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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 7: What Color (race) is God? God, being a pure spirit, has no physical body; therefore, He has no race. Only creatures with a physical body have race. So, God is neither white, black, European, African, American, nor Asian. Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, did assume a human nature when He was conceived in the womb of His mother, the Virgin Mary. He had a male body, but he was a divine Person. His human nature came from his mother, who was of the Jewish (Hebrew) race and religion. We have no idea the color of His complexion, the color of His eyes or hair, his height or weight. He probably would have been darker in skin tone than those in Northern Europe two thousand years ago. At the time of Christ, racial labels like white or black did not exist. People were more known by the language they spoke, the land where they lived, the religion they practiced, and the culture they came from. Most obvious of all, He looked like any other adult male Jew living in that region at the time. Artistic representations of Jesus as being Asian, Northern European, Latin American, or African are just that: artistic symbols, not historical or theological tenets. Though Jesus was of Jewish ancestry, God as pure spirit, especially before the Incarnation (when Jesus was conceived in His mother's womb) two millennia ago, has no ethnic or racial configuration.

Question 10: If God created Eve from Adam's rib, then why do men have the same number of ribs as women? The creation of Eve as told in Genesis 2:21-22, where God puts Adam to sleep and takes of his ribs to fashion a woman (Eve), is not a feat of genetic engineering. Neither is it to be understood literally as if it were a scene from *The Island of Dr. Moreau*. When we speak of heartache, we do not mean a literal coronary arrest but a figurative emotional distress. Likewise, the use of Adam's rib is a poignant way to describe the union of husband and wife in marriage because, after God creates Eve, Adam takes her as his wife and says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman.' For out of 'her man' this one has been taken"

Unlike the animals and plants that God created in the first chapter of Genesis just by speaking (and God said, let there be...), Adam is formed from the dust of earth and God blows the breath of life into him. Eve is from Adam's rib. This is a way of saying that human beings are different from the rest of creation. Made in the image and likeness of God, man is profoundly different from the rest of creation.



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December 20, 2020: 4th 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38

FROM AGE TO AGE AND PLACE TO PLACE

There is a teaching from the rabbis that "When Israel wanders, God stays with them; when Israel stays in one place, God wanders." Of course God never left the chosen people; this is the rabbis' way of saying that human beings can get too grounded in earthly things and dwelling places. Our hearts get crowded, there is no room, and so God must wander. The people of ancient Israel were for much of their history a nomadic, wandering, tribal people. Their time in the desert and their years of exile in Babylon were the high points of their religious formation. Many feared that if a mortal ascended the throne of Israel as king, then God would be dethroned as the true king of Israel. Likewise they feared that if God had a permanent dwelling or temple, then they would no longer know the shekinah of God, their term for God pitching a tent in their midst, joining them as a companion in their journey. These fears underlie the voice of the prophet Nathan in today's first reading.



Gary Smith, Liz Walker, Ethel Graham, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, 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, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, 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 st : Eugene Poiroux | 16 th : Carol Voss |
| 3 rd : George Switzer | 17 th : Lynd Jones |
| 4 th : Carol Spencer | 19 th : Pat Fisher |
| 6 th : Rita Sullivan | 21 st : Sylvia Gray |
| 7 th : Christy Brown | 25 th : James Long |
| 11 th : Amber Odom | 28 th : LaShea Payne |
| 11 th : Michelle Cook | 28 th : Mary Jackson |
| 11 th : Karen Sanchez | 29 th : Trey Maddox |
| 11 th : Joe Gable | 29 th : Ingrid Glennon |
| 11 th : Judy Poiroux | 30 th : Shelby Smith |
| 13 th : Jimmy Holland | 30 th : Marty Johnson |
| 14 th : Dana Baker | 31 st : Louis Jones |
| 15 th : Rachel Poiroux | |

Known Anniversaries for December 2020

- 10th: Carol and Johnnie Tate
- 13th: Michelle and Michael Cook
- 15th: Becky and Patrick Murray
- 21st: Carol and Terry Roberts
- 24th: Gennie and Avis Garrett
- 29th: 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

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.

Week of Jan. 5 thru 8.

Jan. 5, 6, 7 & 8 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Marryann Albritton.

Week of Jan 12 thru 15

Jan 12, 13, 14 & 15 – Fr the eternal repose of the souls of Frank Church, Brian Church, Charles Church, Charles & Alice Alford, Wil Irvine, Dorothy Beardslee and the Bohl Family by Nina Bohl.



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, January 12, 2021:

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.

A PLACE FOR GOD TO DWELL

In a few short days, on Christmas morning, we will hear John's Gospel account of the incarnation: "And the Word became Flesh and came to dwell among us" (John 1:14). John uses the Greek version of shekinah to emphasize that Jesus, God among us, pitched his tent on earth to be our companion on our journey. For much of his earthly ministry, Jesus was an itinerant preacher, a nomad. While most of us live in permanent places and are not called to this kind of mobility, we would do well to ask if there is still a place in our hearts for Jesus to pitch his tent. As we have surely heard and read over the past several weeks, we ought to "keep Christ in Christmas." This is a lesson for all seasons today, a lesson that Israel struggled to learn, a lesson that our own Church has struggled with as it assumed the trappings of earthly status. We need to make sure that when God in Flesh comes knocking at our door, we can respond that there is plenty of room within.

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

Announcements for week of December 19, 2020

- 1) **Father Sherwin** is back and after a self-quarantine he has tested negative.
- 2) **Daily Mass** resumes this coming week with Mass at 5:30 pm Tuesday, and 8 am Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
- 3) **CRE Birthday Party for Jesus** will be this Sunday during CRE. Cake will be provided. We will also create a Christmas Q & A video with the children that will be played at the Christmas Eve Mass.
- 4) **St. John the Baptist Youth** will have a Christmas party this Sunday, December 20 with "Adoration" before the party at 6 pm. Parents are invited.
- 5) **Mass Schedule** for Christmas is: 6 pm vigil on Christmas Eve and 10 am on Christmas Day.
- 6) **Special Thanks** to the Lady's Sodality for the beautiful Christmas decorations.
- 7) **The Capital Campaign** is an extraordinarily successful program here at St. Joh the Baptist. Please refer to the Stewardship and Capital Campaign section in the bulletin below the announcements and take pride in your parish for what it has accomplished.
- 8) **Known Birthdays:** 19th: Pat Fisher, 21st: Sylvia Gray, 25th: James Long, **Known Anniversaries:** 21st: Carol and Terry Roberts, 24th: Gennie and Avis Garrett

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of December 8, 2020

General Fund: \$2,090.00
 Retired Religious: \$229.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

November 2020: \$340.90

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$97,282.65 (49.9% of pledge)

Parish Distributions for November 20: \$2,330.31
 Next distribution to parish will be February 2021