

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 49 – What are the Last Things?

Answer – Eschatology (from the Greek *ta eschata*) literally means "the study of the last things." It is a branch of theology that focuses on what has traditionally been called the Four Last Things, individually (death, judgment, haven, hell) and universally (Second Coming of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, general judgment, the end of the world).

Human beings will experience, individually, the end of their own earthly life, and then, at a time known to God alone, the entire world (and physical universe) will meet its own end as well. The first "four last things" occur when the person dies and the second "four last things" happen at the end of the world. Each man and woman on earth, since the time of Adam and Eve, has or will experience death. Genesis 2:17 states that death is the penalty for sin, and since we have all sinned in one way or another then all of us must die someday (Romans 5:12).

What happens after death? Particular judgment occurs immediately after the person dies. Philosophically and theologically, once the immortal soul leaves the mortal body, there is death. The dead body begins to incur rigor mortis and finally putrefaction (decay and decomposition). The soul, however, since it is immortal, cannot stay on a physical place like Earth without a physical body. Particular judgment happens instantaneously when death occurs. Jesus Christ appears, but not as Savior and Redeemer as He did on earth on Good Friday; rather, He appears as Judge of the living and the dead. The dead person is judged by the life he or she lived on earth.

Avoiding sin (keeping the commandments) is only half the mission every human person is given by God. The other half is doing good. What did the person do in life? It is not enough to say, "I did not kill," or "I did not steal," or "I did not commit adultery," even though avoiding those things and any sin for that matter is a good thing, Matthew 25:31-46 tells the parable in which Jesus is compared to a shepherd with a flock of sheep and goats. The sheep are placed on the right and the goats on the left. Those on the right go to heaven, those on the left are sent to hell. What determines if you are a goat or a sheep? That same passage explicitly shows that the sheep are those who took care of others (friends, neighbors, and strangers), while the goats are those who ignored the needs of others. Jesus says to the goats in this section of Matthew's Gospel, "I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink, I was stranger, and you did not invite me in, naked and you did not cloth me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me. They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Sins of omission, such as neglecting the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are incriminating evidence that you are a goat and will be placed on the left to be cast into hell. People often think their salvation is assured, so there's no need to "do good" as long as they have faith and, at most, avoid committing sin. Matthew 25, however, mentions no quiz on what people believe; rather, they are judged on whether or not they have put faith into practice.

Catholicism teaches that at particular judgment, one of three verdicts occurs. One is the worst-case scenario: an evil and immoral person who has not only committed a mortal sin and is unrepentant but has also neglected to help others. That person is condemned to hell. The other alternative is the best-case scenario; a good and holy person who has kept the commandments, lived a moral, virtuous, and holy life; and has consistently helped stranger and friend alike is rewarded with the joy of heaven.

A third or middle possibility is that the person is not bad enough to go to hell but also not good enough to go directly to heaven. Their sins have been forgiven on earth but there is still some attachment to sin (they have fond memories of some of the sins). They need some cleansing (purgation); hence, they go to purgatory before going to heaven. Everyone in purgatory is absolutely guaranteed to go to heaven, but they must first remove any and all attachment to sin before walking through the pearly gates.



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June 27, 2021: 13th: Sunday Ordinary Time

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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:

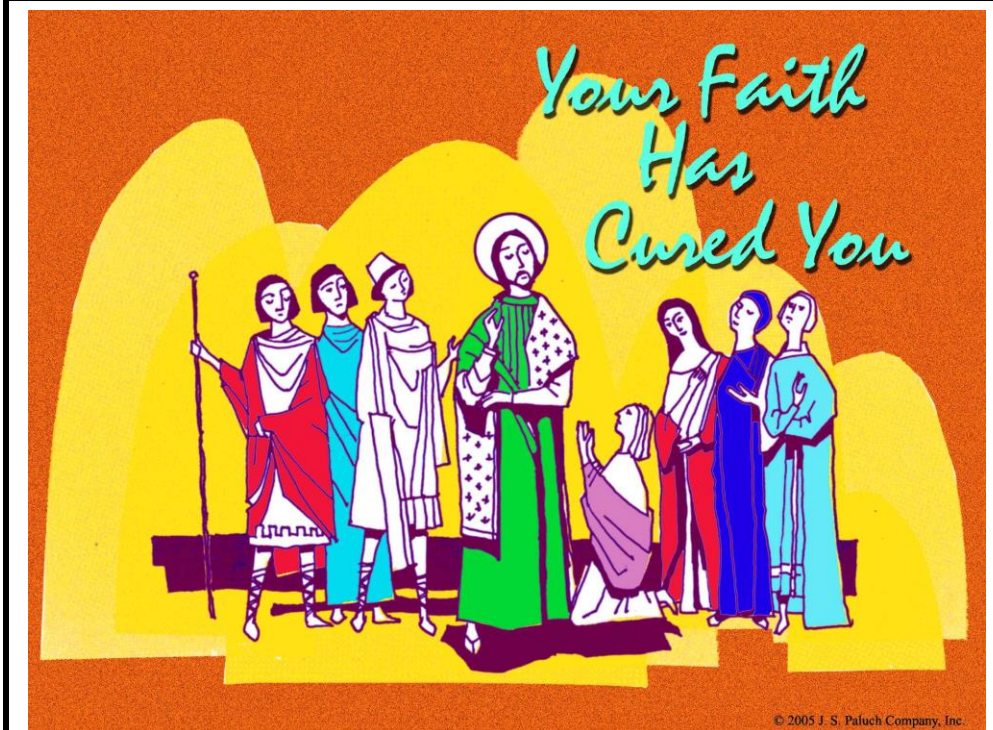
Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24; Psalm 30:2, 4–6, 11–13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15;
Mark 5:21–43 [21–24, 35b–43]

NO JOY IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LIVING

Today's readings offer a soaring affirmation of life. The author of the book of Wisdom assures us that God did not make death and does not rejoice in the death of any living thing. We are reminded that we have been made in God's image, formed to be imperishable. In the face of all the death, illness, and destruction in the world, what are we to make of this claim? Clearly, it is our spirits that are called to eternal life. However, given the two stories in today's Gospel passage from Mark, we have evidence that indeed, God does not rejoice in the death of our bodies.

When confronted with a hemorrhaging woman and the frightened father of a dying little girl, Jesus moves and speaks with confidence. "Be free!" he commands the long-suffering woman. "Get up!" he calls out to the little girl.



Scott Beech, Emily Phillips, Robert Gunter, Jesus Malone, Jackie Alfonso, Leak Maria Church, Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Gary Smith, Liz Walker, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Doug Jones, Michelle Waite, 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, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechnener, 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: Ronnie Cauley, John Ramsay, Irene Stone, Bob Heurion

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 July 2021

6 th : Kerry Ladnier	25 th : Harold Vaughn
9 th : Steve Cauley	25 th : Perry Lewis
9 th : Jonathan Oliver	25 th : Jennifer Schilling
10 th : Kassi Reynolds	26 th : Debra Johnson
16 th : Ann Jackson	27 th : Matthew Baker
17 th : Mary Kirchoff	28 th : Hayden Teofilo
18 th : Adolph Payne	29 th : Ty Teofilo
19 th : Greg Taylor	31 st : Erica Murray
25 th : Neal Fisher	31 st : Tony Consentino

Known Anniversaries for July 2021

12th: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux
 18th: Anita and Jack Wright
 25th: Shirley and Thomas Rasmussen
 31st: Debbie and Perry Lewis

Capital Campaign as of 4-30-2021:

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 June 29 thru July 2

June 29 & 30 – Eternal repose of the souls of Phillip Brannan, Gerald Brannan, Kooper Brannan, Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Brannan, Mr. & Mrs. Louis P. Jones, Sr., Grand Jones & Jerry Jones by Mary K. Brannan.

July 1 & 2 – For the eternal repose of the souls of J. P. Paris, Loyce Roberts, Earl Roberts, Carla W. Kelly, Fred Paris, Roberts family & Willingham family by Carole & Terry Roberts

Week of July 6 thru 9

July 6, 7, 8 & 9 -- For the eternal repose of the souls of Anna & Stefan Weber, Charles Switzer, Ana & Bill Baker, Weber family & Switzer family by Maria Switzer.

Week of July 13 thru 16

July 13, 14, 15 & 16 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Felipe Mundia, Marcelina Mundia & Benjamin Crisolo by Anita Mundia.

Week of July 20 thru 23

July 20, 21, 22, & 23 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley, Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, Randy Naquin by Rhonda & Steve Cauley.

Week of July 27 thru 30

July 27, 28, 29 & 30 – for the eternal repose of the souls of Felipe Mundia, Marcelina Mundia & Benjamin Crisolo by Anita Mundia.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of July 3 & 4, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, July 3rd, Steve Sema, Jr.
 10:00 am on Sunday July 4th, John McBride

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, July 13, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th Sundays of Ordinary Time.

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 Selvan to schedule the blessing of your home.

FAITH AND TRUST, NOT FEAR

Perhaps his statement to the grieving father when they learn of the child's death is the crux of the whole question of life and death. Turning to the man and ignoring those who would have him leave because the girl had died, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36). Faith flies in the face of the evidence. The child was dead, but her father's faith in Jesus saved her. The bleeding woman had exhausted all possible cures, but her faith in Jesus set her free.

God does not will our deaths either. Whatever holds us in deadly bondage is not of God. How often are we paralyzed by fear? Is it possible we can truly be set free by simply turning to Jesus with faith and trust?

General Contributions

June 20, 2021
 General Fund: \$1,916.00

Online Giving
 May: \$785.45

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 June 26, 2021

- 1) **First** on behalf of the parish I would like to welcome Father Selvan as our new pastor here at St. Johns'.
- 2) **Parish Council meeting** has been moved to Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm to plan for the installation Mass of Father Selvan which will take place on July 24th.
- 3) **Known Birthdays, 26th:** Ethan Waters, **27th:** Gregory Taylor, Gregory Taylor, **30th:** Mark Voss, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**

Humor Corner

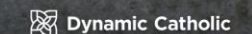
Old Pilot Quotes!

My junior high school teacher told me no one would pay me to look out the window. Now I'm an airline captain.

The difference between fear and terror: fear is when your calculations show you may not have enough fuel to make it to your destination. Terror is when you realize you were right.

"Don't worry about next week or next month or next year. Just do the next right thing and keep doing the next right thing."

MATTHEW KELLY
 Perfectly Yourself



"Do not be surprised at or become preoccupied with each other's failure; rather see and find the good in each other, for each one of us is created in the image of God."

MOTHER TERESA
 Do Something Beautiful for God

