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"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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The Answer to the following question comes from "The Catholicism Answer Book."

A book of the 300 most frequently asked questions by Rev. Father John Trigilio, Jr., PH.D., TH.D. and Rev. Father Kenneth Brighenti, PH.D. Authors of the best-selling book, "Catholicism for Dummies."

Question – Did Creation actually take six days?

Answer – The first chapter of Genesis (which is the first book of the Bible) tells the story of God creating the world in six days. On the seventh day, He rested. Some people believe that Creation literally took six day, of twenty-four hours each. Some creationist scientists go so far as to say that this is plausible due to Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Many people know – from high school science class or from watching *Star Trek* – that time slows down near a black hole. Since the gravitational pull is so enormous, not only is light unable to escape its clutch, but time itself is affected. If that is true, imagine how slow time would be at the epicenter of the Big Bang. At one moment in the early history and birth of the universe, all known matter was compacted into one very small and tight space. The density was enormous, yet the size was small. Time near the center of the Big Bang would pass by more slowly than in the outer regions farther away from the center. So, it is theoretically feasible that a literal day near or at the center of the Big Bang would appear to someone galaxies away as millions of years.

Another (and more plausible) explanation is that Genesis is not a science book. It is the revealed, inspired, and inerrant written word of God, yes; but it was not written by scientists or historians. God inspired human beings to write, but He did not choose scientists or historians. He chose men of faith to explain things of faith. The purpose of Genesis is to teach the truth that God is the Creator. The details of telling that truth are meant to be taken in context. As we will see in another question on how to interpret the Bible, Catholic Christianity warns its members never to take a scripture text out of context, lest they get a pretext.

Figures of speech are not considered lies or deception, but neither can they be interpreted literally. If I say someone is pulling my leg, I mean he is joking with me – not that he is yanking on one of my limbs. Similarly, the Bible uses many forms of literature and literary genre and some of those are metaphor, analogy, hyperbole, and other figures of speech. So when the Bible says God created the earth in one day, it may just be a figure of speech; the intended meaning and faithful interpretation is that God created in a sequential order, or that He works systematically, not chaotically.



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December 6, 2020: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

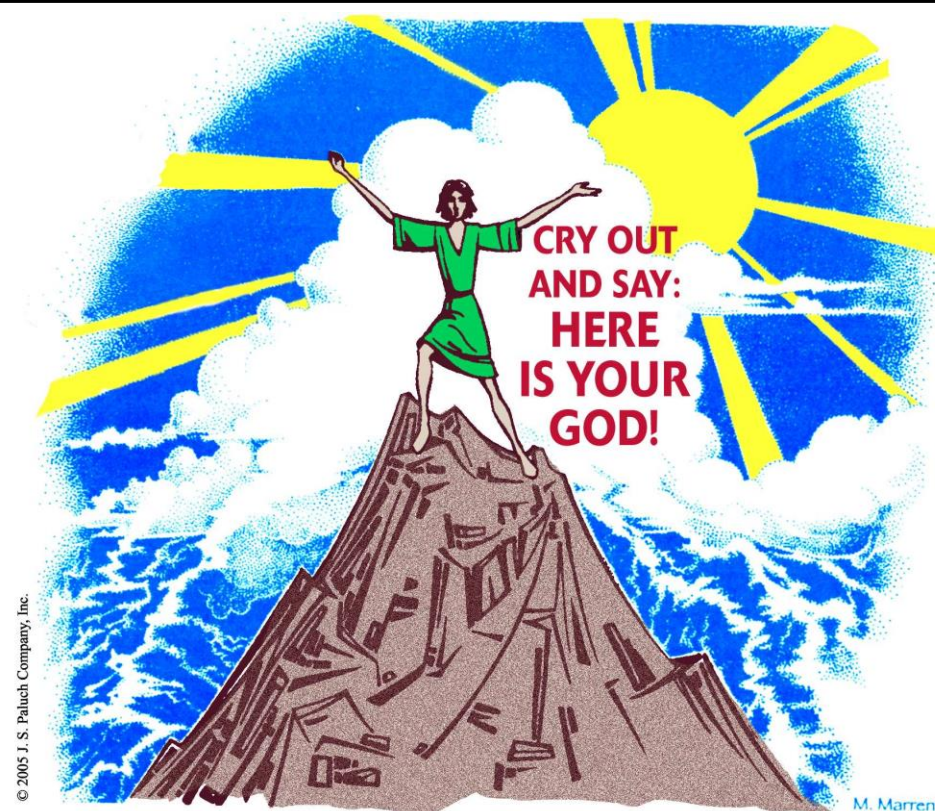
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85:9–14; 2 Peter 3:8–14;

Mark 1:1–8

THE PROPHET'S SONG

The rapturous lines we hear at the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Word today are some of the most familiar of this season. They were written by an author whom scripture scholars call "Second Isaiah," since this one writes with a different style, vocabulary, and content from the author of the first thirty nine chapters of this book of the Bible. The beautiful words of trust, confidence, and faith were written when Israel was in one of its most profound periods of sadness and turmoil: exile from their land, their Temple, and (some would have believed) their God. Scholars also tell us that this passage was most likely a song or canticle sung by the exiled Israelites during prayer or worship. Like today's psalm, it calls us to look forward in confidence to that day when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:11).



*Ethel Graham, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.*

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:** Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman

**Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:** Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

**Known Birthdays for December 2020**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> : Eugene Poiroux  | 16 <sup>th</sup> : Carol Voss     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : George Switzer  | 17 <sup>th</sup> : Lynd Jones     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> : Carol Switzer   | 19 <sup>th</sup> : Pat Fisher     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> : Rita Sullivan   | 21 <sup>st</sup> : Sylvia Gray    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> : Christy Brown   | 25 <sup>th</sup> : James Long     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Amber Odom     | 28 <sup>th</sup> : LaShea Payne   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Michelle Cook  | 28 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Jackson   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Karen Sanchez  | 29 <sup>th</sup> : Trey Maddox    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Joe Gable      | 29 <sup>th</sup> : Ingrid Glennon |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> : Judy Poiroux   | 30 <sup>th</sup> : Shelby Smith   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> : Jimmy Holland  | 30 <sup>th</sup> : Marty Johnson  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> : Dana Baker     | 31 <sup>st</sup> : Louis Jones    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> : Rachel Poiroux |                                   |

**Known Anniversaries for December 2020**

- 10<sup>th</sup>: Carol and Johnnie Tate
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Michelle and Michael Cook
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Becky and Patrick Murray
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Carol and Terry Roberts
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Gennie and Avis Garrett
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Bettv Jane & Chuck Pierce

**Capital Campaign**

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00  
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**  
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

**Mass Intentions:**

**Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions**

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish  
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

**Daily Mass intentions**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> thru December 14**

Nov. 14 thru Dec. 14 – No daily Mass as Father Sherwin is on vacation.

**Week of Dec. 15 thru 18**

Dec. 15, 16, 17 & 18 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of John Ramsay.

**Week of Dec 22 thru 25.**

Dec. 22 & 23 -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Terry & Carol Roberts.

Dec. 24 & 25 – No daily Mass on Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Mass.

**Week of Dec 29 thru 30**

Dec. 29 & 30 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Rita Sullivan.



**Catholic Charities**

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

**Lectors for next weekend, December 12 & 13:**

5:00 pm on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, Kathie Sema

10:00 am on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Tiffany Teofilo

Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020:

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**THE HERALD'S CALL**

Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, herald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.

**Announcements for Week of December 5, 2020**

- 1) **Pray** for the eternal repose of the soul of Irene Stone who was called home to the Lord on Wednesday evening. Also pray for her husband and family.
- 2) **Confirmation Class** will be starting after the first of the year. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders need to listen for the information announcing the start of the class.
- 3) **Known Birthdays:** 6<sup>th</sup>: Rita Sullivan, 7<sup>th</sup>: Christy Brown, 11<sup>th</sup>: Amber Odom, Michelle Cook, Karen Sanchez, Joe Gable, Jud Poiroux, **Known Anniversaries:** 10<sup>th</sup>: Carol and Johnnie Tate

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

**General Contributions**

**Week of November 29 2020**

General Fund: \$3,991.00

Candle s: \$31.00

Human Development: \$46.00

**Online Contributions – General Fund**

**October 2020:** \$340.90

**Capital Campaign to date:**

**Contributions to date:** \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)

**Parish Distributions to date:** \$17,126.22 (20%)

