

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 57 – What is limbo?

Answer – The word "limbo" is not in Scripture, and it is not in the Catechism, either. It was never a dogma or doctrine of the Catholic Church. If anything, it was a theory or hypothesis of theology, technically called a theological conclusion or construct. Since baptism is necessary for salvation, the question arose as to what happens when good people die before ever being able to be baptized: are they damned to hell?

The Church fathers spoke of two limbos, *limbus partum* (limbo of the fathers and *limbus parvulorum* (limbo of infants). Both were places of natural happiness where souls went after death. Unbaptized adults who lived virtuous lives but died before the coming of Christ and the redemption of the human race would go to this limbo and await Good Friday to be saved. Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, etc., would have gone to this place (sometimes called the hell of the dead).

Unbaptized infants who died in the Christian era would end up in limbo, a place of eternal natural happiness, but not heaven since baptism was necessary to enter there. This proposition maintained the doctrine of the necessity of baptism and the divine mercy and justice of God to reward, not punish, infants who died before being baptized.

The notion of baptism by desire was not well formulated until a little later. The current Catechism omits the word and the concept of limbo and prefers to talk about the universal salvific will of God, the doctrine of sufficient and efficacious grace, and the truth that God's mercy and justice are never in conflict. If the unbaptized child would have been baptized, had she lived long enough or would have wanted to have been baptized, for example, in the case of abortion or miscarriage, then many theologians propose that would be a baptism of desire either on the part of the parents or implicitly on the part of the child.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote the following. Something to really think about.

"If I were not a Catholic and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hated... Look for the Church that is accused of being behind the times, as Our Lord was accused of being ignorant and never having learned. Look for the Church which men sneer at as socially inferior, as they sneered at Our Lord because he came from Nazareth. Look for the Church, which is accused of having a devil, as Our Lord was accused of being possessed by Beelzebub, the Prince of Devils. Look for the Church which, in seasons of bigotry, men say must be destroyed in the name of God as men crucified Christ and thought they had done a service to God. Look for the Church which the world rejects because it claims it is infallible, as Pilate rejected Christ because he called himself the Truth. Look for the Church, which is rejected by the world, as Our Lord was rejected by men. Look for the Church which amid the confusions of conflicting opinions, its members love as they love Christ, and respect its Voice as the very voice of its Founder, and the suspicion will grow, that if the Church is unpopular with the spirit of the world, then it is unworldly, and if it is unworldly, it is otherworldly. since it is otherworldly, it is infinitely loved and infinitely hated as was Christ himself. But only that which is Divine can be infinitely hated and infinitely loved. Therefore, the Church is Divine"



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August 15, 2021: The Assumption of Mary

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.
Thursday 5:30 P.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:

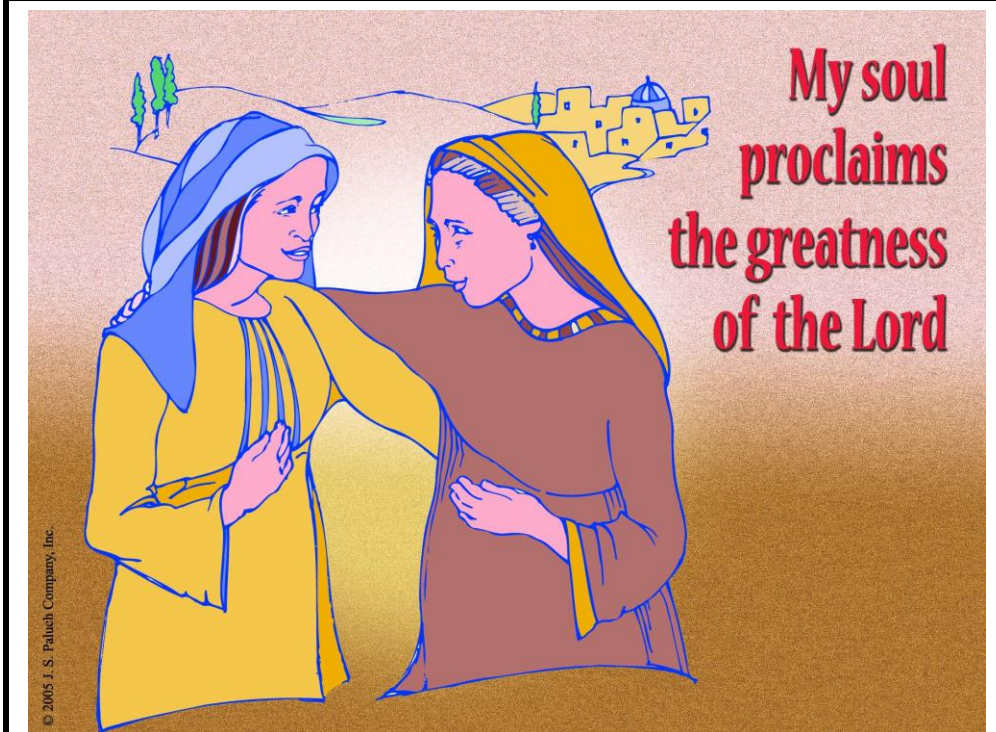
Anytime: Please call the Office

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

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngandbay@gmail.com



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1 6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10–12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20–27; Luke 1:39–56

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Matters of place and status have plagued religions, Christianity included, throughout all time. Jesus himself was often the source of controversy for scrambling the roles that the religious customs of his day assigned. He chastised his followers who sought roles of primary authority. This may have been a lesson he learned from his mother, who sings in her Magnificat that God raises the lowly, casts down the mighty, fills the hungry, sends the rich away empty. In her earthly life she was so many things that her world considered last and least: a woman, of humble means, not espoused to a priest like her cousin, a mother under circumstances suspect to her neighbors. Yet it was she who in her lowliness is addressed by the angel as "highly favored" and "blessed among all women." And it is Mary whom the Roman Catholic Church today acclaims as the first human person to share in the resurrection of the body won by her Son, Jesus, the firstfruit of her womb, the firstfruit of life eternal.



Lamar Stewart, Bill Schaffer, Betty Moseley, Emma Phillips, 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 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, 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 August 2021

2 nd : Hanna Stanley	18 th : Doris Wilson-Davis
7 th : Ethan Elliott	19 th : Wayne Jackson
9 th : Parker Bowden	20 th : Meagan Davis
12 th : James Baggett	22 nd : Anita Wright
13 th : Isabel Rel	24 th : Thomas Rasmussen
15 th : Paullette Cauley	25 th : Emilee Sprinkle
15 th : Ashley Cauley	27 th : Donald Riley
15 th : Mattison Cauley	27 th : Zora Oliver
16 th : Rizza Pagala	27 th : Paula Dyess
17 th : Stan Heine	28 th : Matt Johnson
17 th : Gloria Krause	28 th : Pat Potter
	30 th : Philip Poiroux

Known Anniversaries for July 2021

1st: Maribeth & Clarence Thompson
 5th: Pat & Neal Fisher
 6th: Paula & David Dyess
 12th: Ann & Joe Gable
 13th: Carol & Mark Voss
 20th: Judy & Philip Poiroux
 27th: Adele & Toby Logan

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 August 17 thru 20

August 17, 18, 19 & 20 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Domingo Liquiran, Manuela Ballesteres, Faustino Pidlaoan & Elena Liquiran Pidlaoan by Edith Tomas

Week of August 24 thru 27

August 24, 25, 26 & 27 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Rhonda Mitchell & Joan Mitchell by Michella M. Cook.

Week of Aug. 31 thru Sept. 3

Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, & 3 – For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Caroline & Tim Moser.

Week of Sept. 6 thru 9

Sept 6, 7, 8, & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of the Alford, Bohl and Church families, Will Irvin and Dorothy Beards Lot by Nine and Chester Bohl

Week of Sept. 14 thru 19

Sept. 14, 15, 16 & 17 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Lynda and Louis Jones.

Week of Sept. 21 thru 24

Sept 21, 22, 23 & 24 – For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/ friends of Maribeth and Clarence Thompson.

Week of Sept. 28 thru Oct. 1

Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Crispolo Mardo, Peta Mardo, Artemo Mardo & Efrin Mardo by Lanie Mardo, Belen and Ariel.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of Aug. 21 & 22, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Aug. 21st: Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday Aug. 22nd: 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.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, September 7, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the "The 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th 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.

General Contributions

Aug. 1st, 2021
 General Fund: \$1,797.00
 Candle \$25.00
 July Online: \$135.45



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 August 21, 2021

- 1) No know announcements for this week.
- 2) **Known Birthdays, 24th:** Thomas Rasmussen, **25th:** Emilee Sprinkle, **27th:** Donald Riley, Zora Oliver, Paula Dyess, **Known Anniversaries this week: 27th:** Adele and Toby Logan

ALL ARE SECOND, YET ALL ARE FIRST

It is a "bottom line" reality of Christianity that, ultimately, all things belong in one of two categories: God and not God. Some may wonder at the reading from Revelation on this Assumption Day, wherein the child born to the woman is caught up to heaven, yet she is not. But Revelation itself reveals the answer: it is this child, the Anointed One, the Christ, in whom salvation and power have come, and the glorious reign of the kingdom of God. All of this belongs to God and God alone. It is the power of that salvation, it is the glory of that kingdom that the Roman Catholic Church teaches would also take Mary, body and soul, to the throne of God. We who belong to Christ, as Paul says in the letter to the Corinthians, on the day of Christ's coming will be brought to life for all eternity. In Mary we see this fulfilled, and through her we look to Christ, who will, on that day, join us to her wonderful destiny.

Statement of Account April thru June 2021

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income:	
Mission Offerings:	\$ 0.00
Tithes/Offerings:	44,882.00
Total Income:	\$44,882.00
Expense:	
Archdiocesan Exp:	\$6,018.30
Education Ministry:	762.84
Parish Administration:	4,058.09
Personnel Expenses:	15,850.64
Priest Residence:	3,913.04
Total Expense:	\$40,104.18
Net Income:	\$ 4,778.62