

The answer to the following question comes from the 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 52 – What happens at the end of the world?**

**Answer** – Doomsday, Day of Reckoning, and Armageddon are various names for the end of the world. The four last things at a universal level are: the second coming of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, general judgment, and the end of the world. Jesus said he would return in John 14:3: "I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be"; in Luke 17:26, He says, "When the Son of Man returns..."

The first coming of Christ was the time when He was born in Bethlehem, two millennia ago. The Second Coming of Christ will be at the end of time. Early Christians thought the *Parousia* (Greek word for the Second Coming) was imminent soon after the Ascension and Pentecost. After the Apostles died off and the Church continued with no Second Coming, they realized Jesus truly meant what he said, "You know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

The Second Coming is followed by the resurrection of the dead. Christianity firmly believes in the resurrection of all the dead. Jesus rose by his own divine power, but human beings will be reunited body and soul, no matter how many centuries, millennia, or eons have gone by since death separated bodies and souls.

The Catechism teaches the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead in #1038: "The resurrection of all the dead, 'of both the just and the unjust,' will precede the Last Judgment. This will be the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth." This is based on Acts 24:15 ("That there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust") and John 5:28 ("The hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out")

The resurrection of the dead makes sense since we are created as a union of body and soul. The pagan Greek philosopher, Plato, held that the soul was a prisoner of the body, and only in death are we free to return to a world of immaterial ideas. Aristotle, his pupil, however, maintained that man was an essential union of body and soul. Without a body there are no senses, and without sight, hearing, or touch, how would we know anything? He held that the fullness of human existence depends on both body and soul.

Since the creation of Adam and Eve in Genesis, and especially since the Incarnation (when divinity and humanity, God, and man, were united in the person of Jesus Christ), the union of body and soul are seen as important and part of God's will. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, on Easter, He ascended into heaven, body and soul. If the body were useless or redundant after death, then why take His to heaven, unless that is where it is meant to be, always united to the soul?

General judgment occurs after the dead are raised. Many ask what the need is for a General Judgment if there were a particular judgment at death. General judgment is not an appeal or retrial, nor is it a parole hearing. Those in hell will stay in hell; those in heaven will stay in heaven. General judgment does not change any previous decree—it merely reveals and ratifies it to the whole of Creation. Everyone will know who got into heaven and why, and who ended up in hell and why. Every sin and evil deed will be revealed, and every good, kind, merciful, and compassionate deed will also be made known. Those in heaven will not be embarrassed by their forgiven sins since they are forgiven. Think of general judgment as watching previously recorded trial on Court TV. The judgment already took place, and the sentence has been given and this is merely the reporting of what transpired as that trial.

After the good and the bad have been exposed, then comes the *end of the world*. Revelation (Apocalypse) 20:11 says, "Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them." Matthew 24:29 is more explicit: "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of heaven shall be moved."

The earth, the moon, the sun, the solar system and indeed the entire physical universe will one day end. They are all material, and material things break down and decay. Even physics has a law of thermodynamics called entropy where energy (heat) is constantly decreasing and seeking equilibrium. The universe will eventually "run out of gas," so to speak. There was a moment in which it was created, and there will be a moment when it will cease to exist. We simply do not know when.



# St. John the Baptist Parish

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## July 18, 2021: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**REVEREND Selvam Arputharaj**  
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Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary  
Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper  
Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director  
Youth Director  
Nick Calametti, Musician

### Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux  
Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden  
Jack Wright Jay Graham

### Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paullette Cauley  
Carol Voss

### 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

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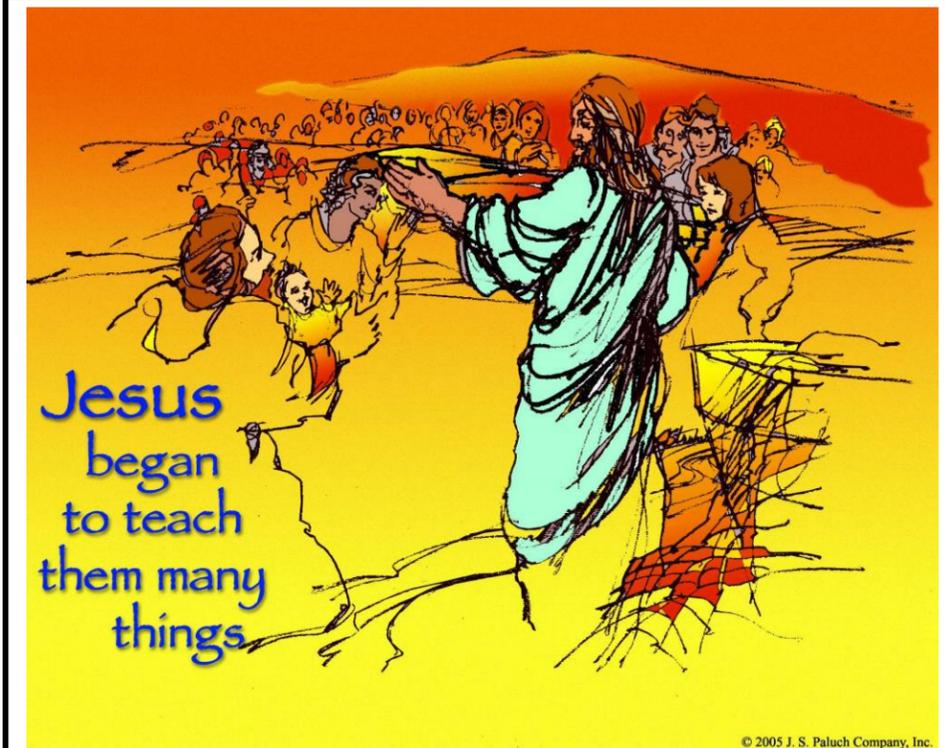
Anytime: Please call the Office

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

### Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

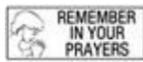
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### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Psalm 23:1–6; Ephesians 2:13–18; Mark 6:30–34  
NOT ME!**

Harsh words from Jeremiah today. Or more precisely, harsh words from the Lord, spoken through the prophetic mouth of Jeremiah. Lucky for us that these words are directed at somebody else, those "shepherds" who are misleading the sheep of God's pasture. The shepherds, after all, are those who are in official positions, who hold hierarchical status, or who, at the very least, get paid a salary by the diocese or parish. It is easy enough to point a finger and say that, come to think of it, those shepherds have been misleading the flock lately. But it is perilous to ignore the voice of the Lord on the prophets' lips. The divine will of which they speak applies to everybody, and contains some truth about all of our lives. No matter what we might think our role or place is within the fold, each of us has some responsibility to be a shepherd in daily living. In the smallest acts of justice, charity, or compassion we are living out the call of our covenant with the Lord: to be God's voice, God's presence, God's caring and guiding hand in the world.



*Lisa Vallas, Scott Beech, Emily Phillips, Robert Gunter, Jesus Malone, 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, 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 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, 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 <sup>th</sup> : Kerry Ladnier	25 <sup>th</sup> : Harold Vaughn
9 <sup>th</sup> : Steve Cauley	25 <sup>th</sup> : Perry Lewis
9 <sup>th</sup> : Jonathan Oliver	25 <sup>th</sup> : Jennifer Schilling
10 <sup>th</sup> : Kassi Reynolds	26 <sup>th</sup> : Debra Johnson
16 <sup>th</sup> : Ann Jackson	27 <sup>th</sup> : Matthew Baker
17 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Kirchoff	28 <sup>th</sup> : Hayden Teofilo
18 <sup>th</sup> : Adolph Payne	29 <sup>th</sup> : Ty Teofilo
19 <sup>th</sup> : Greg Taylor	31 <sup>st</sup> : Erica Murray
25 <sup>th</sup> : Neal Fisher	31 <sup>st</sup> : Tony Consentino

**Known Anniversaries for July 2021**

12<sup>th</sup>: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux  
 18<sup>th</sup>: Anita and Jack Wright  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Shirley and Thomas Rasmussen  
 31<sup>st</sup>: 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 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.

**Week of August 3 thru 6**

August 3 & 4 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Mrs. Azeline Taylor, Mrs. Bernice Moose, Mr. H. Moose, & Chris Potter by Patricia Potter.

August 5 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Jr. & Ether Graham, Jimmy & Bea Lepre, Hannah Cauley and deceased relatives/ friends of Linda & Deacon Graham

August 6 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Steve Sema, Sr., and dece3ased relatives/friends of Doris Sema.

**Week of August 10 thru 13**

August 10, 11, 12 & 13 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Domingo Liquiran, Manuela Ballesteres, Faustino Pidlaoan & Elena Liquiran Pidlaoan by Edith Tomas

**General Contributions**

July 11, 2021  
 General Fund: \$165.45

**Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of July 24 & 25, 2021**

5:00 pm on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, John McBride  
 10:00 am on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>, Jay Graham

**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, August 10, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the "The Assumption", and the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of Ordinary Time.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

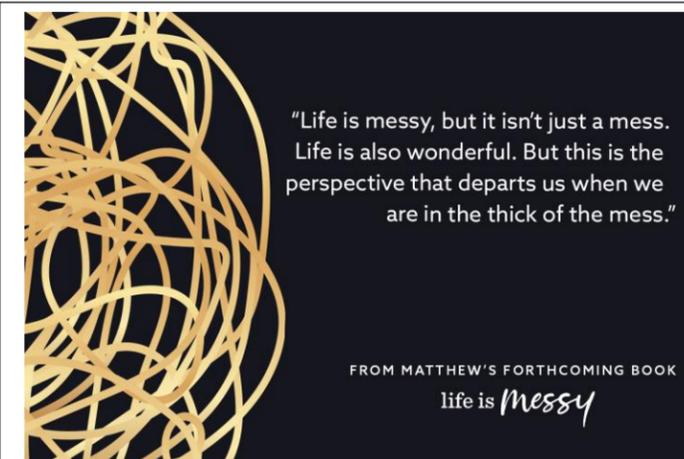
Every First Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30,

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

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

**A little humor never hurts**

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"



**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 July 17, 2021**

- 1) **2021 Child Protection Renewal Training** for Clergy, Employees, Parents & Volunteers, is available in the CMG site.
- 2) **Installation Mass** for Father Selvam is next Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the 5 pm Mass. There will be a practice for everyone involved in the Mass on Saturday morning at 10 am here at the church. Please be here.
- 3) **Father Selvam** request a meeting with the leaders and treasures for all church organizations on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. (Lady's Sodality, Knights, and Golden Group).
- 4) **Catholic Social Services** will be here at St. Johns' on the last Wednesday of every month, starting on July 28, to help families pay their utility bills, If you know anyone who needs help, please put the word out that the program is starting back up.
- 5) **Known Birthdays, 17<sup>th</sup>:** Mary Kirchoff, **18<sup>th</sup>:** Adolph Payne, **19<sup>th</sup>:** Greg Taylor, **Known Anniversaries this week: 18<sup>th</sup>:** Anita and Jack Wright

**YES, YOU!**

The apostle Paul tells us that in Christ we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. With this tremendous and wonderful gift comes the responsibility to make it a gift again for the life of the world. As Christ made peace through the blood of his cross, as he reconciled earth with heaven, we are called to continue that peace making, reconciling workday by day. Each week we gather with Jesus Christ as the apostles do in today's Gospel. We pray in the Eucharistic Prayer: "May this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world." Each of us, baptized into the one Body of Christ, saved by the blood of his cross that we share in one cup, are chosen and called for the mission of shepherding in his name. If we take but a moment to look around, we can easily see that there are many places where people are like sheep without a shepherd. Are our hearts, filled with the presence of the Good Shepherd, moved with pity for them? More important, are our lives moved to action?