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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 44 – Why pray to Mary when you can go to Jesus?

Answer – This question has a limiting atmosphere. That one may pray to Jesus through Mary in no way lessens the direct mediation of our Blessed Savior. We have only one mediator and that is Jesus. Catholics do not substitute Jesus for someone less. Jesus brings our prayers to the Father and brings the Father's response to us. Chiefly, this is done through the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Let's consider the role of "intercessor." A mediator bridges two sides of two parties. Jesus is both God and man, divine and human. Therefore, He alone is mediator between heaven and Earth, between God and humanity. An intercessor, however, is merely someone who makes a request on behalf of another. Many people in the Gospel interceded for their loved ones to Christ. They asked Him to cure someone else. Intercession does not violate nor dilute mediation. At Mass, through the ministry of the priesthood, the priest is an intercessor on behalf of his people to Jesus. He brings to Jesus the people's offerings, prayers, and needs. In return, the priest brings the faithful Jesus' blessings, gifts and response. It is in the same way that we understand the intercession of Mary and of all the other saints as well.

In the Nicene Creed, we profess belief in the communion of saints. Community connotes interaction. In heaven, the blessed are in communion around the Godhead in constant adoration, love, and praise. When Catholics pray to a saint, they are not replacing the one Intercessor with the blessed, but rather are praying to the one Intercessor through the Blessed. Again, love is not limiting but ever-expanding. It is the love that Jesus has for humanity that allows prayers to come to Him through the blessed.

At Mass, or when someone asks us to pray for them, don't we offer a prayer or do a good work for their intention? If we can do this, why can't the saints in heaven do the same for us? Their intercessions in no way reduce the power of God, but ever increase it. Church militant (the faithful on earth) and Church triumphant (the blessed in heaven) are united along with Church suffering (the holy souls in purgatory waiting to enter eternal life). At death, life is changed rather than ended, so there is a wonderful community in the afterlife. The unity of all three churches is most superbly expressed at Mass when all are united at the altar of praise.

When we love the coheirs and friends of Jesus, we honor God who is their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; we do this by involving their prayers. Mary, who is the first of all saints and has a special honor and place in the church, is also our spiritual mother. How fitting it is to go to the mother of God, the mother of the Church, for she is the closest to her So. Saint Louis de Montfort said beautifully, "To Jesus through Mary," Mary doesn't replace Jesus, she augments His importance by uniting us to Him in prayer.



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May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday 2021

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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)

AS THE FATHER SENT ME



SO DO I SEND YOU

Vigil: Genesis 11:1–9 or Exodus 19:3–8a, 16–20b or Ezekiel 37:1–14 or Joel 3:1–5; Psalm 104:1–2, 24, 35, 27–30; Romans 8:22–27; John 7:37–39

Day: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25; John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15

REMEMBERING AT THE DOOR

What was the first thing you did today as you entered the church? The very first ritual gesture we are invited to make is the dipping of our hand in a font or vessel of holy water. We then make a sign of the cross. For so many of us this gesture has become routine, and its potential impact passes us by. Obviously, we make this gesture to remind us that baptism was our entry, our initiation, into the Church. Each time we come to worship; we remind ourselves that we are baptized believers. In order to recover the meaning of this gesture, many people have begun to add an extra remembrance to this gesture. When making the sign of the cross with the holy water, consider bringing to mind those who initially brought you to the sacrament of baptism—your parents and godparents.





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 4-30-2021: \$147,773.42 (69.5% Of Campaign Goal)  
 Parish Distributions on 4-30-2021: \$2,971.42 for a total Parish Distribution to date of \$27,105.08

**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 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 – No Masses, Priest Retreat week

**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. Also, for the eternal repose of the souls of Curtis Royal, Pauline Anna Royal, Curtis William Royal and Suzanna Royal by Ellen Luguire.

**Week of June 15 thru 18**

June 15 – Eternal repose of the souls of Curtis Royal, Pauline Anna Royal, Curtis William Royal & Suzanna Royal by Ellen Luguire.

June 16 – Eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kathleen & Steve Sema, Jr.

June 17—Eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce.

June 18 – Eternal repose of the souls of Felipe Mundia, Marcelina Mundia & Benjamin Crisolo by Anita Mundia.

**Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of May 29 & 30, 2021**

5:00 pm on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: John McBride  
 10:00 am on Sunday May 30<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, June 15, 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.



**General Contributions**

May 16, 2021  
 General Fund: \$1,875.00  
 Bld. Fund: \$371.00  
 Rice Bowls: \$300.00  
 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 22, 2021**

- 1) **Parish Share** of the capital campaign is \$2,971.42 from February 1 thru April 30, 2021. Total of all parish shares received to date is \$27,105.08 and that is 69.5% of our parish goal and once we reach the goal, we will start receiving 80% of the contribution verses 20%. Thank you for your support and please continue to support the capital campaign.
- 2) **The Priest Retreat** for our Archdioceses will be from May 31 thru June 3. Please pray for our clergy of the Archdioceses. Father Sherwin will be at the retreat during that time. There will be no services June 1 thru June 4.
- 3) **The Dedication of our new Grotto** will take place Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. After blessing the Grotto, we will pray the Rosary. The Lady's Sodality ask that you sign the sheet in the church hall if you are planning to addend this ceremony so that they can plan for the snacks after the blessing.
- 4) **A huge Thank You** to the Lady's Sodality for the purchase of the new altar cloths from proceeds earned from the annual yard sale.
- 5) **Known Birthdays:** 22<sup>nd</sup>: Emily Riley, 26<sup>th</sup>: Lynn Goodwin, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**

**BAPTISM AS THE ROOT OF VOCATION**

On this great feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the inrushing of the Holy Spirit, it is good for us to recall our own baptism. Baptism is at the foundation of each Christian's call, or vocation, to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ. For some, this means a response to the call to ordained ministry. For the vast majority of us, our vocation is played out in life's relationships and everyday situations. Our ordained leaders have the responsibility of inspiring us to do the work of building the reign of God in those places where our daily routines take us: school, work, the gym, the supermarket, the mall, our dinner tables, around the television, or at the computer. At our baptism, we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. In confirmation, we were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The power to share in the ministry of Christ is planted within us. Let us be open to rediscovering the power of the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost and throughout the coming year.