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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 9 – Do angels earn their wings? Hollywood often portrays angels as either naked cherubs floating in the air or as bumbling esoteric creatures trying to protect human beings from themselves. A popular storyline consists of an angel trying to earn his wings by doing good deeds for a human being on Earth. If the angel succeeds in his mission, God gives him his wings. Some movies even depict an

gels as decreased humans who, before entering the pearly gates, must earn their eternal reward.

Catholicism repudiates all of that. First of all, human beings are not angels and they can never become angels, just as animals never become human and plants never become animals. When human beings die and go to heaven, they are then called saints. Angels are good spirits who already live-in heaven. They were never human in a previous life. Their test took place before God created the earth or Adam and Eve.

No one earns their way to heaven, either. Pelagianism is the heresy that anyone can work their way to salvation. Saint Augustine vehemently opposed this idea in the fifth century AD. He taught that any good work, corporal or spiritual works of mercy, could only be done efficaciously by the power of divine grace. Whereas Martin Luther proposed the notion of faith alone (sola fide), St. Augustine would have preferred the idea of grace alone (sola gratia). Grace is needed to accept and persevere in faith and to perform meritorious good works.

It is euphemism and anthropomorphism to speak of angels earning their wings. As spirits with no bodies, they actually neither need nor have wings. Religious art depicts angels with wings and saints with halos. Both are devices used to symbolize something invisible to the human eye. In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, Clarence the angel needs to save George Bailey in order to earn his wings. If Clarence had really been a guardian angel, he would have already had his "wings." As an angel, he would have already gone to heaven, and there is no, need to prove anything once there.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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December 27, 2020: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASSSES

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today's Readings: Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Psalm 105:1–6, 8–9; Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Luke 2:22–40 [22, 39–40]

SIMEON SAYS

Luke tells us today that Simeon awaited the consolation of Jerusalem. This places him in line with his prophetic ancestor Isaiah, for the scripture uses the very same word for Simeon's consoling that Isaiah used several weeks ago when he prayed, "Comfort, give comfort to my people" (Isaiah 40:1). Like Isaiah, Simeon was acting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Luke emphasizes this by stating it three times. While Isaiah was looking for the geographic return of Israel from its Babylonian exile to Jerusalem, Simeon was looking for the Christ (the anointed one, the Messiah of God) to end forever the exile, the estrangement, between God and humanity. And it is this exile he sees ended when he stands in the outer Temple courts with the Holy Family (Mary, a woman, would not have been permitted in the Temple proper) and sings his song of Israel's consolation, the song of his own departure now at hand with Israel's glory.



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: Irene Stone, 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: Betty 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 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.

Week of Jan 19 thru 22

Jan 19, 20, 21 & 22 – Deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer.

“Allow simplicity to direct your life, and permit a measure of silence and solitude to have their proper place in the course of your daily activities. Then you will catch glimpses of the-best-version-of-yourself.”

MATTHEW KELLY
Perfectly Yourself



Lectors for next weekend, January 2 & 3: The Epiphany of the Lord

5.00 pm on Saturday, Jan. 2nd: Steve Sema, Jr.
 10:00 am on Sunday, Jan 3rd: John McBride

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 TURNING POINT

Those who work with the elderly know that many people reach a point at which life and death become somewhat interchangeable. Each is as desirable and beautiful as the other. This is part of the wisdom of the elderly. Their experience and understanding of the blessings and the harshness of life permeate Simeon’s prayer and his rather dire predictions to Mary today. The canticle Simeon offers is an expression of his standing at the gate of his dismissal from this life to another. This is a reality he has reached because the anointed one of God has been shown to him. We, too, and all those who truly know the promise held in Christ, can confidently come to the same place. Through the grace of the Incarnation, our life on earth, with all its trouble, heartaches, and sorrows, is blessed and beautiful; through the power of the Passion, death, and Resurrection our next life is our most longed for hope. Only in Christ is this possible.

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 26, 2020

- 1) **A big Thank You** goes out to the Lady’s Sodality for the beautiful Christmas decorations.
- 2) **Mass Schedule of New Year’s (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God) is:** Vigil Mass on Thursday the 31st at 6 pm and Friday morning Mass on the 1st is at 10 am.
- 3) **Known Birthdays:** 28th: LaShea Payne, Mary Jackson, 29th: Trey Maddox, Ingrid Glennon, 30th: Shelby Smith, Marty Johnson, 31st: Louis Jones, **Known Anniversaries:** 29th: Betty Jane and Chuck Pierce.

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of December 20, 2020

General Fund: \$.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

Capital Campaign to date:

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

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

