

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

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Est. 1987

"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: Who were Mary's parents?

Answer – There is not much we know about Mary's parents since their names do not even appear in Sacred Scripture.

Tradition has placed their names as Saint Ann and Saint Joachim. What information we can retrieve is from an apocryphal source. Apocryphal sources are numerous, and they fill in much detail that is not in the four Gospels. However, since they are not part of the Sacred Canon of Scripture, they are considered only legends. Nevertheless, the Proto-evangelium of Saint James which was written in 165 AD states that Mary's birth was miraculous because her parents were sterile, and that an angel predicted her birth to Mary's father Joachim after he had fasted for forty days in the desert.

Often, statues that depict Saint Ann show her as an elderly woman, which would fit the legend of them being in advanced years. Statues also depict Mary as a little girl with book open, standing next to her mother. Ann is always pointing to the book to show that she was teacher to her daughter in religious and secular studies. Joachim is portrayed by himself and is also elderly.

What we can glean from the Gospels about Ann and Joachim is from their daughter, Mary. As the old axiom says, "The apple does not fall far from the tree." Mary was extremely devout in her beliefs. Though she did not understand how she would become pregnant without the assistance of a human father ("How can this be since I know not man?"), nevertheless, Mary trusted in God ("Be it done unto me according to your word") and the Angel Gabriel then reassured her that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. She, along with her chaste husband, Saint Joseph, brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem as was customary. She was family oriented. She went to help her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with Saint John the Baptist. Based on all these things, we can say that Saint Ann and Saint Joachim must have been deeply religious and a close-knit family.

In French Canada there is a famous shrine to Saint Ann in Beupre. The shrine of Saint Ann de Beupre attracts thousands of visitors annually. They come on pilgrimage to pray and to be renewed in the Lord. Often, people come with request or seeking a miracle from Almighty God through the intercession of Saint Ann. Those whose prayers are granted often leave an article, such as crutches or wheelchairs that they no longer need because God has worked through Saint Ann and performed a miracle to cure them from their maladies.

On her feast day, July 26, over one hundred thousand people attend the special Mass in honor of Saint Ann. The day usually concludes with a candlelight procession and recitation of the Holy Rosary.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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February 28, 2021: 2nd Sunday Lent

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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

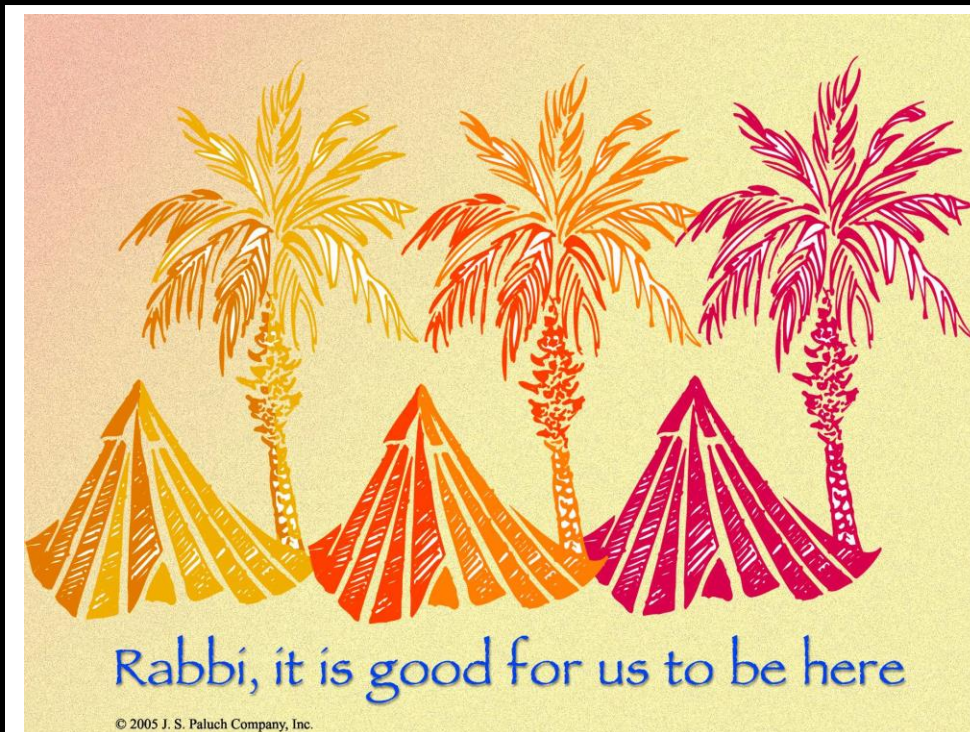
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com

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Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116:10, 15–19; Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines. Today he makes his annual and very hard to ignore appearance arrayed in shimmering splendor. Again we hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). And like Peter, James, and John before us, we really want to listen, for we know that he is our Beloved, too.



Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Kathie Sema, Ronnie Cauley, 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 Kloechnener, 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 March 2021

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| 1 st : Aimee Sprinkle | 15 th : Destry Murray |
| 1 st : Jason Poiroux | 16 th : Ruth Delmas |
| 2 nd : Jimmy Marchand | 18 th : Tony Smith |
| 3 rd : Nina Bohl | 18 th : Katelynn Oliver |
| 3 rd : Frances Reed | 22 nd : Darrel Wright |
| 5 th : Tammy Fonteot | 24 th : Paul Delmas |
| 6 th : John Murray | 24 th : Johnnie Tate |
| 7 th : Ron Cauley | 25 th : Maribeth Thompson |
| 9 th : Becky Thompson | 25 th : Tiffany Fonteot |
| 11 th : Olivia Schmierer | 25 th : David Schmierer |
| 11 th : David Spencer | 29 th : Joe Smith |
| 15 th : Mike Stringfellow | 30 th : Matt Cauley |
| 15 th : Theresa Bridges | |

Known Anniversaries for March 2021

- 1st: Tiffany & Greg Teofilo
- 18th: Elsa & John McBride
- 30th: Mary Ann & Jimmy Holland

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 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



Lectors for next weekend, March 6 & 7, 2021

5.00 pm on Saturday, March 6th: Steve Sema, Jr.
 10:00 am on Sunday, March 7th: 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, Mar. 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.

"ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU OBEYED MY COMMAND"

Though Jesus knew his trials were about to begin, that day on the mountain he recommitted himself to fulfilling his destiny. That day he experienced God's love so profoundly that he was able to become a willing sacrifice for human sin. And how deeply must God love us by allowing the Crucifixion to happen! "He . . . did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all" (Romans 8:32).

In the first reading, Abraham's profound commitment to God's call caused him to put the knife to his own son's neck. God rewarded Abraham's unswerving obedience with abundant blessings and "descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and sands of the seashore . . . All this because you obeyed my command" (Genesis 22:17, 18).

Today the readings invite us to taste God's deep love and to listen to God's Son. Most importantly, we are encouraged to continue God's love story, recommitting our lives to Christ. As we reflect on God's message of total obedience, let us pray for guidance to see clearly the shape of our destiny. Echoing the psalmist's words, "O Lord, I am your servant" (Psalm 116:16), let us willingly accept any hardships that we encounter and any sacrifices that are necessary, knowing that along the way we will be dazzled and deeply loved.

Catholic Charities

Family Pledges to date total 31.
 Total amount pledged: \$18,414.00,
 106% of our total goal of \$17,400.00

Announcements for week of February 27, 2021

- 1) **A special "Thank You"** to Carol Voss for chairing the Catholic Charities drive this year.
- 2) **Just a reminder that there are 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) **There will be** a Lentin Retreat on Wednesday, March 17, at 6:30 pm, followed by penance service at 7:00 pm.
- 4) **Friday's of Lent** will have "Stations of the Cross" at 5 pm and 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.
- 5) **Known Birthdays:** 27th: Thomas McPhillips, 1st: Aimee Sprinkle, Jason Poiroux, 2nd: Jimmy Marchand, 3rd: Nina Bohl, Frances Reed, 5th: Tammy Fonteot, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 1st: Tiffany & Greg Teofilo



Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

February 21, 2021

General Fund: \$2,104.00
 Maintenance Fund: \$436.00
 Black & Indian Fund: \$148.00

Capital Campaign as of 1-31-2021:

Total Contributions as of 1-31-2021: \$120,668.34 (61.9% Of Campaign Goal)
 Parish Distributions on 1-31-2021: \$4,677.14 for a total Parish Distribution to date of \$23,385.69