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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

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



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

Monday September 7 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11
9:00 am Mary Ann Sabo

Tuesday September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Readings: Micah 5:1-4a / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23,
7:00 am St Anne Society
12:05 pm George Najjar (*Wife, Children & Grandchildren*)

Wednesday September 9 *St Peter Claver, Priest*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26
7:00 am Virginia Ramos (*M/M Lawrence Giannone*)
12:05 pm Deceased Members of Krall Family (*Family*)

Thursday September 10 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38
7:00 am Helen Machowski (*Ann Marie Furman*)
12:05 pm Matt Wincer Sr. (*Jim Farley*)

Friday September 11 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Luke 6:39-42
7:00 am Robert F. Crookston (*Family*)
12:05 pm Amparo I. Ortiz (*Aunt- Juanita C. Burkhart*)

Saturday September 12 *Weekday*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Luke 6:43-49
8:00 am Butch Huffman (*Gene & Dee Podratsky*)
5:00 pm Mary C. Rosey Anniversary (*Cookie & Bill Antesberger*)

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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

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18: 15-20

"How can I keep from singing?"

They come together to sing.

They sing in choirs and quartets and trios and duets. They sing for fun, for the pure and simple joy that singing brings to their spirits and to their audiences and communities. They sing Gregorian chant and Stephen Sondheim; they sing John Rutter and Eminem.



They rehearse in churches and community centers, in classrooms, and in private homes. They are of every age and skill level. Many possess rich, perfectly pitched voices; some can barely carry a tune. Nonetheless, together — tenors and sopranos, altos and basses — they make music that lifts every heart and spirit.

The pandemic, of course, has kept them from gathering in their sanctuaries and auditoriums, but it has not stopped the music. Many choirs continue to rehearse via Zoom — of course, the energy of singing in person cannot be replicated remotely ("How odd," one director mused, "to conduct people I cannot hear.").

Incredibly creative and tech-savvy music directors have managed to create virtual concerts: a song is arranged for vocalists and accompaniment; the instrumental track is recorded, then each singer, from home, records his or her vocal part. Then the conductor/producer spends hours editing them into a single performance piece. Some of the results are astonishing: A beautiful example is a recording of the hymn "Be Not Afraid" by singers calling themselves Catholic Artists at Home — you can find it on YouTube. Alternatively, check out the NYC

Virtual Choir and Orchestra's YouTube performance of the iconic "How Can I Keep From Singing." Moreover, the cast of the Broadway musical **Beautiful** has put together a remote rendition of the Carole King song "You've Got a Friend." You will find it on YouTube, as well.

Their finished pieces are amazing. Singing alone in front of their phones and laptops and tablets, their love of music and commitment to their art still manages to transform them into one voice. Their song still lifts every heart and spirit.



Whenever we gather — in person or in spirit — to sing God's song of mercy and compassion and peace, Christ is in our midst. That is the point of today's Gospel: the ability of individuals who come together as disciples, inspired by the Gospel Jesus, to accomplish great works of reconciliation, healing, and justice. Sometimes it requires an extra sharp and focused vision of faith to realize and recognize his presence, but he is always there. Christ's presence should move us, inspire us, transform us into a community of disciples and witnesses of his resurrection. Even if just two or three of us, if we seek to follow Jesus and realize the kingdom of God even in these days of the pandemic, "How can we keep from singing?"

COLLECTIONS: 8/30/2020

Cash	\$ 738.58
Envelopes	3,656.75
Maintenance	68.00
Assumption	19.00
Catholic Register	24.00
St. Croix	34.00
Retired Priest Medical	20.00
Total	\$ 4,560.33

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 12 & 13

Saturday September 12 5:00 pm

Readers: Karen Pavlosky
Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth King
Server: John Werzyn
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday September 13 8:00 am

Readers: Fred Oliveros
Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Jodi Hall
Server: Rachel Hall
Audio Operator: Brigid Starchok

Sunday September 13 11:00 am

Readers: Geoffrey Stumpo
Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Justin Zierer
Server: Damien Byer
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday September 13 5:00 pm

Readers: Christine Brothers
Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Yanko
Server: Makaylee Duvall
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.