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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 38 – How many children did Mary Have?

Answer: It is Catholic doctrine that Mary was a virgin before, during, and after the birth (ante partum, in partu, post-partum) of our Savior; therefore, Jesus is the only child of Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. The feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar through which we celebrate this miraculous event is the Annunciation; the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of God and the Holy Spirit would overshadow her, denoting miraculous conception. The Feast is celebrated on March 25. When you add nine months you reach December 25, which of course is the Feast of Christmas, or Christ's birth.

Often, non-Catholics ask about the phrase "her firstborn son," since it implies that there were more children afterwards.

Today we use the phrase "only son" if there are no other offspring but use "firstborn" to indicate chronological order of more than one child. Ancient Hebrew, however, used the phrase "firstborn" (before in Hebrew prototokos in Greek) to indicate primogeniture (i.e., the custom that the firstborn male would inherit the birthright and all property and authority from the father, regardless of how many children were born). An only child would still have the legal title of "firstborn," even if there were no second or third child.

Many theologians throughout the centuries wrote beautiful dissertations on the perpetual virginity of Mary. They argued that if you had divinity, Christ, within you, then you would desire nothing else. So as a woman and mother, Mary was totally fulfilled in being the Mother of God. She attained the highest vocation she could want or ask for. She was tabernacle of the Lord; our Blessed Savior, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, resided in her womb for nine months.

Scripture scholars have also delved into the question of the brothers and sisters of Jesus. It all centers in on the Greek word Adelphoi. This word can be translated to mean brothers, cousins, or relatives, such as nephews and uncles. Therefore, when we read in Matthew's Gospel chapter 13:55 concerning the brothers of Jesus, it is ambiguous whether the word adelphos is referring to brothers, cousins, nephews, or uncles.

At the foot of the cross, Jesus gave His beloved Mother to the custody of His disciple, John. If Jesus had had a blood brother or sister, He certainly would have given His other over to his or her care. Yet, the Scriptures are clear it was to His beloved disciple that Mary was entrusted. With the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary, the lack of scripture to back up the idea that Jesus had siblings, and no part of Church tradition making any references to these relationships, we can conclude Mary had only one child.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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April 11, 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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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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Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31

PEACE

Throughout the liturgical year we focus on the words, actions, and miracles of Jesus as he moved from town to town. Today we focus especially on the first word of the Risen One as he greeted the disciples on the evening of that first Easter: "Peace." The first word from the mouth of God's Son—who had been unfairly tried, who had been beaten and spit upon, whose hands and feet were nailed to a tree, who suffered enormous pain in that torturous death—was the word "Peace." Not "Revenge!" Not "Retribution!" Not "Kill!" "Peace."



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**

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

**Known Anniversaries for April 2021**

1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica & Reggie Stewart  
 7<sup>th</sup>: Mildred & Joe Smith  
 7<sup>th</sup>: Julie & David Schmierer  
 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kathy & Steve Sema, Jr.  
 29<sup>th</sup>: Ann & Jim Jackson  
 29<sup>th</sup>: 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 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

**Week of May 4 thru 7**

May 4, 5, 6 & 7 –Eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Betty Pierce

“Daily prayer is life’s essential habit, laying a foundation upon which many other great practical and spiritual habits can spring from.”

MATTHEW KELLY  
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**Lectors for next weekend, 2021**

5:00 pm on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Ann Jackson

10:00 am on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>: 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, April 20, 2021. We will be filming the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**INSPIRED BY THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**

After suffering one of the greatest injustices known in history, it would seem that Jesus had every reason to bring down vengeance upon those who had treated him with such unfairness. But instead of vengeance, he spoke of peace. To us this may seem odd. For many of us, almost from the beginning of our lives, we are taught that the response to violence must be revenge. But does this have to be the case?

Many of us remember the day when Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter’s Square. Did he seek revenge on the one who shot him? No; when the pope recovered, he visited his would be assassin in prison, bringing with him the peace that comes through reconciliation. When this occurred, many in the world were stunned by what seemed to be an unbelievable gesture. They were stunned because this is simply not what the world has come to expect. In his gesture of reconciliation, the pope showed himself as an embodiment of the actions of Christ on that first Easter evening. Today is a day to ponder the fact that Jesus Christ sought to exact no revenge for the way he was treated. Instead, he inspired in his followers, and inspires within us, a deep commitment to peace.

**Catholic Charities**

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

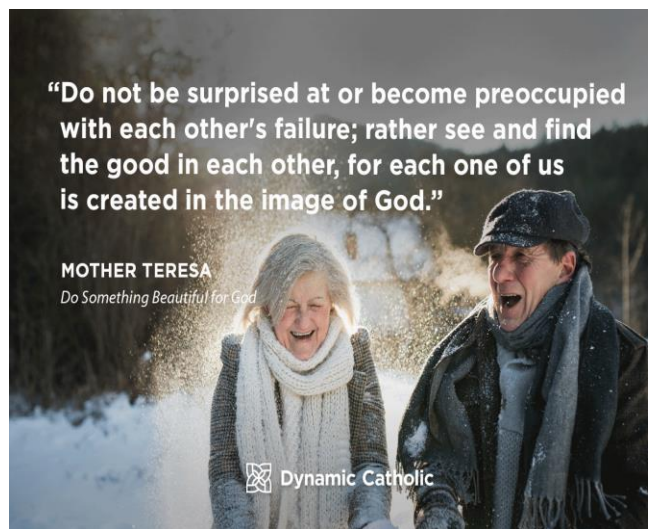
**Announcements for week of April 10, 2021**

- 1) **Special Thanks** to Terry Roberts for cutting the grass and maintaining the grounds surrounding the church.
- 2) **Known Birthdays: 10<sup>th</sup>:** Avery Schmierer, **11<sup>th</sup>:** Mary Ann Holland, Kristen McCall, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**

**What Are Sacramentals?**

While they are similar in name, sacraments and sacramentals have a unique and distinct role in the life of the Catholic Church. Sacraments are outward signs that give grace to those who receive them in a worthy manner.

Sacramentals, on the other hand, “are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them, men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1667).



**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

Good Friday Holy Land: \$240.00

**General Contributions**

April 4 Easter Sunday, 2021

General Fund: \$6,363.00

**Online Giving**

March: \$440.90