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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 34 – Why did Jesus die?

Answer: Jesus died to save us from our sins. If He only a man and not also divine, then His death would have been tragic but not salvific. The human race could only be saved by a Savior and only redeemed by a Redeemer. Original sin wounded human nature so that everyone born after Adam and Eve was incapable of saving even themselves, let alone the rest of humanity. Mankind needed a Savior. That Savior would have to make the ultimate and supreme sacrifice. Jesus Himself said there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend (John 15:13).

Saint Paul says in his epistle to the Corinthians, "Christ died for our sins" (1Cor. 15: 3). Matthew tells us in his Gospel, "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (20:28). Even the prophet Isaiah foretold in the Old Testament before Christ was born, "he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed...and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter: (53:5-7)

Greek has three words for love: *eros*, *philia*, and *agape*. Pope Benedict XVI points out in his recent papal encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) that despite the sinful distortion and perversion by pornography, *eros* (possessive love) is still intrinsically good when kept in perspective and proportion. It is not just sexual or physical love. *Eros* is the love that wants to have—to be with the beloved, to have time and memories, to say this is my beloved. It is also the reality that we all need to be loved. *Philia* is a love between friends (as with Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love). It is one of affection and loyalty. *Agape* (*caritas* in Latin) is what Pope Benedict calls oblate love. It is sacrificial. Whereas *eros* wants to have and possess the beloved, *agape* is willing to make sacrifice (oblation) for the other.

God's love for us is perfect and is truly *agape*, as He willingly sacrificed His only Son and the Son willingly sacrificed His own life for our salvation. The death of Jesus was not forced upon Him' He willingly embraced it as painful and horrible because of His love for each one of us. This supreme act of sacrificial love atoned for the sin of pride of our first parents (Adam and Eve) and for all our own individual sins which in essence are acts of rebellion against the dominion of God. Jesus' death opened the gates of heaven which were previously shut when man and woman arrogantly placed their will above God's will.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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March 21, 2021: 5th Sunday Lent

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Parish Council

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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

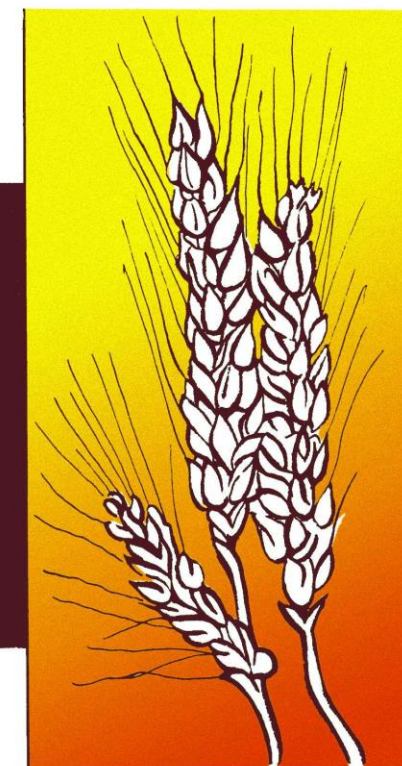
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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UNLESS THE GRAIN OF WHEAT . . . DIES, IT REMAINS A GRAIN OF WHEAT.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–15; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33

NOT FOR MY SAKE . . .

We struggle with the meaning of losing our life in order to find it, of dying in order to live. In the covenant of our world, these contradictory concepts make no sense. But Jesus came to establish a new covenant, one of service and of love. "He learned obedience from what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). "Obedience" and "suffering" are two much misunderstood concepts. To obey means to listen and take to heart. Jeremiah speaks of God's law being written in our hearts, and that we will come to know our God. Psalm 51 cries out to God for "a clean heart," for it is with a clear conscience and clear vision that we will see God's will for 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 Kloechener, 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

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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 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 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

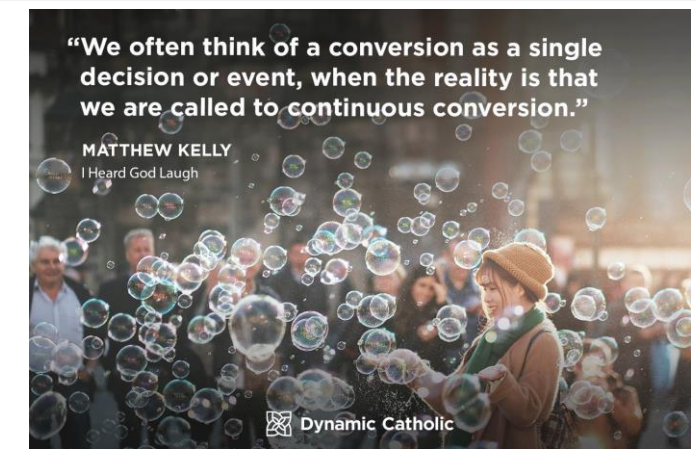
April 6, 7, 8 & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Jennifer Schilling.

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.

Week of April 20 thru 23

April 20 & 21 – For the eternal repose of souls of Georgia Gray, Roy Gray & Russell Gray by Sylvia and Colleen Gray
 April 22 & 23 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Heine and Vincent families by Stan Heine and for the eternal repose of the soul of Ethel Graham by Maria Switzer.



Lectors for next weekend, March 27 & 28, 2021

5.00 pm on Saturday, March 27th: Steve Sema, Jr.
 10:00 am on Sunday, March 28th: 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.com.

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 Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter and the 3rd Sunday of Easter

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bav 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.

BUT FOR YOURS

Just as the prophets and the psalms proclaimed the true way to know and follow God, Jesus shows us in his teaching and in his life how we are to love and serve God and each other. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus' reverence for God that manifested itself in obedience and suffering, not for its own sake, but for ours and for the glory of God. This mutual love of God and humanity is made perfect in Jesus, and we begin to see how our suffering can serve others and give glory to God. Our work and our prayer are to be for the good of all, not just for our own benefit: "I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32). Jesus' goodness and his sacrifice attract us to him and show us the enormity of his love and care for us. He held nothing back that could help us find God.

"Where I am, there also will my servant be" (John 12:26). We look to Jesus for our help in loving God and each other, in giving glory to God and service to others. Our glory and honor lie in serving God and our neighbor with love and reverence.

Catholic Charities

Family Pledges to date total 32.
 Total amount pledged: \$19,914.00,
 114% of our total goal of \$17,400.00

Announcements for week of March 20, 2021

- 1) **Holy Week** schedule is in the bulletin.
- 2) **Palm Sunday** is next weekend, March 27 & 28. We will have the blessing and distribution of palms and the reading of the Passion.
- 3) **Known Birthdays:** 22nd: Darrel Wright, 24th: Johnnie Tate, Paul Delmas, 25th: Maribeth Thompson, Tiffany Fonteot, David Schmierer, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**



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.
- Easter Vigil: 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 14, 2021
 General Fund: \$3,508.00
 Building Fund: \$224.00
 Mission: \$77.00
 February Online gifts: \$325.45