

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: Why did the word obey removed from the marriage vows?

In the texts, one would often hear "obey" which had its origins in the Letter of Saint Paul on the proper attitudes of wives towards their husbands. It was always understood that while wives must obey their husbands, husbands must love their wives as Jesus loves His Church, that is, sacrificially. Pope Benedict XVI calls this oblation love- love which is willing to make any sacrifice for the beloved. Saint Paul also tells husbands they are to love and respect their wives as they do their own bodies.

Today, the word obey connotes many negative feelings. The misuse of the term leads to the notion of "lording over someone" with spouse becoming subservient to the other and feeling almost like a slave. Abuse can result in the misinterpretation of the word "obey". As Catholics, we must look at the word's original meaning. It was the pride of our first parents, Adam and Eve, that brought about sin and destruction. Their disobedience had a rippling effect in all generations. To counterbalance this negative effect, the total obedience of Jesus Christ (the new Adam) and His mother, Mary (the new Eve), brought about redemption.

Obedience is the hallmark of a good Christian.

First and foremost, obedience must be given to Almighty God. Good Christians strive to follow the divine will of God, not their own wills, in their lives. Secondly, a good Christian tries to follow legitimate authority. All authority comes from God, and when exercised in union with God's laws it is perfectly laudable to follow. In the case of marriage, it is a partnership of equality. No one person is the authority, only God. When husband and wife try to ascertain and ultimately follow the will of God in their lives, then they are doing what God wants. In a paternalistic society, it usually fell to the husband to ascertain the will of God. In our modern society, the responsibility falls to both. At times, one of the members may have to remind his partner about following the will of God in which the partners help each other on the way to heaven. Obedience to God is the most basic and important sign that you are on the right way to heaven.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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October 3, 2021: 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

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Jack Wright Jay Graham

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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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE TIME IS SHORT

A sense of urgency is reflected in all of today's readings. Jonah warns the Ninevites, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims that "this is the time of fulfillment." There is no denying that we humans tend to respond more readily to an urgent request; we seem to be much more motivated by something that must be done right now. This tendency makes it all too easy to put off less urgent things: "Oh, we've got time for that later."

For the people in Jonah's day, for the people of Jesus' time and Paul's time, the end was believed to be imminent. The words of the prophets and reformers frequently tried to evoke a sense of urgency.

We don't know, of course, how much time we have as individuals or as nations to reform our ways, but it's safe to say that there's less time left today than there was yesterday. Today's readings may be inviting us to revise our priorities.

Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



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 October 2 - 8 2021:

3rd Jacob Jamero

Known Anniversaries for October 2 - 8 2021: 5th

Kerry & Michael Ladnier, 7th Debra & Matt Johnson



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 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

Week of Nov. 9 – 12. For eternal repose of the soul of deceased relatives- friends of, Riza & Bobot Jamero

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. 26th, 2021
 General Fund: \$ 2234.00
 Candle Fund: \$ 21.00

BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' urgent message to the people of Galilee contains two important declarative statements. The command to "repent" is commonly heard. Far less common is a command that requires the hearer to have faith. Yet Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is not a request or a suggestion. He does not say, "I hope you can believe" or "Would you consider believing?" Baptized Christians, believers by definition, are to live their lives as if their beliefs mattered. That is why we must repent as well as believe. Whatever our calling in life, our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers should all be able to tell that we believe in the gospel by the way we live the gospel. Time is too short to do otherwise.

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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 October 3rd, 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) **Conformation Classes will Start on Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.**
- 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) **Healing Mass this Wednesday, 8 a.m.**
- 6) **The Golden Group would like to" GIVE A BIG THANK YOU, to all that helped and bought our baked goods.**
- 7) **Known Birthdays, this week: 3rd Jacob Jamero**
- 8) **Known Anniversaries: Oct. 5th Kerry & Michael Ladnier, 7th Debra & Matt Johnson**

