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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 – Could Jesus Sin?

Answer: No, Jesus could not sin because He was a divine person. It is metaphysically impossible for Him to sin because to sin is to oppose the Will of God. While there is only one God, He is one God in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Each person of the Trinity is God but there are not three Gods, only one. This means each divine person shares the same divine intellect and divine will. What one person knows, all three know. What one wills, all three will. As the Second Person of the Holy Trinity (God the Son), Jesus is God. Therefore, it is impossible for Him to oppose His own will. Were any of the divine persons able to oppose the divine will, it would mean He would be negating Himself, which is impossible to do. Since God cannot sin (meaning He cannot go against His own will), then none of the three divine persons can sin, either. While acknowledging that in His divinity or divine nature Jesus could not sin, some may ask whether he could sin in His humanity and human nature. The Council of Chalcedon (451) did define that Jesus had two natures (human and divine), which meant He also had two intellects and two wills. Could His human will oppose the divine will? Wasn't His human will free? Free, yes, but so is the divine will. Free does not mean being able to deny or defy reality. You and I have a free will, but we are not free to become something we are not. We are not free to become divine. We are not free to turn what is good into evil nor are we free to turn what is evil into good. We are free to choose to do good or evil and suffer the consequences of our choices.

Jesus' human free will, like His human rational intellect, are faculties of His human soul, united to His human body but *hypostatically* united to His one divine person. That means his human will and divine will are always in sync, always united and working harmoniously. This does not mean He was not tempted. The devil tempted Jesus in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 4:1-14), but that was an external temptation. Jesus was not born with original sin like we were. Even though baptism washed away original sin in us, we still have the effects of it, namely concupiscence, which is the darkening of the intellect, weakening of the will, and disordering of human emotions (passions)—like the desire for pleasure, comfort, happiness, etc. Since Jesus was born without original sin, He had no concupiscence. Before the Fall, Adam and Eve had no concupiscence, either. The devil could only tempt them externally as he did in the garden (Genesis 3). The devil tried to tempt Jesus externally in the desert as well. We are tempted through our wounded human nature.

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April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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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Easter Sunday

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 27-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

HOPE RESTORED

Today Christians around the world gather to celebrate the centrality of their faith—that the Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to bring new life to all who believe. What difference can Easter really make in our lives?

Any difference that Easter can bring can be summed up in one word: hope. Picture yourself as one of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The one for whom you had given up everything, the one in whom you had placed all your trust, the one who seemed to be the way to freedom from fear—this one had been put to death in the most horrifying way. He was nailed to a cross, and on that cross it seemed that hope itself breathed its last. Have you ever felt that way—that hope had breathed its last? For many who lose a cherished job, a spouse to death or divorce, a child to drug abuse or disease, there just doesn't seem to be any hope remaining. This was the kind of despair that Peter, John, and Mary of Magdala must have been feeling on that first day of the week.



Jackie Alfonso, 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 April 2021

4 th : Bobbie Poiroux	24 th : Caroline Moser
7 th : Andy Kirchoff	25 th : Michael Leahy
9 th : Brandon Cauley	25 th : Bailee McCall
10 th : Avery Schmierer	25 th : Tessa Wiggins
11 th : Mary Ann Holland	26 th : Cameron Schilling
11 th : Kristen McCall	26 th : Deacon Graham
19 th : Abbi Stringfellow	27 th : Gennie Garrett
19 th : Thomas Reed	28 th : Martha Delmas
20 th : Jay Ramsay	29 th : Deborah Sema
20 th : Katherine Poiroux	30 th : Ruth Reddick
20 th : Aaron Poiroux	30 th : Kyle McBride
20 th : Colleen Gray	30 th : Jeana Stanley
23 rd : Michael Bray	

Known Anniversaries for April 2021

1st: Veronica & Reggie Stewart
 7th: Mildred & Joe Smith
 7th: Julie & David Schmierer
 23rd: Kathy & Steve Sema, Jr.
 29th: Ann & Jim Jackson
 29th: Autumn & Scotty Bowden

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 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.

Week of April 27 thru 30

April 27, 28, 29 & 30 – Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, Randy Naquin by Rhonda & Steve Cauley



Lectors for next weekend, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, April 9th: Ann Jackson

10:00 am on Sunday April 10th: 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.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, April 20, 2021. We will be filming the 4th, 5th & 6th Sunday's of Easter and "The Ascension of the Lord."

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.

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The answer to the question "Could Jesus Sin?"

What makes us human? Is it our weaknesses? Our sins? No. Our immortal souls that have rational intellect and free will are what make us human and what make us created in the image and likeness of God. Those who claim that the sinlessness (also called impeccability) of Christ makes Him less human are incorrect because it is not the ability to sin that constitutes human nature. The ability to reason and to make freewill decisions is human. Animals act out of instinct and computers operate on programming. Only human beings can reason and make moral choices that are wither good or evil. Jesus' inability to sin does not diminish or negate His humanity or human nature or even His human free will. As Pope John Paul the Great once said, "Freedom is not license." It is not the ability to do anything you want, but the opportunity to do what you ought to do—the power to do the right thing for the right reason.

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 April 3, 2021

- 1) **Special Thanks** goes out the Altar Sodality for the Easter Flowers.
- 2) **Also Special Thanks** to Kieran Altenbern, our Youth Director and Tiffany Teofilo, our CRE Director for facilitating the Youth and Children Penance Service and Adoration last Wednesday. We had a good turnout.
- 3) **Also thanks** to the volunteers who made out Holy Week Special especially Ann Jackson and Ruth Pigorsch.
- 4) **Known Birthdays:** 4th: **Bobbie Poiroux**, 7th: Andy Kirchoff, 9th: Brandon Cauley: **Known Anniversaries this week:** 7th: Mildred & Joe Smith, 7th: Julie & David Schmierer



EASTER: OUR OWN STORY

The Gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. When we place our belief in the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, we also place our belief in the power of God to deliver us from the death of despair, malaise, and hopelessness. This is at the heart of why we come to church this day. We look to the empty tomb to find hope that was lost. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in an endless "Alleluia!"

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

March 21, 2021

General Fund: \$2,814.00

Easter Flowers: \$187.00

Missions Europe/Africa: \$155.00

Online Giving

February: \$325.45