

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 58 – What is a sacrament?

Answer – A sacrament is an outward sign (something tangible to the senses) instituted by Jesus Christ to confer grace. Sacraments are the chief way that He communicates His life with us. For example, in Baptism the outward sign is water, which is poured over the head in threefold action in the name of the Trinity. In the Holy Eucharist the outward sign is bread and wine which become the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus by the sacred words of Institution. In Confirmation, the outward sign is oil; when oil is placed on the forehead with the special prayer of consecration, the Holy spirit is conferred. In Holy Orders, it is the laying on of hands along with chrism oil to ordain a man to the priesthood. In Holy Matrimony, it is the verbal exchange of vows between the man and woman, which marries the couple. In Anointing of the Sick, it is the oil of the infirmed placed on the forehead and palms of the sick person. Finally, in Penance, the penitent confesses her sins and the words of absolution of the priest bring about forgiveness.

In order for the sacraments to be validly celebrated, there must be a union of matter, form, and intention. The minister must intend to do what the Church does. The matter of the sacrament is an external action by the minister. The form of the sacrament are the sacred words that have to be used. Finally, a delegated minister must celebrate the sacrament. For example, for Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance and Anointing of the Sick to validly celebrated, the minister must be a priest who has faculties by the bishop. The deacon and priest must have proper delegation from the pastor or bishop of the diocese. In case of ordination, only the Bishop has the faculty to do so. Finally, in Baptism the ordinary minister is deacon, priest, or bishop. However, in cases of emergency anyone can perform a baptism if they do what the church intends by using water, baptizing in the Trinitarian formula, and pouring water on the head at the same time. The bishop has authority to celebrate all seven sacraments since he is the ordinary minister of all the sacraments.

The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify the faithful in life. Life is considered a pilgrimage, which has specific beginning and end. For a Catholic, spiritual life begins at Baptism and ideally culminates in heaven around the Primordial Sacrament, Christ Himself. The sacraments nourish the faithful along the way so that they do not lose their way.

How many sacraments are there and what are they called? Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven of them: Baptism, Confirmation (or Chrismation), the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: They give birth and increase, healing, and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life. (CCC 1210)



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August 22, 2021: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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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 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 & Healing

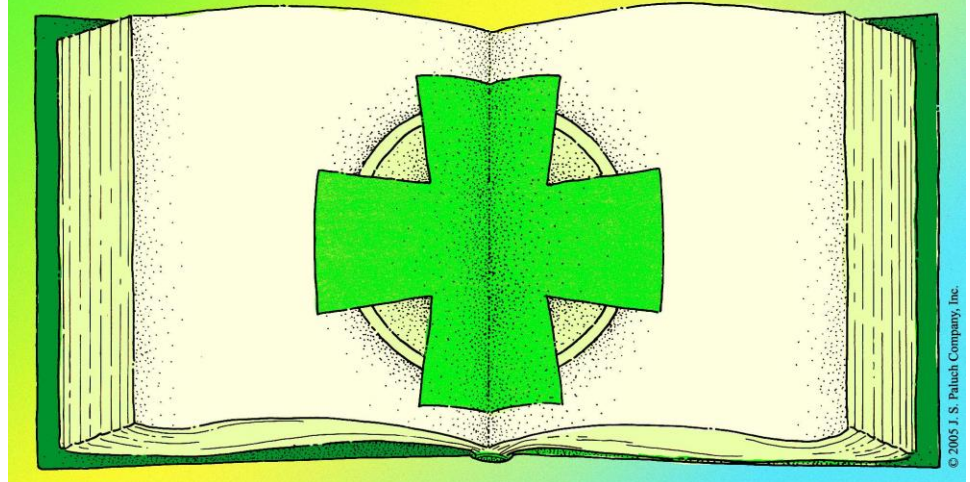
Mass: Every Wednesday at 8 am.

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com

YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE



Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Psalm 34:2–3, 16–21; Ephesians 5:21–32 [2a, 25 32]; John 6:60–69

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD . . .

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone.

Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, 69).



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 : Poullette 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 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.

Week of Oct. 5 thru 8

Oct. 5, 6, 7 & 8 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Riza & Bobot Jamero

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:

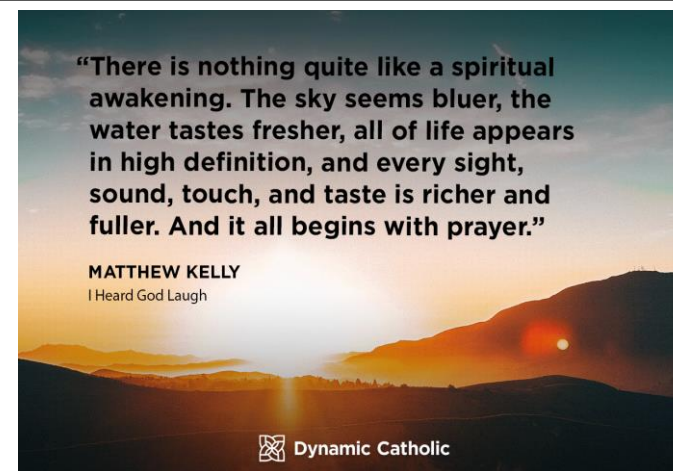
Every First Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30,

HOUSE BLESSINGS

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

General Contributions

Aug. 15, 2021
 General Fund: \$.00
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 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

- Catholic Services** will be here on this Wednesday, August 25th to offer help in paying utility bills.
- Remember that** we have the Rosary before 5 p.m. Mass on the 1st Saturday every month.
- Father will celebrate** a "Healing Mass" on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. starting in September.
- Known Birthdays, 22nd,** Anita wright, **24th:** Thomas Rasmussen, **25th:** Emilee Sprinkle, **27th:** Donald Riley, Zora Oliver, Paula Dyess
Known Anniversaries this week: 27th: Adele & Toby Logan.

... WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other "gods" to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.

We don't completely understand this mystery, or many mysteries of life. But in the intimate relationship of faith, we believe and trust in the One who is faithful. We have been given a great gift, and we cannot possibly understand it fully. But we know we have been loved that we love in return, and "we have come to believe." It makes all the difference.

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