

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

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"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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The abridged answer to the following question comes from the detailed answer in "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 25: Was Jesus really born on December 25? – Answer: While Christians in the West celebrate the birthday of Christ every year on the 25th of December, no one knows for sure what exact day the birth occurred. There is no birth certificate. We have no references or citations in the Bible about the Apostles having birthday parties for Jesus, and the calendar day of His birth is never mentioned. That He was born is accepted as fact. What day of what month is not specified in any biblical or historical record. The Bible tells us Jesus was born of Mary in the town of Bethlehem. Later the holy family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) fled into Egypt to escape the slaughter of male infants imposed by King Herod. After Herod's death, the family settled in Nazareth, where Joseph worked as a carpenter. Without knowing the actual day, there are two ways to determine a day on the calendar for the annual birthday of Christ. One school of thought maintains that the Annunciation (when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and announced that she was to be the mother of the Savior), already established in antiquity as March 25, would also have been the day Jesus was conceived in the womb of His mother. Luke 1:36 tells us that the same day of the Annunciation is also the six-month anniversary of the conception of Saint John the Baptist in the womb of his mother, Saint Elizabeth. Luke 1:56-57 tells us that after three months, Mary returns home when her cousin gives birth. If the Annunciation took place on March 25, then the birth of John the Baptist must be three months later, and the Church does in fact celebrate the birth of John on June 24. Mary would have been with child since March 25, and nine months from that date brings us to December 25. If the actual day of the Annunciation or the Visitation (when Mary visited Elizabeth) is not known, someone like Saint Augustine would propose that it was based on the solar calendar of the Roman Empire. Rather than adapting a pagan feast day of the sun god as is often suggested, other scholars use the following line of reasoning: without a fir date to use, Scripture helps by using analogies. Jesus said in John 8:12 "I am the Light of the World." John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and son of Elizabeth, said in John 3:30 "I must decrease, He must increase." Using those two biblical passages, Christians then looked at when the shortest and the longest days of the year occurred – the summer and winter solstices. The longest day occurs in mid-June and the shortest day occurs in Mid-December. On the day after the summer solstice, the amount of daylight decreases every day until we reach the shortest day of the year. The day after the winter solstice, the amount of daylight increases until we return to the longest day. The day when the hours of light begin to increase would be designated as the birthday of Christ ("I am the Light of the World") and the day when the hours of light began to decrease would be the designated as birthday of John the Baptist ("I must decrease, He must increase"). There are exactly six months between the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Christ as told in Luke's Gospel, and there are exactly six months between the summer and winter solstices.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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February 21, 2021: 1st Sunday Lent

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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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First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-

15

A POWERFUL PROCLAMATION

As we reflect on how we spend our time, we could well ask ourselves, "What would you want to be caught dead doing?" If we take seriously Jesus' Gospel proclamation, if we chew on the words until they become part of us, we will find our answer.

After coming out of the desert and learning of John's arrest, Jesus knew it was time to act. Forty days of prayer and fasting had prepared him well. He knew exactly what he wanted to be caught dead doing. His desert experience had prepared him. Fully aware that his actions would put his life in jeopardy, he went to Galilee, where he made the powerful proclamation found in today's Gospel.



Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Kathie Sema, Ronnie Cauley, Ernest Pigorsch, Delaine Pigorsch, Gary Smith, Liz Walker, 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 Kloecheener, 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 23 thru 26

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

Week of Mar 2 thru 5

Mar 2 – Deceased relatives/friends of Ann & Jim Jackson
 Mar 3, 4 & 5 – for Wilhelmena Boswell, Vernon Sullivan & Clayton Williams by Rita Sullivan.

Week of Mar 9 – 12

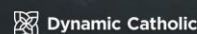
Mar 9, 10, 11 & 12 – For Sarah Thornton, Mary Thornton, Ed Thornton, Helen Thornton & Harold Troche by Tom Thornton.

Week of Mar 16 thru 19

Mar 16, 1, 18 & 19 – For Charlotte Howard, Rita George, Dale Mallon, J. L. Mallon, Ora Lee Mallon, Florence Henderson, Mr. Henderson and Charles Howard by Christy Brown

“This is the greatest gift we can give to another human being: to allow him or her to simply see us for who we are, with our strengths and weaknesses, faults, failings, flaws, defects, talents, abilities, achievements, and potential.”

MATTHEW KELLY
The Seven Levels of Intimacy



Lectors for next weekend, February 27 & 28, 2021

5.00 pm on Saturday, Feb 27th: Ann Jackson.
 10:00 am on Sunday, Feb 28th: Tiffany Teofilo

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.

“THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT”

This is the time. Not tomorrow, or after Lent, or after you finish your degree, or after you feel a little better about yourself, or after you retire. This is the time and the place. Here, today, this minute, now. By your baptism, you are fulfilled. All you need to do is realize it.

“The kingdom of God is at hand.” It is in the present moment, mirrored back to us many times each day. It is everywhere, even in the darkest corners of the world. To gain access to the kingdom, we just give ourselves to Jesus each morning, and examine ourselves in light of his love each evening. Submit and commit—day after day.

“Repent and believe in the gospel.” For those preparing for full Church membership this Lent, today’s message is especially liberating. When we drop our own agendas and tune in to God’s, miracles begin to happen. And if angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, we know that they will be there for us, too. So as we begin our Lenten observances, let’s listen openly and trustingly to the still small Voice whispering in the silence of the season and then pray for the courage to believe and act on what we hear. We will be changed, and the world along with us.

Catholic Charities

Family Pledges to date total 31.
 Total amount pledged:
 \$17,414.00
 100% of our total goal of
 \$17,400.00

Announcements for week of February 20, 2021

- 1) **Catholic Charities** pledge to date for St. John the Baptist is \$17,414.00 with 42 families pledging. We are currently at 100% of our overall goal of \$17,400.00. Your pledge helps to continue to serve the poor, the weak, and those suffering mentally physically and spiritually throughout central Alabama. Thank you for your generosity.
- 2) **There will be additional confession times during Lent on Wednesday’s** from 6 to 8 pm. If you are not available at this time you may call Father Sherwin at 334-560-4192 and schedule a time.
- 3) **Friday’s of Lent** will have “Stations of the Cross” at 5 pm and a there will be a fish fry to go, which is provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 15490. Also remember that Friday’s of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- 4) Congratulations to our three new Confirmandi’s.
- 5) **Known Birthdays:** 21st: Kevin Reed, 23rd: Mila Vaughn, 25th: Willie Smeriglio, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 21st: Isabel and Adolph Payne, 26th: La Shea and Adolph Payne



Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

February 14, 2021

General Fund: \$2,189.00.00
 Maintenance Fund Special donation: \$2,200.00
 Candle Fund: \$22.00

Capital Campaign to date:

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