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Council 15490

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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 5 – If God is all good, then why is there evil in the world?

Answer – God did not create evil, rather, good beings (angels and men) chose to become evil, and their evil deeds (sins) caused a rupture in the peace and harmony of the universe. The first book of the Bible tells us that God created the world in six days and saw that it was good. Lucifer and the other bad angels were originally created good, but they made a freewill decision to rebel against God. Their sin resulted in the creation of hell. Once there, the fallen angels became known as devils and demons. Lucifer then became Satan.

Adam and Eve, the first humans and the parents of the human race, were also created good. Creation existed in peace (tranquility of order) until the sin of Adam and Eve came along. Their sin was not just disobedience to the divine law of God but was also an act of rebellion and an infection to their souls. The entire created universe was tainted by original sin.

Human nature was wounded, and the cosmos was shaken up and disturbed. No more perfect harmony, and hence there exist some occasional catastrophes like flood, earthquakes, fires, drought, blizzards, avalanches, tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis and meteor collisions. These are sometimes known as physical or earthly evils. War, crime, violence, terrorism, hatred, bigotry, racism, and abuse are moral evils caused by man.

Had there been no sin, Adam and Eve would have never been expelled from the Garden of Paradis. There would have been no pain, no suffering, and no physical evils whatsoever. The blame for their existence is not on the Creator who made the world good, but on the creatures that freely chose to do and to become evil.

Other Questions in the book, chapter one, with answers too long for the space provided are:

Question 1: How do we know there is a God?

Question 2: Is God male, female, or neither?

Question 3: Why is the Holy Trinity not actually three gods?

Question 4: Creation or evolution: which is it?

Question 6: Did God make the devil? And if He did, why?

Question 8 was covered in last week's bulletin and the rest of the questions from chapter 1 will be covered in the weeks to come but not necessarily in order, depending on space.



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December 13, 2020: 3<sup>rd</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

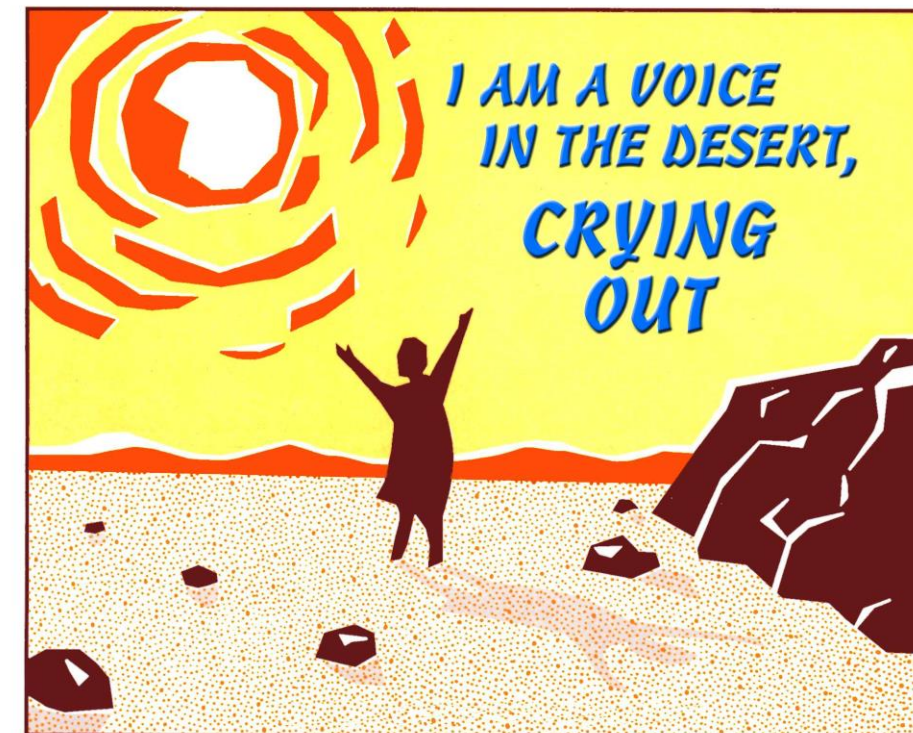
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: [stjohngrandbay@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrandbay@gmail.com)

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Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11; Luke 1:46–50, 53–54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28

AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

The Church has just celebrated two great Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is appropriate in this Advent time that we look to Mary's great song, the Magnificat, as a lens for today's readings, and to her life as the first of faithful disciples. In her canticle, Mary describes a world similar to the one for which Isaiah tells us the Spirit anoints the prophet: where the mighty arm of God scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly (the Lectionary, unfortunately, omits this verse today), where the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty. This world is upside down from the one most of us experience. But if we are to follow our call to be disciples of Jesus, as Mary did, we must be committed to believing in and proclaiming a world like this.



Liz Walker, Ethel Graham, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, 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.

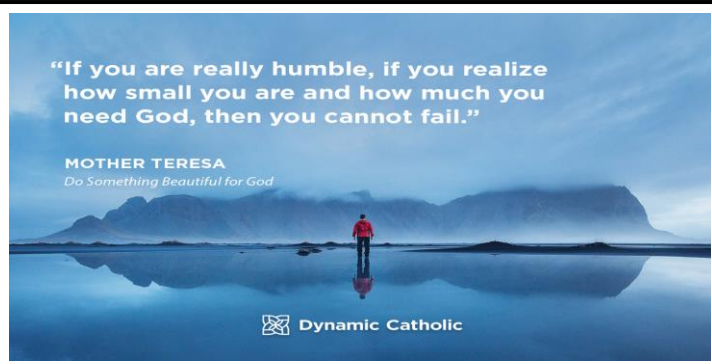
**Week of Dec 22 thru 25.**

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 19 & 20:**

5.00 pm on Saturday, Dec. 19th: Ann Jackson  
 10:00 am on Sunday, Dec. 20th: Autumn Bowden

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.

**SENT IN THE SPIRIT**

Today we hear from John's Gospel, which serves as the first of a number of interjections during this year of the proclamation of Mark's Gospel. (This is because Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels.) John the Baptist once again speaks of his role as the forerunner, the herald of the light. He himself is not the light, but the one who "makes straight" the way before the Lord. John is describing our own vocation, the one given to us when we were baptized in water and the Spirit. We proclaim the coming of the light by living out our own Spirit anointing to bring glad tidings to the poor, to strive for the world God desires, the one described by Isaiah. As Paul tells us today, it is through our witness that we do not despise the prophetic utterances of John, Mary, and Isaiah, and that we do not quench the Spirit. As we prepare for the coming of the light in whatever vocation God has anointed us for, we must live as Paul insists, in continual prayer, and always rejoicing!

**Announcements for Week of December 12, 2020**

- 1) Confirmation Class will be starting after the first of the year. All 9th and 10th graders need to listen for the information that will announce the date of the parent student meeting, which will provide all the information, including dates of classes for the next year plus.
- 2) Father Sherwin is due back this Monday, the 14th so everyone pray for his safe return.
- 3) Does anyone know someone who could use a free Christmas Dinner this year. Contact Deacon Graham by Sunday evening.
- 4) Known Birthdays: 13th: Jimmy Holland, 14th: Dana Baker, 15th: Rachel Poiroux, 16th: Carol Voss, 17th: Lynda Jones, Known Anniversaries: 13th: Michelle and Michael Cook, 15th: Becky and Patrick Murray

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

**General Contributions**

**Week of December 8, 2020**  
 General Fund: \$2,927.00

**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%)

