

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

Est. 1987

"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

Come Join Us

1st Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



State Licensed  
General Contractor – Keith Reynolds  
Vinyl & Gunitite \* New Construction \* Major Repairs  
251-865-3311 Office / 251-583-3976 Cell

The Ladies Sodality

Est. 1924

Meeting the First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm

"All Ladies are Welcome"



SANDI REYNOLDS  
REALTOR



A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate

Roberts Brothers, Inc.  
6721 Greaf Rd., Suite A  
Mobile, AL 36695  
Cell: 251-583-3867  
Office: 251-461-4640  
SandiReynolds@robertsbros.com  
www.sandiReynolds.robertsbros.com

Judy Poiroux Tax Service

Judy Poiroux

12570 Henderson Camp Rd.

Grand Bay, AL 36541

251-865-3341 / 251-327-7756

jppoiroux@yahoo.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

SHRINE OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

[www.shrineoftheholycross.org](http://www.shrineoftheholycross.org)

Rev. Fr. Lito J. Capeding

Pastor - Email - [Li2caps@yahoo.com](mailto:Li2caps@yahoo.com)

612 Main Street Office (251) 621-9793

Daphne, Alabama 36526 Fax (251) 621-9315



251-458-8226

Residential – Commercial – Marine – Industrial

All South Heating & Cooling

Sales – Service – Installation

Heating – Ventilation – Air Conditioning – Refrigeration

Marion Raley

Office: (251) 660-1656

Owner

Fax: (251) 660-1669

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 43 – How is she a virgin mother?

Answer – Mary was a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus. This is known as the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary. By the miraculous event of the Annunciation, the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and she conceived and bore a Son, named Jesus. Through this is a mystery, it is totally logical to conclude this theological point. A mystery is a divine truth that is revealed but not fully explainable. The chief reason it is not fully explainable is because of language. When we speak of divine truths, which are infinite, we have only finite language to explain them. The very fact that it is finite indicates a limit. We can explain divine truths at times only by analogy because of this limitation.

Our limitations do not mitigate the theological fact of the Virgin Birth. For one thing, the Nicene Creed is specific regarding Christ's origin. We profess in the creed, "I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord who proceeds from the Father," Mary became the vehicle in which the Holy Spirit brought about Incarnation. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Who exists at all times with the First and Third Person, takes flesh from the Virgin Mary. The fusion of the two natures in one divine person is called the hypostatic union. Since this did not occur by man, the virginity of Mary remained intact.

St. Joseph was the chaste foster father of Jesus. He was the guardian of the holy family and spouse of Mary. It is the doctrine of the church that the marriage between St. Joseph and Mary was true but was not consummated in the carnal sense. In the scriptures, the only reference to the relations of Jesus is by way of the term *adelphoi*. "Adelphoi," besides meaning brother, can also be translated to mean uncle, nephew, or cousin. Genesis 11:27 tells us that Abraham was the brother of the father of Lot, which made him his uncle. Ancient Hebrew and Greek did not have a word for "uncle" or "nephew" or "cousin." The word brother was used in the same way we use the word "relative" today. Genesis 14:12, 16 (in the King James Version) refers to Lot as Abraham's "brother" (ach in Hebrew or adelphos in Greek). When reading the modern English translation of the Bible, James is referred to as "brother of Jesus," but not "son of Mary." You can only conclude then that the second meaning of the word, which is "cousin," is the appropriate translation.

There is no reference to any sibling of Jesus at the foot of the cross with His mother Mary. Since Mary's cousins were mentioned, it would have also been appropriate for the evangelists to mention Jesus' siblings by name. Since they are mute on this, it is determined he had no other brother or sister. Hence, Mary was a virgin before, through and after the birth of her only Son, Jesus Christ.



St. John the Baptist Parish

P.O. Box 417/12450, Highway 188, Grand Bay

Telephone Number: 251-865-6902

Fax: 251-865-1412

Website: [stjohngrandbay.org](http://stjohngrandbay.org)

May 16, 2021: The Ascension of the Lord

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper

Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Kieran Altenbern, Youth Director

Nick Calametti, Musician

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer

Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson

Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright

Jay Graham

Finance Council

Paula Dyess

Paulette Cauley

Carol Voss

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)



The Ascension of the Lord

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–9; Ephesians 1:17–23 or Ephesians 4:1–13 [1–7, 11–13]; Mark 16:15–20

GRANDMOTHER'S DECK OF CARDS

My grandmother had a deep and lasting impact on the lives of her grandchildren. She was our first close relative to die. I will never forget her wake when, in a kind of procession, each of her adult grandchildren walked up to her casket and slipped a small symbol beneath the folds of the lining of the coffin. For me, it was a playing card from the deck she always used to create a kind of magical fan, formed by bending the deck of cards back and forth. Each time I perform this same "trick" to the delight of my own nieces and nephews, the presence of my grandmother is unmistakable.



Emily Phillips, Robert Gunter, 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, 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:** 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 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**

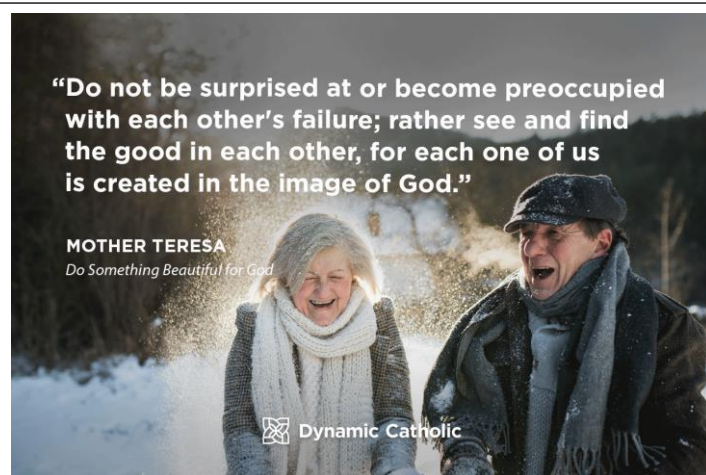
May 25, 26, 27 & 28 – eternal repose of the souls of Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley, Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, and Randy Naquin, by Rhonda and Steve Cauley.

**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 22 & 23, 2021**

5:00 pm on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: John McBride  
 10:00 am on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mark 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.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, 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 Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30,

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**CHRIST'S ENDURING PRESENCE FOR ALL TIMES**

I have always imagined that the Lord's followers were very deflated, to the point of depression, when he ascended into the heavens before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives. This was the man whom they had abandoned, yet who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation and forgiveness. It could have all ended in that place where Jesus ascended. We all know it did not. The Lord Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make his presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord. Symbols, like my grandmother's one playing card, have tremendous power to evoke presence. Christ's presence inspires us to take his final words to his followers very seriously. It is in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we continue to make the gospel message known to those we meet. Today is not a day to celebrate the departure of Christ from this world. It is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

**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 15, 2021**

- 1) **Catholic Social Services** will be giving away 50 food boxes on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. If you know of anyone who needs help be sure to let them know pick one up and take to them.
- 2) **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 3) **Parish Council Meeting** will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm.
- 4) **Council members!** Please consider serving our parish on the parish council. We will be holding elections to replace current members of the council who have timed out and must leave the council this year. We need you to serve and help to improve our parish. It takes everyone to have a great parish.
- 5) **Special Thank You** to Maria and Karen for cleaning the church.
- 6) **Known Birthdays:** 15<sup>th</sup>: Lynn Consention, Connor Stanley, 16<sup>th</sup>: Rudy Rel, Amanda Oliver, 17<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Ramsay, Joshua Jamero, 18<sup>th</sup>: Christina Kirchoff, Daryl Kirchoff, 19<sup>th</sup>: Greg Teofilo, 20<sup>th</sup>: John-Michael Ladnier, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 21<sup>st</sup>: Christy & Robert Brown and Melinda & Terry LeMay

**General Contributions**

**May 9, 2021**

General Fund: \$5,775.00

Candle Fund: \$36.00

**Online Giving**

April: \$295.45

