021 to lead us in taking ownership of the awareness that ‘We are the Good News.’”

Since many participants want to continue the small faith sharing groups that are integral to ARISE, the diocesan ARISE team assisted Sister Linda in selecting six sessions from seasons one through four that they felt would be worth revisiting this fall.

[Week One Season 1, Session 6 Christ lives in me](#)
[Week Two Season 2, Session 2 God’s Beloved](#)
[Week Three Season 2, Session 3 Thirsting for New Life](#)
[Week Four Season 3, Session 1 Called to follow in Christ’s Footsteps](#)
[Week Five Season 4, Session 2 The Transforming Power of Forgiveness](#)
[Week Six – Season 4, Session 6 New Creation](#)

Materials are being made available for private use in the home or for small groups who are able to gather while practicing physical distancing.

RENEW International, which offers ARISE, will host virtual faith sharing groups for the fall review series beginning on October 4 at 7:00 p.m. Participants must [REGISTER](#) in advance

“We assembled the additional six sessions to provide our people with the opportunity to continue the faith sharing in the fall, as has become our custom, and amidst the fear of the coronavirus,” noted Sister Linda. “We thought that by waiting until spring, all of us may feel more comfortable and healthier as a Church, and hopefully as a nation, to encourage the gathering of small faith sharing groups.