26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 27th, 2020

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Indianapolis’ original Catholic Parish and former pro-cathedral
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN  | O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

1. O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
3. A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone;
4. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
5. O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,

1. Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home.
2. From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.
3. Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
4. We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op’ning day.
5. Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our eternal Home.

Text: CM; Psalm 90, adapted by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. 1. We praise you, we bless you, we ad-ore you, we glo-ri fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo ry. Lord God, heav- en-ly King, O God al- mighty Fa- ther.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. 2. Lord Je- sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lam- b of God, Son of the Fa- ther, you take a way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right-hand of the Fa- ther, have mer-cy on us.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. 3. For you a-lone are the Ho- ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High. Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God, the Fa- ther.

Final Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A- men, a- men, a- men.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | EZ 18:25-28

Lector: A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD:
You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"
Hear now, house of Israel:
Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.
But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Lector: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. R.

2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. R.

3. Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way. R.
Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.
HOMILY

THE HOLY GOSPEL | MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not,'
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. For the Church and her people, may they proclaim Christ crucified and be models of servant leadership throughout the world.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For those in positions of authority, may the Lord lead them in their efforts toward protecting all human life from conception to natural death.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For the unemployed and underemployed, may God in his goodness help them find work that will provide for their needs.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For those suffering with mental illness, may they find comfort and peace, and hear the voice of our loving God.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For our community, may we come to know the love of Christ and share it daily with others.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For Luke Lothamer baptized today, as well as Caroline and Juliet Lothamer welcomed into the Church as already baptized Christians, may these holy sacramental gifts help them to live fully and faithfully in the life of the Gospel throughout their lives.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For Austin & Maria Fisher and Tyler & Ashley Dean who were married here yesterday, may they build a family rooted in faith and unconditional love.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

8. For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, may they rejoice with the saints in God’s everlasting kingdom.
   Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

9. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we also pray for:

   [8:00 A.M.] the parishioners and friends of St. John’s as well as for the repose of the soul of Josephine Schimmel.
     Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

   [10:30 A.M.] the repose of the soul of David Hunzicker.
     Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

   [7:00 P.M.] the intention of Cathy Delcoco.
     Let us pray to the Lord. **R: Lord, hear our prayer.**
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN | THE SERVANT SONG

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are travelers
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such

1. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each other
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow
5. harmony, Born of all we've known together

1. Let you be my servant too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. Till we've seen this journey through.
5. Of Christ's love and agony.

Invitation to Tithe

For those gathered in the Church today, you may drop your tithe in the basket as the ushers come by your pew. To give online, please make your donation at: https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/56926 Thank you so much for your generosity!
**PREFACE DIALOGUE**

**HOLY, HOLY**

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory Ho-san-na in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

**GREAT AMEN**

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.

SIGN OF PEACE

For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.

LAMB OF GOD

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.
For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
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Amen.
1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
   For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

2. For the beauty of each hour Of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
   For the mind’s delight, For the stars of light. Lord of all, to link
   Sun and moon, and sound and sight.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above,
   For gentle thoughts and mild.

4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister,
   O ver and around us lies.

5. For your Church, that evermore Lifts her holy hands above,
   Off’ring up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love.

6. For each perfect gift sublime To our race so freely given,
   Graces human and divine, Flow’rs of earth and buds of heaven,

TEXT: Folliot S. Pierpoint
TUNE: Conrad Kocher

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before you leave church today
Please, place this stick-it note on the pew where you sat so volunteers can clean there before the next Mass. Thank you!

RECESSIONAL HYMN | HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

TEXT: Reginald Heber
TUNE: John B. Dykes

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St. John Catholic Church
126 West Georgia Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

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If you are able to attend Mass at St. John’s, you may light a candle for a particular prayer intention you have and call upon a saint’s intercession. Large candles are $5 each and small candles are $1 each.

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