

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: 63: Why does the Catholic Church have seven sacraments while most Protestant Churches only have two?

Answer – Basically, it is historical. Many of the Protestant denominations had their origins in earlier, previous Protestant sects that originally broke from Roman Catholicism at the time of the Reformation. The Anglican (and Episcopalian) Church, the Lutheran Church, and the Calvinist or Reformed Church are the four major breaks in the sixteenth century. Later Centuries experienced further subdivision of those churches (like the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, and Baptist churches). The further anything gets away from its roots the more different the forms it takes. Different Protestant churches emphasize different things. For example, Baptists highlight the baptism of adults (rather than infants or children) so that those receiving the sacrament are conscious of having already been saved. Evangelicals and Pentecostals stress the Holy Spirit and being slain in the Holy Spirit. Presbyterians, Calvinists, and Congregationalists consider preaching most important. Every Protestant denomination agrees on the importance of baptism and sees it as a sacrament. Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist (sometimes called "The Lord's Supper") is also considered a sacrament by mainline Protestant denominations even though they differ greatly on the substance and effects of this sacrament. Christian marriage or matrimony is not technically called a sacrament in most non-Catholic or non-Eastern Orthodox traditions, but it is considered a holy estate and ordinance not to be ignored or disrespected. The other "Catholic" sacraments – for example, confirmation, Holy Orders, anointing of the sick, and penance (Confession) – take on just a ritual effect in the Protestant perspective. Eastern Orthodox have all seven valid sacraments"

Many Protestant denominations have rituals that point toward, imply, or symbolize the sacraments, such as the ceremony of the Last Supper and confirmation. But their understanding of these rituals is that they are no more than symbolic or allegorical reenactments. The closer the division is to the root of Catholicism, the greater the preservation of the seven sacraments. For example, many high church Anglicans (some of whom call themselves Anglo-Catholics) claim to celebrate all seven sacraments.

While Anglicans and Catholics agree that Christ instituted seven sacraments, they will disagree on continuity and validity of the celebration of the sacraments. All mainline Christian religions have valid baptism in the eyes of the Catholic Church; hence, Protestant converts are never rebaptized unless there is a serious doubt to the matter (pouring or immersing in water) or form (pronouncing the Trinitarian baptismal formula of words). The Catholic Church also recognizes the valid reception of Christian marriage whenever two baptized persons (a man and a woman) each enter for the first time into holy matrimony of their own free will. Yet the Catholic Church rejects the validity of the other interdenominational sacraments (confirmation, orders, etc.) based on a serious break in apostolic succession in the ordination of bishops and priests and deacons, as well as the use of substantially different words and the intention of the minister in relationship to what the Catholic Church uses and sees as necessary.

This being said, from the time of the apostles, Catholics have always believed and celebrated the seven sacraments as instituted by Jesus Christ to confer grace. All seven are rooted in Sacred Tradition and are mentioned in the Bible (Sacred Scripture): baptism (Matthew 28:18-20, confirmation (Act 8:14-17, 9:17-19, 10:5), Eucharist (Matthew 28:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:7-20, John 6:25-71, penance (John 16:1-8, Matthew 16:13-19, anointing of the sick (James 5:13-16), marriage (Matthew 19:3-12), Holy Orders (Acts 14:22-23, Hebrews 5:1:10). They are to be seen as an organic whole which resembles the stage of natural life and spiritual life, such as sacraments of initiation, sacraments of healing, and sacraments of mission and discipleship.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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September 26, 2021: 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

REVEREND Selvam Arputharaj
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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 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

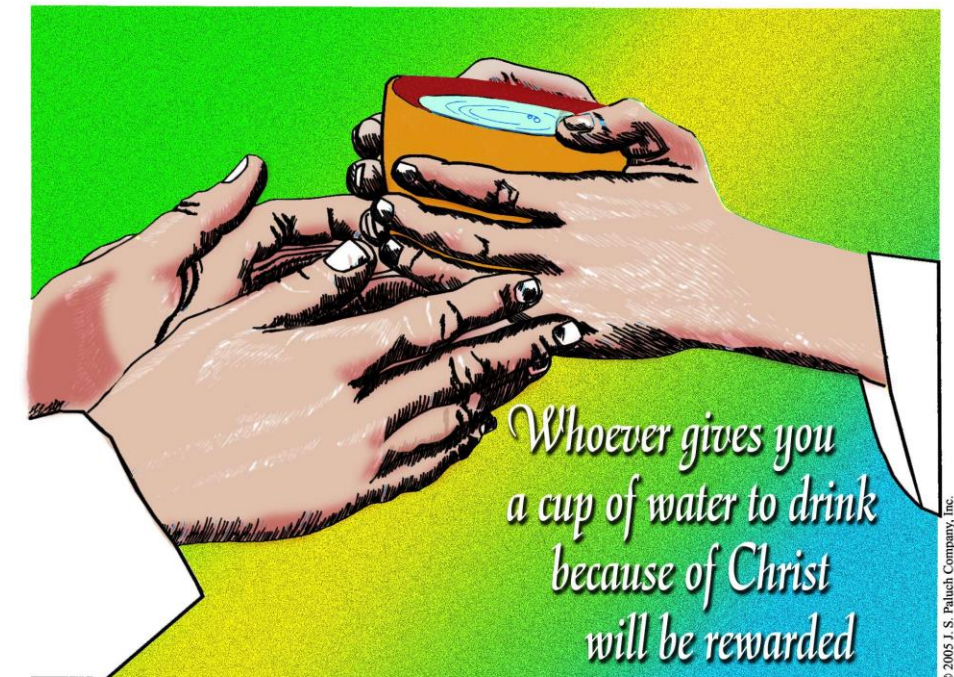
MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

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



Today's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUTSIDERS AND INSIDERS

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been led to a deeper awareness of the universal call to holiness rooted in baptism. This call to holiness, that we once thought we alone possessed, we now know to be true of all the baptized. Division among those who have followed the Lord Jesus has been around since the very beginning of Christianity. Jesus' apostles complained to him about others, outside their circle, who were driving out demons in the name of the Lord. Jesus set them straight by telling them that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). Imagine what the world would be like if we were able to lay down the divisions that exist among us and work together, inspired by God, to bring peace and justice to those who are in need.



Lynette Anderson, Ruth Vosahlo, Richard Voss, Lamar Stewart, Bill Schaffer, Betty Moseley, Emma Phillips, Lisa Vallas, Scott Beech, 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, 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, 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 September 2021

3 rd : Joseph Schilling	14 th : Coby Ray
4 th : Bankston McPhillips	18 th : Carol Roberts
6 th : Kayla Graham	18 th : Zachery Davis-Todd
6 th : Quenten Smith	19 th : Tianna McBride
8 th : James Medders	19 th : Rhonda Cauley
9 th : Autumn Bowden	20 th : Daniel Bridges
10 th : Theresa DeAngelo	20 th : Donald Riley
11 th : Linda Graham	23 rd : Hayden Swinney
13 th : Elsa McBride	27 th : Susie Smeriglio
13 th : Mollee Stringfellow	28 th : Hayden Jackson
14 th : Adam Jackson	29 th : David Stanley

Known Anniversaries for September 2021

6th: Willie & Becky Thompson
 8th: Stan & Barbara Heine
 25th: Jay & Andrea Graham
 26th: Fred & Tracy Drago
 26th: David & Sue Spencer

Capital Campaign as of 7-31-2021:

Gifts received overview for St. John the Baptist Parish as of July 31, 2021:
 Quarter (5/1/2021- 7/31/2021): \$ 8,717.20
 Total thru July 31, 2021: \$ 144,242.62
 % Of Parish Goal Received: 74.0%
 St. John's Quarterly share of \$1,743.44 will be deposited was

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 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

Week of Oct. of 12 thru 15

Oct. 12, 13, 14 & 15 – 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 Carol & Terry Roberts.

Week of Oct. 19, thru 22

Oct.19, 20, 21, & 22 – For eternal repose of the souls of Vicenta Obsenares, Inovino Obsenares, Emily Piangco, Ignacio Obsenares, Maurine Hadley & Nip Hadley by Elsa & John Mc Bride

Week of Oct. 26, thru 29.

Oct. 26, 27, 28, & 29. – For eternal repose of the souls of relatives/ friends of Caroline & Tim Moser

Week of Nov. 2 thru 5.

Nov. 2, 3, 4 & 5 -- For eternal repose of the souls of Domingo Liquiran, Manuela Ballesteres, Faustino Pidlaoan, & Elena Liquiran Pidlaoan by Edith Tomas

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of October 2 & 3rd, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 2, Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday Oct 3rd: 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, October 5, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the "The 28th, 29th, 30th, & 31st Sundays of Ordinary Time.

1st Saturday Rosary:

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 (251-278-4900) to schedule the blessing of your home.

General Contributions

Sept.19th, 2021
 General Fund: \$ 1985.00
 Building Fund \$430.00

UNITY AND THE CALL TO HOLINESS

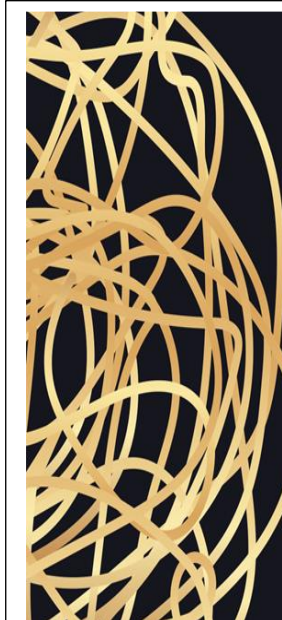
In John's Gospel, the Lord utters a long final discourse in which he prays that his disciples and all who follow him will become one. It is a sad reality that in a world marked by division, even those who are baptized into Christ Jesus frequently cannot come together in unity to work toward building God's reign. We often expect the leaders of the Christian churches to do the work of Christian unity. In reality, that work begins within our homes, neighborhoods, schools, civic organizations, and places of business. In today's Gospel from Mark, the Lord tells his followers that they should cut away any part of their bodies that leads them into sinfulness. The Church—the Body of Christ—sometimes needs to take a look at itself to see if there is anything that needs to be cut away. Disunity is perhaps one of those things about us that we need to cut off in order to reflect the face of Christ more fully.

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 September 25th, 2021

- 1) The Golden Group is sponsoring the Box of Joy program again this year. Boxes are available in the church hall this weekend along with a sign up sheet and list of items that should be used to fill the box. Please note that envelopes are in each box to use to include a check for \$9 to cover shipping/ministry costs. Please indicate on each box the age and sex of the child. All boxes are due to be returned by November 1st.**
- 2) The Lady's Sodality, Will be collecting baby items and diapers for the annual Pro-Life Sunday Baby Shower. October 3, all proceeds go to the "Women's Resource center" in Mobile. Thank you for your help.**
- 3) We are asking everyone who contributes electronically through OSV, to please cancel that process.**
- 4) You are invited to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Deacon Bill and Linda Graham on October 9th, after the 5:00pm mass. Cake, ice cream and punch will be provided.**
- 5) Known Birthdays, this week: 27th Susie Smeriglio, 28th Hayden Jackson, 29th David Stanley**
- 6) Known Anniversaries: 25th Jay and Andrea Graham, 26th Fred and Tracy Drago, 26th David and Sue Spencer**



"Everyone you will ever meet is fighting a hard battle, even if it doesn't seem like it. We measure other people's lives by their blessings, but we don't see their hidden burdens."

FROM MATTHEW KELLY'S BOOK
life is messy