

Knights of Columbus



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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 20 – Who put the numbers (chapters and verses) in the Bible?

Answer – The next time you go to a baseball or football game, look for someone in the crowd holding a sign that simple reads: John 3:16. What does that mean? It is a reference to the Gospel of John, chapter three, verse sixteen, which says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is a nice, public demonstration of Christian faith. If you and I, however, were at a chariot race in the Coliseum in Rome in the year 200 AD, and saw that sign (it would probably be in Latin: Ioannes III: XVI) we would have no idea what it meant even if we were devout Christians at the time.

What most people take for granted today when they pick up their Bibles is that they can find any passage merely by knowing the book, the chapter, and the verse. Ironically, the original sacred authors never used these tools. When Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote their respective versions of the Gospel, none of them included chapters and verses. Even translators like Saint Jerome, who saw the first person to translate the entire Old Testament from Hebrew and Greek into Latin and to translate the entire New Testament from Greek into Latin, and then combine both in one volume book (circa 400 AD), never used chapter and verse. No Bible had this until 1205 AD, when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephan Langton assigned chapter numbers to make reading the Bible easier. It took another three and half centuries before the verses were added by Robert Stephanus in 1550 AD. That means there was no 3:16 until 1550. People had to memorize entire passages in their entirety before they could simply say "Matthew 16:18" or any other citation. Another interesting tidbit is that the original sacred authors did not use any punctuation marks, either. Commas, periods, apostrophes, question marks, exclamation marks, and the rest did not exist at the time the books of the Bible were being written. Later on, translators added those to conform to their native tongues and the rules of grammar for languages.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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January 31, 2021: 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

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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 in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; 1 Corinthians 7:32–35; Mark 1:21–28

JESUS TAUGHT "WITH AUTHORITY"

That Jesus did not teach like the scribes was very significant. After all, it was the scribes who taught the scriptures. They were the ones who knew the religious doctrine and taught it to the people. And though frequently criticized in the Gospels, they were not bad people by definition. Many of them were probably generous, decent, truthful people.

But Jesus was a teacher of a different sort altogether. It was as though he did not need to refer to the scriptures or to the teaching of anyone else at all. He had the authority himself. Imagine the unusual impression he must have made on his listeners!

It has been suggested that Jesus was reputed to teach "with authority" because the crowds instantly recognized the truth of what he said. Why? Because he spoke the truth that was already in their hearts.



Dee Irwin, Kathie Sema, Ronnie Cauley, Ernest Pigorsch, Delaine Pigorsch, 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 February 2021

1 st : Landon Teofilo	9 th : Jay Graham
1 st : Riza Jamero	14 th : Michael Courtney
2 nd : Chuck Pierce	14 th : Jerry Davis
2 nd : Jennifer Elliott	14 th : Lyman Ramsay
3 rd : Shirley Ray	15 th : Andrea Graham
4 th : Shirley Poiroux	17 th : Mary Brannan
4 th : Rebecca Murray	19 th : Addy Stringfellow
4 th : Barrett Medders	21 st : Kevin Reed
5 th : Mary Oliver	23 rd : Mila Vaughn
6 th : Ivey Scott	25 th : Willie Smeriglio
6 th : Dallas Baggett	27 th : Thomas McPhillips

Known Anniversaries for February 2021

7th: Ruth and Pau Pigorsch
 15th: Lynn and Tony Cosentino
 18th: Gloria and Charles Krause
 21st: Isabel and Rudy Rel
 26th: La Shea and Adolph Payne

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 Feb 2 thru 5

Feb 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer.

Week of Feb 9 thru 12

Feb 9 & 10 – Deceased relatives/friends of Rita Sullivan

Feb 11 & 12 – Deceased relatives/friends of Colleen Gray

Week of Feb 16 thru 19

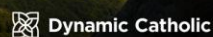
Feb 16, 17, 18 & 19 – Deceased members of the Davis, Marchand & Pigorsch families, by Ruth and Paul Pigorsch.

Week of Feb 23 thru 26

Feb 23, 24, 25 & 26 – Deceased relatives/friends of Ann and Jim Jackson.

“Our work for peace and justice is much more profound than simply social change, fixed problems, and good feelings. Our end goal is not just to change the world, but through that work, to change the way people see the world.”

MATTHEW WARNER
 Messy & Foolish



Lectors for next weekend, February 6 & 7, 2021

5.00 pm on Saturday, Feb 6th: Steve Sema
 10:00 am on Sunday, Feb 7th: Carol Voss

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, Feb. 23, 2021. We will be filming the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent

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.

GOD’S WORD IS ALWAYS BEING SPOKEN

Centuries earlier, God had promised through Jeremiah that “the days are coming . . . when . . . I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts” (Jeremiah 31:31, 33). Of course, “the days to come” are always here and now. The reign of God is always “at hand.”

So, God’s word is always being spoken.

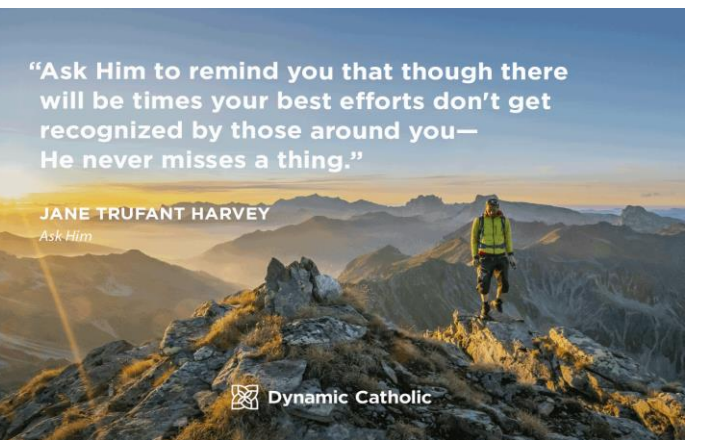
Usually, though, we miss God’s word, as available as it always is. It’s as if a movie, filled with wonder and excitement, were always playing away for our enjoyment; meanwhile, we manage to busy ourselves with other things—and eventually wander off—not willing to give our full attention.

What Jesus did was stir up a message that had been placed deep within his listeners before they were born, etched in their hearts by God. “Wake up!” he urged, and some people did not wander off. They listened, “spellbound.”

And what of us? Must we wait for a charismatic teacher to come and wake us up? Well, we may wait a long time. Let us not give in to the old “homilies are stale” and “church is boring” excuses. God’s word is always being spoken. If only we can learn to pay attention, we will be spellbound.

Announcements for week of January 30, 2021

- 1) **Rice Bowls** – We are two and a half weeks from Lent, so pick-up a rice bowl, take it home and fill it with your loose change and turn it in at the end of lent to help support Catholic Relief Services around the world.
- 2) **Lectors**, please remember to sign the list on the bulletin board as to which dates you can and cannot read.
- 3) **Parish and Finance Councils** will hold a meeting on Tuesday February 2nd at 6:30 pm.
- 4) **Congratulations** to Wyatt Medders and Lyndon Teofilo as winners of the First Free Throw Tournament which was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council 15490 here at St. John’s.
- 5) **Catholic Charities** pledge to date for St. John the Baptist is \$4,966.00 which has been pledged by 13 families. We are currently at 28.54% of our overall goal of \$17,400.00.
- 6) **Known Birthdays:** 30th: James Graham, 31st: Betty Gunter, Evelyn Schmierer, 1st: Landon Teofilo, Riza Jamero, 2nd: Chuck Pierce, Jennifer Elliott, 3rd: Shirley Ray, 4th: Shirley Poiroux Rebecca Murray, Barrett Medders, 5th: Mary Oliver, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**



Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

January 24th, 2021

General Fund: \$2,779.00

Candle: \$30.00

Capital Campaign to date:

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

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