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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 41 – What is the Immaculate Conception?

Answer – Ask many Catholics, and they often get confused on the topic. Commonly, Immaculate Conception is taken to mean the miraculous event of the birth of Jesus. However, Immaculate Conception refers to Mary, the mother of Jesus. It was about her own conception within her mother's womb and not when Jesus was conceived. The Immaculate Conception was a gift from God to Mary that enabled her to be able to give Jesus a sinless human nature as His mother. It was always believed as an article of faith by the Church, and only formerly defined as a dogma on December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX. Mary was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her conception.

Original sin is a condition inherited through our first parents, Adam and Eve. Their disobedience to God brought about a fallen world, a darkened intellect, a weakened will, and a disordering of the passions. No longer did they have the preternatural gifts of agility, ease of work, health, and continual life. There was an imbalance in nature, and the human race became sick and died. Through ignorance, wakened will, and passions personal sin was introduced. People consciously disobeyed God.

It was the merit of Jesus Christ on the cross that brought about redemption. Through redemption, the soul is elevated by grace, first received in baptism. The world, though saved by Christ, still suffers from concupiscence. However, through grace, humanity can rise above the darkness of sin to the loftiness of God.

Because of the Immaculate Conception, Mary never suffered under the contagion of sin. In God there is no time, but since we exist in time, He prefigures His Son's redemption and applied it to the womb of Mary's mother, Ann. Think of an old telephone switch board. The switch operator takes a wire from a call and applies it to an outlet. God anticipates His Son's salvific work and applies it to Mary. Why is this so important? Because Mary is to give the sacred humanity to the second Person of the Blessed Trinity to redeem us from sin. Therefore, at no time could that humanity be under the contagion of sin itself.

Mary's sinlessness began from the first moment of her conception. Mary never committed any personal sin from the time she reached the age of reason to the time she died. Since she did not have original sin, she did not deserve to suffer the consequence of it; at the end of her life she was assumed by her son into paradise. The Eastern Church calls this the dormition of Mary. December 8 was chosen for the Feast because nine months later we celebrate Mary's birthday on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



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May 2, 2021: 5<sup>th</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.

Email: [stjohngrandbay@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrandbay@gmail.com)



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–28, 30–32; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8

A STUBBORN VINE

After moving into my present home ten years ago, I was pleased to find that the back yard's landscaping included a very healthy looking clematis, a quick spreading vine that yields large, beautiful, star shaped flowers. I had always wanted a yard with a clematis vine growing in it. Moving into the house in the summer, I was able to experience the beauty of hundreds of blossoms that covered the vines for most of the season. Since that summer, I have tried, year after year, to tend to this plant. I have read books about these easy to grow vines, consulted other gardeners, and searched the Internet for clues. I prune the clematis at the proper time and apply lime to the soil around the vine. Every summer for the last nine years, the total number of blossoms each year barely reaches five. I have been tempted to tear out the vine and plant a new one, yet I always remember those hundreds of blossoms that first summer and I am committed to trying again, year after year.



Jesus Malone, 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:** John Ramsay, Irene Stone, Bob Heurion, Ida Clark

**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 May 2021**

1 <sup>st</sup> : Dr. Reggie Stewart	16 <sup>th</sup> : Amanda Oliver
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Carol Tate	17 <sup>th</sup> : Elizabeth Ramsay
5 <sup>th</sup> : Raymond Fontenot	17 <sup>th</sup> : Joshua Jamero
6 <sup>th</sup> : Laura Davis	18 <sup>th</sup> : Christina Kirchoff
7 <sup>th</sup> : Mary-Kathryn Ladnier	18 <sup>th</sup> : Daryl Kirchoff
10 <sup>th</sup> : Charles Krause	19 <sup>th</sup> : Greg Teofilo
10 <sup>th</sup> : Higinio Sanchez	20 <sup>th</sup> : John-Michael Ladnier
15 <sup>th</sup> : Lynn Consention	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Emily Riley
15 <sup>th</sup> : Connor Stanley	26 <sup>th</sup> : Lynn Goodwin
16 <sup>th</sup> : Rudy Rel	29 <sup>th</sup> : Forrest Bourgeois

**Known Anniversaries for May 2021**

14<sup>th</sup>: Emily & Don Riley  
 21<sup>st</sup>: Christy & Robert Brown  
 21<sup>st</sup>: Melinda & Terry LeMay

**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 May 4 thru 7**

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

**Week of May 11 thru 14**

May 11 – Eternal repose of Jr. & Ethel Graham, Jimmy & Bea Lepre and all deceased relatives/friends of Linda and Deacon Graham.  
 May 12, 13 & 14 – eternal repose of the sops of Antonio DeAngelo, Helen DeAngelo & Steven DeAngelo by Thomas DeAngelo.

**Week of May 18 thru 21**

May 18, 19, 20 & 21 – Eternal repose of the souls of Steve Sema, Sr., and deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema.

**Week of May 25 thru 28**

May 25, 26, 27 & 28 – eternal repose of the souls of Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley, Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, and Randy Naquin, by Rhonda and Steve Cauley.

**Week of June 1 thru 4**

June 1, 2, 3 & 4 – eternal repose of the souls of Curtis Royal, Pauline Anna Royal, Curtis William Royal and Suzanna Royal by Ellen Luguire

**Week of June 8 thru 11**

June 8, 9, 10 & 11 – eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kathleen & Steve Sema, Jr.

**Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of May 8 & 9 2021**

5:00 pm on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>: Tiffany Teofilo  
 10:00 am on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>: Carol Voss

**Note:** 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, May 18, 2021. We will be filming Mass for Pentecost Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, The Most Holy Body and Blood (Corpus Christi) Sunday, and The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times.

**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.

**FAITH BLOSSOMS**

Our faith lives are sometimes like the reluctant clematis. Even when we try to nourish and tend our spiritual lives, we often experience only a few “blooms.” The metaphor Jesus used, the vine and the branches, is a beautiful image and says much about persistence in the faith for today’s believer. Sometimes our conversion experiences are slow in coming and take lots of time and tending. As long as we keep our attention focused on the Lord, there is always hope that deep faith and conversion will blossom within and around us. The words of the Lord that continue to encourage us are embedded within today’s Gospel passage: “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

**General Contributions**

April 25, 2021  
 General Fund: \$3,060.00.00  
 Maintenance: \$507.00  
 Online Giving  
 April: \$295.45

**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 May 1, 2021**

- 1) **Please pray** for the eternal repose of the soul of John Ramsay who was called home to the Lord this week. Also pray for his family in their loss. The funeral will be Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> here at St. John the Baptist with visitation from 12 to 2 and Mass at 2 pm.
- 2) **The youth** of St. John’s are having a retreat on this Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mass will start at 4 pm followed by a Knights of Columbus sponsored dinner at 5 pm and games until 6:30 pm.
- 3) **Everyone is invited** to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb Memorial Priests Golf Tourney which will be held Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Springhill College golf course. Lunch (Dew Drop hot dogs and beverages) will be available beginning at 11 a.m. with golf beginning promptly at noon. There is no cost for priest to play but all others will pay \$65.00 which includes green fees, cart, lunch and beverages. The golf is a 4-man scramble format with each team having a priest. Teams will be randomly selected based on handicaps. Please sign up by May 10 by contacting Mr. Farrell Morris at 251-753-1363 or at fmorris@morrisinsmobile.com
- 4) **Known Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Dr. Reggie Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Carol Tate, 6<sup>th</sup>: Laura Davis, 7<sup>th</sup>: Mary-Kathryn Ladnier, No **Known Anniversaries this week:**

