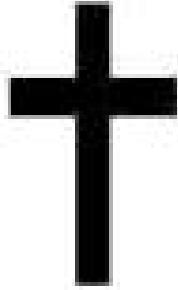


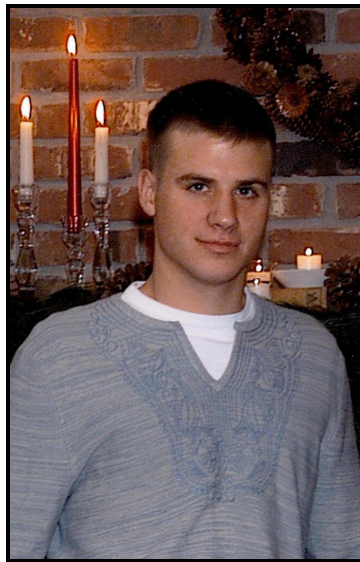
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## FUNERAL MASS

Friday, May 2, 2008

for  
Jonathon M. Côté



—— Presiding ——

Father Roy Herberger, Saint Columba Brigid Roman Catholic Church  
Pastor Randy Rozelle, Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Father Arthur Ward, St Bartholomew Episcopal Church

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Jonathon M. Cote' was born on February 11, 1983 in Long Beach, California and was a graduate of Williamsville North High School. Being raised in a military family, Jon and his family lived in several places to include Long Beach, CA; Aberdeen, MD; Jacksonville, NC; Okinawa, Japan and Virginia Beach, VA before moving to western NY in 1999. He served four years in the United States Army, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division which included tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was honorably discharged from the service and attended one year of college at the University of Florida before joining Crescent Security Group (CSG) in June of 2006. CSG provides security to personnel and convoy transports within the Country of Iraq. On November 16, 2006, Jonathon, along with three other Americans veterans and an Austrian veteran all working for CSG, were kidnapped in southern Iraq while providing security for an Italian Military convoy. The bodies of the other hostages were recovered in March of 2008 and Jonathon's body was recovered in April 2008. Jon was to return home on November 22, 2006 for the holidays then return back to college in Florida.

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**BLESSING:** Fr. Herberger

**OPENING SONG**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;

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take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

## **FIRST READING:**

Reader: Serge J. Cote, Jonathon's Uncle and Godfather

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice. Yes, all shall be put to shame and disgrace who vent their anger against you; Those shall perish and come to nought who offer resistance. You shall seek out, but shall not find, those who strive against you; They shall be as nothing at all who do battle with you. For I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

## **SOLO**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” Sung by S. R. Cory Higgins

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## PSALM 62

Reader: Joe Mombrea, Jonathon's cousin

P: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: my salvation comes from Him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

P: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: my hope comes from Him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

P: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

P: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out  
your hearts to Him,

C: for God is our refuge.

## SECOND READING:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time  
for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to  
plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

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A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

## **GOSPEL READINGS**

Mark 13: 5-8, 12-13, 26-29

Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, 'I am he,' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and reports of wars do not be alarmed; such things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes from place to place and there will be famines. These are the beginnings of the labor pains. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have

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them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. "

“And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.”

**SERMON:**

Pastor Rozelle (1 Thess 4:13-18)

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

Family members bring gifts up to the Altar

**SONG:** How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.  
(Refrain)

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
(Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of  
acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
(Refrain)



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## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **COMMUNION**

**SONG:** "I Am the Bread of Life" Mombrea Family

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Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

**SONG:** “Only in God” Mombrea Family

Refrain:

Only in God will my soul be at rest. From Him comes my hope, my salvation. He alone is my rock of safety, my strength, my glory, my God.

**SONG:** “We Remember” Mombrea Family

Refrain:

We remember how you loved us to your death, and we still celebrate, for You are with us here; and we believe that we will see You when You come, in Your glory, Lord we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

## **SHARING**

Family Members

## **SOLO**

“You Raise Me Up” Sung by S. R. Cory Higgins

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

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**FINAL FAREWELL:** Incensation of the body

**CLOSING SONG:**

On Eagles Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my God in whom I trust!'

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

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4. For to His angels He's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways'  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)

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*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next.*

*Amen.*

*The Family of Jonathon invites you to join us at  
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