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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

The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because
he has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to the poor.



Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 /
John 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Joseph Hart III (*Mary Alice Newnam*)
5:00 pm John Kucenski (*Wife-Mary Ann*)

December 13 *Third Sunday of Advent*

Monday

Readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27
7:00 am Francis P. Stephens *25th Anniversary (Wife-Gloria)*
12:05 pm George & Eileen Wehner (*Children & Families*)

December 14 *St John of the Cross, Priest*

Tuesday

Readings: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32
7:00 am Saint Anne Society
12:05 pm Herb Delawder *5th Anniversary (Wife-Cathy & Jensen)*

December 15 *Weekday*

Wednesday

Readings: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 / Luke 7:18b-23
7:00 am Carrie McCullough (*Mother-Lois*)
12:05 pm Frank "Dirp" DeRosa (*Daughter-Lois & Grandson-Bob*)

December 16 *Weekday*

Thursday

Readings: Genesis 49:2,8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17
7:00 am Margaret "Peggy" Morris (*Daughter-Lois & Grandson-Bob*)
12:05 pm Joe & Ronnie Kmetz (*Kay Kmetz*)

December 17 *Weekday*

Friday

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25
7:00 am Corita Huffman (*Family*)
5:00 pm Peaches Gonzales (*Friend-Lois*)

December 18 *Weekday*

Saturday

Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25
8:00 am Anna Mauthe (*Huffman Family*)
5:00 pm Leo W..Klug, Jr *5th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)*

December 19 *Weekday*

Sunday

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16 / Roman 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38
8:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am George Pappas *Anniversary (Family)*
5:00 pm John D. Kendera *Anniversary (Monica & Angela)*

December 20 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Third Sunday of Advent

John came to testify to the light so that all might believe through him . . .

"I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.'"

John 1: 6-8, 19-28



Our inner "John."

At one time or another, we find ourselves lost in a desert. Things have not worked out as planned. We have made mistakes — costly ones, perhaps. We have been let down and used. We do not know where to turn or whom to trust. Nevertheless, if we listen hard enough, we hear a "voice" crying out to us, a voice that speaks in the oasis of our hearts, directing us to a new spring of hope. A loving spouse, a wise teacher, a generous neighbor, a conscientious boss — all can be that "voice of one crying out in the desert" that leads us to hope.

We walk a lot of crooked roads in our lives: relationships that for some reason have



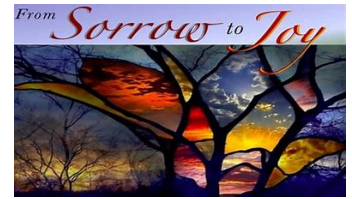
become strained; demands on our time that have distracted us from being present for those we love; attitudes of bigotry and privilege that have brought strife and pain to

others because of their race, gender, culture or creed. Daring to believe we can make a difference, we start "straightening" those crooked roads, making an entryway for justice and reconciliation, for peace and healing to enter our broken world.

There are too many "dark" places in our world — cynicism, despair, avarice, bigotry. We wonder how we could possibly kindle any light on our own — but, somehow, a light begins to radiate from our small glowing ember of compassion; our small flame of generosity never seems to go out.

The coming of Christ calls us to the work of making a straight road for him, of transforming the barren deserts around

us into harvests of justice and peace, of reflecting the light of his forgiveness and mercy in our midst. We are all called to this kind of "prophetic" work begun by John at the Jordan River: to use whatever skills and resources we possess to bring hope into prisons of despair, joy into deserts of sadness, love into broken hearts and spirits of stone.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Men, we gals need your help!

St John Gualbert Cathedral Liturgical Environment Team needs volunteers to help set up the manger scene on December 20 at 6:00pm. This will include bringing up five trees from the cathedral basement along with many statues. Fourteen wreathes will be hung on the church windows.

Please volunteer.

Thank You

The Meaning of the Wreath Candle Colors We use the Advent wreath to symbolically commemorate newness, eternal life, and the death and resurrection of Jesus. The overall celebration of Advent at its core is about the coming. What do the four candles of Advent symbolize? The four candles symbolize hope, faith, joy, and peace.

The first purple candle is the Prophecy Candle, and it symbolizes hope and God's forgiveness toward man. It can also symbolize the expectation of the coming of the Messiah. The second purple candle symbolizes faith and reminds Catholics about the experience Joseph and Mary had in Bethlehem. The third candle is rose and represents the joy that the birth of Jesus Christ brought to the world. Traditionally, this candle also represents Gaudete Sunday. The last purple candle is the Angel's candle and symbolizes the peace and justice that the angels and Christ bring to the world.

Pope Benedict XVI said it best, "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." Honoring Advent prepares our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Resurrection Religious Education News:

Reminders...

*Safe Environment Lesson acknowledgement forms are due.

Safe Environment lessons were emailed to K-8 parents. Once you go over the lessons with your children, return the acknowledgement form by December 14. You may email the form or mail it to the parish center.

*11th grade Confirmation candidates, please turn in your sponsor information and Confirmation name paperwork as soon as possible.

Confirmation Sessions 10A and 11B have changed from in person to virtual sessions. Sr. Cindy will contact all students who have registered for the sessions.

In light of the overabundance of new Covid-19 cases, we **WILL NOT** have our monthly Parent Session or our Confirmation Student meetings scheduled for December 13. The next meetings will be January 10, 2021.

RUSSELL HOUSE CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

Christmas is a beloved season and we intend to celebrate it! Moxham Renaissance will hold its 21st annual **Christmas at the Russell House** event this year on the second weekend of December. Our theme? *A Live/Virtual Christmas: Shades of 2020*. The Russell House at 538 Park Avenue in Moxham will be open to visitors from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 13.

Plan to visit in person or online on our new website: www.MoxhamRenaissance.com and on our Facebook site.

We appreciate your support.



Oplatki/Angel Bread

We have 36 oplatki packets on a first purchase basis for a donation of \$2.50 per packet. Contact the rectory @ 536-0117 to reserve a packet. Please limit your order to three packets.

Kick off your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! Hours will be Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm (always closed on Sundays). The address is 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg and our phone number 814-695-3802 if you have any questions. Please follow us on Facebook for update.

Advent Confessions at our Cathedral on Saturdays 3:00 PM, December 14 & 15 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at OMOS AND December 20 at 5:00 PM at Saint Benedict.

COLLECTIONS: 12/6/2020

Cash	\$ 366.00
Envelopes	3,518.75
Maintenance	683.00
All Saints	10.00
Christmas	345.00
Christmas Flowers	480.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	130.00
Immaculate Conception	209.00
Catholic Charities	78.00
Food Collection	20.00
Total	\$ 5,839.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Envelope offerings, Catholic Ministry Drive gifts and Mass stipends you may mail or place 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 select "a recurring or one-time gift" before continuing to enter your gift information. Thank you for your generosity in these challenging times.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators December 19 through 25

Saturday December 19 5:00 pm

Readers: Elizabeth Rhoades /Sarah Bell
Eucharistic Minister: Russ Gramlich
Server: Marge Bevans
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday December 20 8:00 am

Readers: Fred Oliveros / Dave Harteis
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Gates
Server: Hayden Gates
Audio Operator: Peter T. Yanko

Sunday December 20 11:00 am

Readers: Christine Brothers
Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister: Lonnie Rietscha
Server: Zachary King
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday December 13 5:00 pm

Readers: Dixie Lochrie / Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar
Server: James Sandoval
Audio Operator: Need Volunteer

Thursday December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve

Readers: Need Volunteers
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Loughlin
Server: Vi Najjar
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Thursday December 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve

Readers: Charlotte Amenti
Heather Jezeskie
Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar
Server: Rachel Hall
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Friday December 25 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Readers: Gloria Stephens
Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti
Server: Need Volunteer
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Friday December 25 8:00 am Christmas Day

Readers: David Harteis
Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister: Rose Ann Schellhammer
Elizabeth Gramlich
Server: Rich Ott
Audio Operator: Need Volunteer

Friday December 25 11:00 am Christmas Day

Readers: Mary Jane Verbiar
Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister: Need Volunteer
Server: Makaylee Duvall
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

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Proclaim! TV News

Father Jim has established a new committee to promote the ongoing Sunday broadcasts of the Proclaim! TV Mass at 11:00 am from our Cathedral.

Committee members are: D.C. Nokes, Tony Kamnikar, Joe Delso, Dino Tessari, Becky Wicks, Dave Micik, Tom Concannon, Fred Oliveros, Father Jim, and Denny Heptner.

Future updates on the progress of this committee will be addressed in the weekly bulletin and the monthly Proclaim! TV Newsletter.