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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 31 – What about the brothers and sisters of Jesus? Answer: Many people ask about the alleged siblings of Jesus mentioned in the New Testament (Matthew 12:46, 13:55; Mark 3:31-32, 6:3; Luke 8:19-20; John 2:12, 7:3-5; Acts 1:14; 1Corinthians 9:5). These passages refer to Mary and the "brethren" or the "brothers and sisters" of Jesus. First, we go to the original Greek text of these citations.

The word used to describe these siblings, as some describe them, in *adelphoi*. This is the plural form of *adelphos*, which can mean "brother," but it is also used to describe more distant relations, like cousins, uncles, and nephews. Any relative or relation, from brother to cousin, can be called an *adelphos* since ancient Hebrew had no precise distinctions as we do today. Proof of this is in the Bible itself.

Genesis 11:27 ("Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.") and 11:31 ("and Lot the son of Haran") and 14:12 ("and they took Lot, Abram's brother's son") make it clear that Abram and Haran are brothers and Lot is the son of Haran, which makes Abram his uncle. Lot is therefore the nephew of Abram. Yet the only way ancient Hebrew could describe the relationship between Abram and Lot was to either say it in a very complicated way, as in Genesis 12:5 where it says "and Lot {Abram's} brother's son" or it can use an inclusive word like *adelphos* in Greek or (*ach*) in Hebrew. This is done in Genesis 14:16: "his brother Lot." If Lot was the son of Haran, the brother of Abram, then how can Abram call Lot his brother in 14:16? This only makes sense if the words used in Hebrew and Greek are not exclusively restricted to one form of relationship. *Adelphos* is the Greek word used in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, and "brother" is used in the English King James Version of the Bible in Genesis 14:14, 16. Obviously, without having a word like, "uncle" or "nephew," the same word used for "brother" is also used for these extended relationships. Hence, when we read in the New Testament about the *adelphoi* of Jesus, they can be the same kind of relatives Abram and Lot were to each other. Jesus did have on cousin for certain, John the Baptist.

Joseph could have had siblings with children, who would have been his nieces and nephews and legal cousins to Jesus. Mary could have had siblings or cousins with children the same age as Jesus, too. If a brother of Joseph died leaving children to be raised, Joseph would have taken them into his home and Jesus would have been raised with his cousins, who would have been called *adelphoi* in Greek and in English, that particular word is translated as "brethren."

Further proof of the nonexistence of other children of Mary and Joseph: where are they at the Crucifixion? John 19:26-27 has Jesus giving His mother Mary to John and vice versa. Had there been any actual siblings, they would have been there with Mary at Calvary and there would have been no need to entrust his blessed mother to the care of John the Beloved Disciple.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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March 14, 2021: 4th 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.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"

Today's Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen John 3:16 at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.



Leak Maria Church, 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 Kloecheener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Patricia Davis, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Frances Walley, 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

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 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

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 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

Week of Mar 23 thru 26

Mar 23, 24, 25 & 26 – For Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley, Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, Randy Naquin by Rhonda & Steve Cauley.

Week of April 6 thru 9

April 6, 7, 8 & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Jennifer Schilling.

Week of April 13 thru 16

April 13, 14, 15 & 16 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Peggy and David Delmas.



“Strike up a conversation [with God] and you will be amazed where he leads you.”

MATTHEW KELLY
 I Heard God Laugh

Dynamic Catholic

Lectors for next weekend, March 13 & 14, 2021

5.00 pm on Saturday, March 13th: Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday, March 14th: 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, 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.

THE REST OF THE STORY

But the rest of the Gospel verses are not so familiar—or so comforting: “Whoever does not believe has already been condemned” (John 3:18). Do my doubts condemn me? Just how strong is my faith? “People preferred darkness to light because their works were evil” (John 3:19). Can I justify my lifestyle when the world’s children are starving? “For everyone who does wicked things hates the light” (John 3:20). What have I done that I do not want others to know about? Why do I look the other way when people or governments act unethically or immorally? The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be “lifted up”—but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love—if we will let him love us. “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21). To “live the truth” is to accept ourselves as we are—good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our nonbelief in our own essential goodness. It’s an internal condemnation removed only by his gift—the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living—or dying—for.

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 March 13, 2021

- 1) **The Knights of Columbus** will be having rosaries said next week in honor of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Rosaries will be said Monday 3/15, Tuesday 3/16, Wednesday 3/17, and Thursday 3/18 at the Pavilion starting at 5pm (weather permitting). All parishioners are invited to attend.
- 2) **The Lenten Retreat** is this Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30 pm followed by Penance Service.
- 3) **Holy Week schedule** is in the bulletin.
- 4) **Catholic Charities Campaign** has once again been exceeded by the great parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish. Thank you once again for your generosity.
- 5) **Known Birthdays:** 15th: Mike Stringfellow, Theresa Bridges, Destry Murray, 16th: Ruth Delmas, 18th: Tony Smith, Katelynn Oliver: , **Known Anniversaries this week:** 18th: Elsa and John McBride

Holy Week Activities

- Palm Sunday: March 28, 2021**
 Blessing of Palms (Outside the Church and Mass – 10 am)
- Holy Monday: March 29, 2021** - Priest Renewal of Vows (Immaculate Conception Cathedral – 11 am)
- Holy Tuesday: March 30, 2021** - Mass @ 5:30 pm
- Holy Wednesday: March 31, 2021** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Moring Prayer and Holy Mass – 8 am
- Holy Thursday: April 1, 2021** - Start of Triduum Mass (Washing of Feet) – 5 pm.
- Good Friday: April 2, 2021** - Station of the Cross @ 3 pm. Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross – 5 pm.
- Black Saturday: April 3, 2021** – Blessing of Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Blessing of Water – 6 pm & Easter Vigil.
- Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021** – Easter Sunday, Mass 10 am.

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

March 7, 2021
 General Fund: \$2,914.00