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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 11—What was the original sin? First of all, the Bible never says that Adam and Eve took a bite out of an apple. The fruit they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil is never identified in Sacred Scripture. Artists over the centuries have used the apple merely out of habit and tradition. The kind of fruit they ate is irrelevant. The point is that Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Original sin is the term used to describe the first sin of our first parents. As prototypes of the human race, their sin had consequences – not just for them, but for their descendants. It is called "original" since it was the first sin committed by any human. It was a sin since it was a deliberate and voluntary act against the will of God.

The effects of original sin are significant. If Adam and Eve had been exposed to radioactive material, they would have passed the effects on genetically to subsequent generations. Spiritually, their sin was transmitted in the same way. We inherit their sin as much as we inherit our genes. For us, original sin is not that we committed a sin while in the womb of our mother. Rather, it means we inherit a proclivity to sin; we are born with a tendency to sin. When you were born, you did not have childhood diseases like measles or chicken pox, but you were born with a vulnerability and susceptibility to these nasty illnesses. When your parents took you to the pediatrician, who inoculated you with vaccines, those vaccines helped your body to fight off these diseases should you ever be exposed to them.

Original sin is like being born without a resistance to temptation. When God created the first man and woman, He endowed them with sanctifying grace, which makes a person holy. Though sanctifying grace does not make you sinless, it makes you spiritually strong so you can better fight temptations to commit sin and evil.

Original sin wounded human nature like a viral or bacterial infection can wound a physical body. Sin is as much a spiritual disease as it is an act of defiance against the law of God.

The parents of the human race infected their spiritual health with sin, and that first sin wounded their human nature and, by inheritance, ours. First, there was the loss of sanctifying grace, which meant their descendants would be born vulnerable to the temptation to sin. Second, their souls were wounded, which resulted in a darkened intellect, a weakened will, and a disordering of the lower passions (emotions like happiness, sadness, etc.). This is why everyone at some time, regardless of intelligence, can have trouble thinking clearly when it comes to moral dilemmas presented while under great stress and strain. Then there are times when we know what we should do, but we just lack the resolve or perseverance to see it through. Thanks to original sin, the rest of us often have to wage a battle with our own passions and emotions to keep them in line. Original sin meant humanity needed a savior and a redeemer.



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January 3, 2021: The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

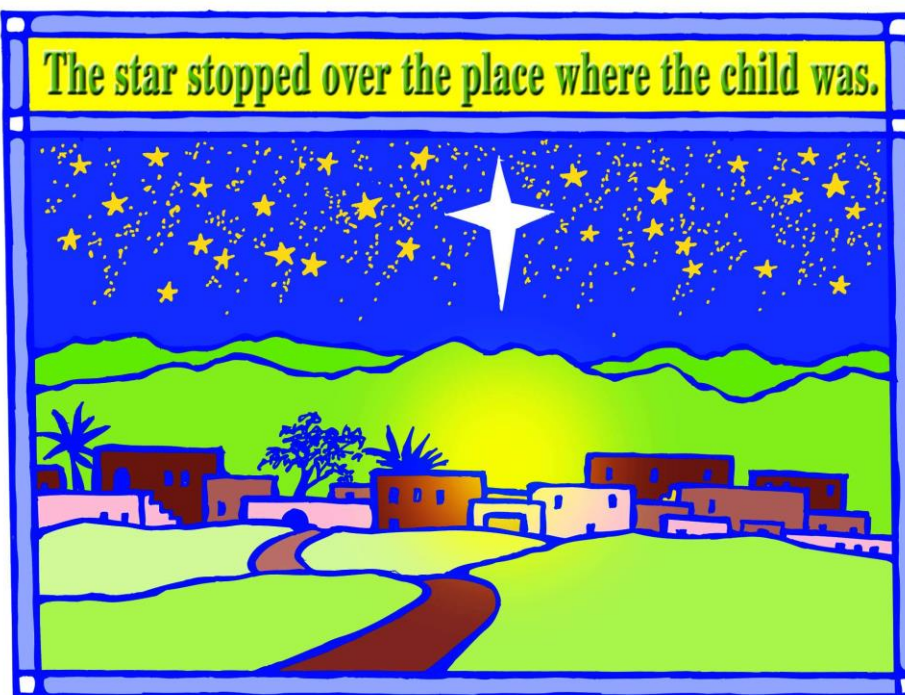
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBORS THINK?

It must have been quite a sight on the streets of Bethlehem as the magi, those star searchers, made their way to the house of Joseph (in Matthew's Gospel the Holy Family are residents of Bethlehem until the flight to Egypt). Imagine the wonder that filled the eyes of the neighborhood children as this caravan made its way. Matthew doesn't tell us many specifics about them (he never numbers them as three or calls them "kings"), but travel was hard in that time, and "safety in numbers" was the rule for making a long trek. Most likely it was a lengthy cortege that wound its way under the guidance of that star. If the celestial phenomenon that guided them there had not already excited the village, the arrival of these women and men (in the ancient world astrologers and sign readers were frequently female) with their dromedaries, unusual clothing, foreign ways—and gifts!—certainly would have roused the neighbors. News travels fast in small towns and imagine the surprise when it was learned where these travelers stopped.



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 January 2021

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| 2 nd : James Jackson | 19 th : Toby Logan |
| 3 rd : Howard Robison | 21 st : Charlie Clark |
| 4 th : Terry Roberts | 21 st : Tiffany Teofilo |
| 6 th : Isabelle McPhillips | 23 rd : Lauren Schaffer |
| 7 th : Angela Baggett | 23 rd : Gabriel Angley |
| 8 th : Bayleigh Murray | 24 th : Jacqueline Todd |
| 8 th : Rebecca Oliver | 24 th : Tom Thornton |
| 10 th : Jude Riley | 25 th : Adele Logan |
| 11 th : Joseph Kirchoff | 26 th : Ritche Jamero |
| 12 th : Cheryl Penton | 26 th : Easton Baggett |
| 12 th : Robert Brown | 27 th : Stephanie Ray |
| 17 th : Ruth Pigorsch | 28 th : Dana Olsen |
| 17 th : Andrew Sprinkle | 29 th : Kevin Cauley |
| 18 th : Marcie McPhillips | 30 th : James Graham |
| 18 th : Ambre Cauley | 31 st : Betty Gunter |
| 19 th : William Swinney | 31 st : Evelyn Schmierer |
| 19 th : Jonathan Oliver | |

Known Anniversaries for January 2021

- 14th: Rachael & Christopher McCormick
19th: Mildred & Joe Smith

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 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

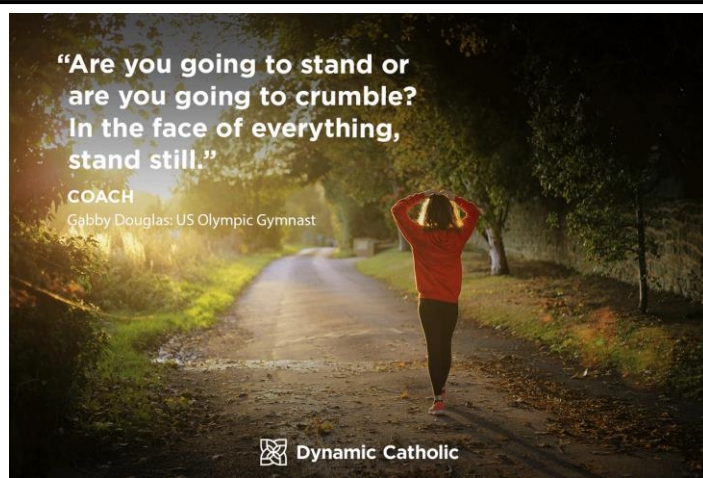
Jan 12, 13, 14 & 15 – Fr the eternal repose of the souls of Frank Church, Brian Church, Charles Church, Charles & Alice Alford, Will Irwin, Dorothy Beardslee and the Bohl Family by Nina Bohl.

Week of Jan 19 thru 22

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

Week of Jan 26 thru 29

Jan 26, 27, 28 & 29 – Deceased relatives/friends of Carol & Terry Roberts.



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.

DON'T BE FOOLED

We can include the magi on our list of role models in faith for the season. They were not Jews but were willing to follow a route that led to an insignificant and troublesome Roman province. When they were led to the Holy Family's humble abode in Bethlehem they did not say, "No way! This cannot be the place. It's too lowly, they're not affluent enough." They simply bowed down and worshiped Jesus the Christ, in a scene that prefigures the disciples bowing to worship him later in Matthew's Gospel after his resurrection. These sign seekers were willing to be led by their wonder, ready to persist in their journey, not knowing where the quest for their revelation would lead them, but open to its possible presence anywhere. We, like they, must be ready to seek the epiphany, the manifestation of God, earnestly and honestly, and be prepared to bow in worship when we find it.

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 January 2, 2021

- 1) **Deacon Graham** will be away from Monday, January 4th through Friday, January 8th.
- 2) Known Birthdays: 2nd: James Jackson, 3rd: Howard Robison, 4th: Terry Roberts, 6th: Isabelle McPhillips, 7th: Angela Baggett, 8th: Bayleigh Murray, Rebecca Oliver, **Known Anniversaries:**

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of December 22, 2020
General Fund: \$5,975.00

Week of December 27, 2020
General Fund: \$3,582.00
Christmas: \$1,181.00
Building Fund \$1,000.00

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)
Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

"...almost all success and happiness in this world is born from ordinary things. We allow ourselves to be seduced by the spectacular, but the basics are where you find the true and lasting treasure."

MATTHEW KELLY
I Heard God Laugh

