

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

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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

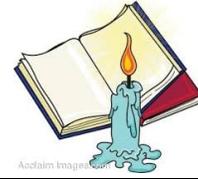
Monday through Friday
7:00 am
12:05 pm

Saturday
8:00 am

CONFESSION

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

Shine like lights
in the world
as you hold on
to the word of life.



Sunday

Readings:
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

October 18 *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21
Margaret Pavlick (*Great niece-Kelly*)
Richard Paul O'Shea *Anniversary (Dianne O'Shea)*
Corita Huffman (*Family*)

Monday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

October 19 *SS John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Martyrs*

Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 12:13-31
St. Anne Society
Jack Higgins *Birthday Remembrance (Jeanne)*

Tuesday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

October 20 *Weekday*

Ephesians 2:12-22 / Luke 12:35-38
Virginia Ramos (*M/M Lawrence Giannone*)
Carrie McCullough (*Mother-Lois, Brother- Bob*)

Wednesday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

October 21 *Weekday*

Ephesians 2:2-12 / Luke 12:39-48
Butch Huffman (*Chuck & Pat Sura*)
Artrell Hawkins, Sr (*Dee Dee Osborne*)

Thursday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

October 22 *Weekday*

Ephesians 3:14-21 / Luke 12:49-53
Father James F. Crookston *75th Birthday (Cha Cha & John Bair)*
Robert Hecker (*Sister & Family*)

Friday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

October 23 *Weekday*

Ephesians 4:1-6 / Luke 12:54-49
Mary Ann Sabo (*The Eriano Family*)
Clyde Mintmier *7th Anniversary (Wife-Carole)*

Saturday

Readings:
8:00 am
5:00 pm

October 24 *Weekday*

Ephesians 4:7-16 / Luke 13:1-9
Barbara V. Jartin *101st Birthday (Siobhan Code)*
Charlene Tarnowsky (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)

Sunday

Readings:
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

October 25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40
Grace M. Goughnour (*Sandra Parks*)
Deceased members of Ladies Columbian Circle #467
People of the Parish

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

A Tale of Two Coopers



You may have heard about this encounter in New York City last spring.

On Memorial Day, Christian Cooper was doing what he loves best: bird watching in Central Park. As he watched

flycatchers and woodpeckers in the section of the park called the “Ramble,” Amy Cooper (no relation) walked by with her dog. The dog was not on a leash — a violation of park rules. Christian, who is black, asked Amy to put her dog on a leash. She refused, and the exchange quickly became heated. Christian began to record the encounter on his phone. In response, Amy said, “I am taking a picture and calling the cops. I am going to tell them that an African-American man is threatening my life.”

The next day, Christian’s posting of the video went viral on Twitter and garnered over 40 million views. The reaction was immediate: Amy lost her high-level finance job at Franklin Templeton, the city’s district attorney is prosecuting her for filing a false incident report, and the rescue organization from whom she adopted the cocker spaniel asked her to surrender the dog. Amy was vilified as the embodiment of white privilege and racism.

She later wrote an apology for “reacting emotionally and [making] false assumptions about Christian’s intentions.”

However, Christian wants no part of Amy’s prosecution. “Considering that Amy Cooper has already lost her job and her reputation, it is hard to see what is being gained by a criminal charge,” he told reporters. While he acknowledges that many will disagree with his position, “I must err on the side of compassion and choose not to be involved in this prosecution.”

For Christian Cooper, there is a much deeper issue in all of this. In an opinion piece in The Washington Post, he writes that his encounter with Amy highlights “the long-standing, deep-seated racial bias against us black and brown folk that permeates the United States — a bias that can bring horrific consequences.

“Focusing on charging Amy Cooper lets white people off the hook. They can scream for her head while leaving their own prejudices unexamined. They can push for her prosecution and pat themselves on the back for having done something about racism when they are actually doing nothing . . .

“If her current setbacks are not deterrent enough to others seeking to weaponize race, it is unlikely the threat of legal action would change that.”

Commentary: Christian Copper asks us not to see this incident as a legal matter — “Caesar’s coin” — but a matter of something much deeper — that which is of God. The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus in a legal quandary, but for Jesus, the compassion and justice of God should be the driving force in our lives. Jesus’ response to the Pharisees today confronts them — and us — with the demand to act out of our deepest convictions and take responsibility for those actions. The purpose and meaning of life, the path to dealing with the complexities of our world, are found in our struggle with our consciences and in the values, we hold in the depths of our hearts. Jesus appeals to us to look beyond simplistic politics and black-and-white legalisms to realize the dignity possessed by every man, woman, and child as God’s sons and daughters, brothers, and sisters to one another. As neighbors living in a community, as citizens of a nation, Jesus calls us to understand our shared responsibility to provide for the common good and to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Epilogue: The National Black Sisters’ Conference that represents more than 150 Black Catholic women religious and associates in the United States issued “Hold Up the Light.” Their letter is a “clarion warning” to U.S. Catholics, saying church members and leaders have not done enough to combat the sin of racism.

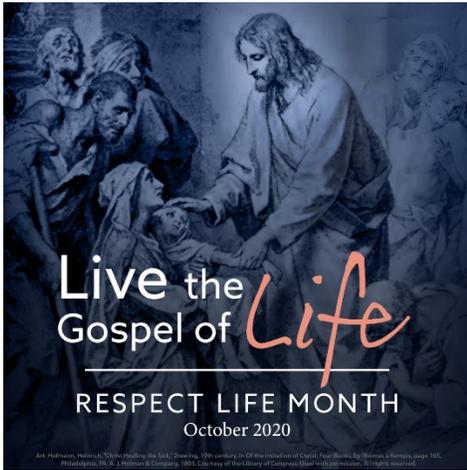
“As Catholics, if we are to truly ‘Open Wide Our Hearts,’ we must hold up the light of Christ against the sin of racism. We must speak the truth not only in love, but we must speak the truth forthrightly about the complicit, systemic, and structural racism that continues to exist in the American Catholic Church today.

“We must hold up the light to it, expose it, condemn it, and eradicate it, or it will make a fallacy of all that we profess as members of the one body of Christ.

“Until that day comes, we, the National Black Sisters’ Conference, will continue to hold up the light against the sin of racism in our church, which we love and to which we have dedicated our lives.

“We will hold up the light for all to see!”





Please join in praying for vocations!

The Vocations Office and Saint Andrew parish are holding a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood every Tuesday, 6:15-7:15 pm at St. Andrew (1621 Ferndale Ave, Johnstown). There will be time for reflection, prayers for priests, religious, families, and discerners. We are all aware of the challenges facing our diocese, and so it is more important than ever to pray to our Lord to send laborers into the vineyard. Perhaps you are not yet settled on a vocation and are wondering what plans God has for you. No better way to find out than to spend an hour with our Lord Himself in the Eucharist. Confessions are offered beforehand, from 5-6 pm. The holy hour will conclude with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



PROCLAIM! TV MASS

Please consider contributing to the Proclaim TV Ministry. We receive many comments of how the Mass is very important for a loved one; however, only 90 people contribute monthly. Contributions are welcome from all who watch the weekly telecast. You do not have to belong to St. John's to contribute. PASS THE WORD!

Angel Tree Early This Year Angel Tree ornaments will be available at all Masses the weekends of October 31/November 1 and November 7/8. The tag you take home lists needed and optional items for a child's Christmas gift. Be sure to attach the tag to your gift bundle for it is the only way we can match your gift to the intended child recipient. All gifts **MUST** be returned the weekend of November 14/15. You also may drop off your Angel Tree gifts at the rectory before November 15. Please take the time to make this Christmas special for a deserving child. Thank you so much for your generous support.

Thanksgiving Offering of Much Needed Food Gifts Throughout November, we invite your offerings of nonperishable food and monetary gifts for local needy families. On the weekend of October 24/25, we will distribute grocery bags and an attached 'Needs List.' You may return the filled grocery bags to our "entranceway" needy bins on any November weekend. You may also choose to present your food gift for the needy during the offertory of our Thanksgiving Day Mass for placement before the altar. For a cash gift or check, please place either in your own envelope, mark it Thanksgiving Day, and put it into the offering basket.



COLLECTIONS: 10/11/2020

Cash	\$ 541.00
Envelopes	3,530.50
Maintenance	197.00
Food Collection	35.00
Retired Priest Medical	15.00
World Mission Sunday	160.00
Rosary/Altar Society	49.00
All Souls	105.00
All Saints	10.00
Total	\$ 4,642.50

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 October 24th & 25th

Saturday October 24 5:00 pm

Readers: Karen Pavlosky
Sarah Bell
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich
Server: Keara Brandon
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday October 25 8:00 am

Readers: Carrie Weaver
Rachel Hall
Eucharistic Minister: Valerie Wilson
Server: Hayden Gates
Audio Operator: Brigid Starchok

Sunday October 25 11:00 am

Readers: Beth Stem
Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis
Server: Damian Byer
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday October 25 5:00 pm

Readers: Vi Najjar
Charlotte Amenti
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Roth
Server: James Sandoval
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

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Confirmation Education News:

Sunday, October 25, 2020 SHYCON- 11:00am to 3:00pm
SHYCON is virtual and we will gather as a group at the Resurrection Parish Center. All those who registered, please remember to bring a lunch and a drink.

Sunday, November 1, 2020 St Benedict Confirmation sessions 9A, 10A & 11B -8:45 am to 10:15 am. Please register by October 23.
Remember you MUST pre-register to attend the session.