

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: 64 – Can sacraments ever be denied to someone?

Answer to question 64 – Sacraments can be denied or postponed for different reasons. The most drastic is called excommunication. It is the penal exclusion of a baptized faithful from the community of faith. There are two ways excommunication can occur: *non-declared* (automatically) or declared (judicial process or administrative decree). Automatic excommunication is the most common. A famous declared excommunication took place in 1953 when the Vatican punished a Boston priest, Father Leonard Feeney, for his refusal to recant a distorted teaching on the principle of *extra ecclesia nulla salus* (outside the church there is no salvation). He erroneously and publicly maintained that only Catholic Christians could go to heaven and that Protestants would go to hell unless they converted to Catholicism.

The 1983 Code of Canon Law lists seven reasons for automatic excommunication: apostasy, heresy, schism, desecration of the Holy Eucharist, laying violent hands on the pope, absolution of an accomplice in the sin against the sixth commandment, episcopal consecration without approval and authorization from the pope, violation of the seal of confession by a priest-confessor, and procuring a direct abortion. The excommunicated are barred from receiving the sacraments and sacramentals and are therefore deprived of receiving sacramental grace.

A person who remains in the state of mortal sin should not receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist until he or she receives absolution in the sacrament of penance. Along this line, if the person is in a persistent state such as an invalid marriage, it is the obligation of that person to have his or her marriage rectified in the Church, and until then should also refrain from receiving Holy Communion. A notoriously sinful person, such as a known criminal who is unrepentant or one whose sin is common knowledge and would cause scandal to the faithful, can be barred as well. It was common for members of the mafia not to be permitted to be buried in a Catholic cemetery. A person can also be denied the sacraments for a more benign reason. For example, a person who is baptized but is not in full communion with the Catholic Church is not permitted to receive the Holy Eucharist. One must be in communion in order to receive Communion; in other words, they must be united and in agreement with all the doctrines, disciplines and authority of the church or religion which is offering the Communion. Communion implies union of mind and belief as well as union of the church. The word itself comes from two Latin words, "cum" (with) + "unio" (united). *Communio* in Latin means to be "united with" or to be in agreement. Catholic understanding of the Holy Eucharist and Protestant understanding is quite different. At this point in time there is no inter-communion between Catholics and Protestants. Often at weddings the celebrants will invite people to read the guidelines for Holy Communion in the back of the missalette, or in the back of a wedding program, to educate them regarding who can receive the Blessed Sacrament. The sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick can be administered to members of Eastern Orthodox Churches not in full communion with the Catholic Church, if they spontaneously ask for them and are properly disposed. The same applies to members of other Churches which have all seven valid Sacraments, like the Polish National Catholic Church in the USA and Canada. Finally, a Catholic in confession who is not ready to give up the sin, confess, and make amends might be deterred from receiving absolution until a time when the penitent is ready to make the firm purpose of change.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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October 17, 2021: 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

REVEREND Selvam Arputharaj
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Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director
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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



Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 53:10–11; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4:14–16; Mark 10:35–45 [42–45]

STOLEN THUNDER

By the time the Gospels were written, James and John, sons of Zebedee (sons of "thunder") were revered leaders of the Christian community. It is a common device of the evangelists to place the failings of the early Christians on the shoulders of their leaders to illustrate a point about discipleship, and perhaps to comfort them with the fact that Jesus chose common, flawed humans to spread the Good News. It must have seemed doubly odd that these two, already honored and revered, were chastised by Jesus when they requested positions of honor. Jesus, as it were, stole their thunder, and in the Gospel he likewise steals the thunder of the others who get indignant at James and John. Today's readings from Isaiah and Hebrews, along with Jesus as portrayed in Mark, steal the thunder of the places of honor they had attained by reminding us that it is in the humility of service that we come to know the reign of God in our midst.



Andrea Graham, 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, 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: Dr. Reggie Stewart, Ronnie Cauley, John Ramsay, Irene Stone,

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.

Birthdays for October 2021:

2 nd : Jacob Jamero	21 st : Bill Schaffer
5 th : Steve Sema, Jr.	23 rd : Michael Cook
8 th : Maria Switzer	24 th : Veronica Stewart
12 th : Brandy Ramsay	26 th : Kathleen Sema
13 th : Ali Stringfellow	27 th : Anna Bowden
14 th : Carey Olsen	27 th : Lyon Graham
15 th : David Delmas	28 th : Peggy Delmas
16 th : Ryan Stanley	28 th : Chain Smith
16 th : Rachel Stanley	28 th : Grabbrielle Sands
17 th : Ann Gable	28 th : Jansyn Wiggins
17 th : Mildred Smith	28 th : Jayci Wiggins
19 th : Jackie Price	29 th : Doris Sema
20 th : Matthew Adams	30 th : Shirley Rasmussen
21 st : Trey Roberts	

Anniversaries for October

5th: Kerry & Michael Ladnier – 7th: Debra & Matt Anson – 9th: Linda & Deacon Graham – 16th: Kris & Bill Fer – 21st: Jennifer & Joey Schilling – 23rd: Susie & Willie Smeriglio – 27th: Amanda & Jonathan Oliver

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 was Deposited on August 27th.

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. 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 thru 12.

Nov. 9, 10, 11 & 12 -- For eternal repose of the soul of deceased relatives- friends of, Riza & Bobot Jamero

Week of Nov. 16 thru 19

Nov. 16, 17, 18 & 19 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Crispolo Mardo, Peta Mardo, Artemo Mardo & Efrin Mardo by Lanie Mardo, Belen and Ariel.

Week of Nov. 23 thru 26

Nov. 23, 24, 25 & 26 – for the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Lynda and Louis Jones.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of October 23rd & 24th, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday Oct 24th, 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, November 2nd, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the "The 32nd & 33rd Sundays of Ordinary Time Christ The King

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

October 10, 2021
 General Fund: \$ 1,980.00

SERVANT CHRIST, SERVANT CHURCH

In Matthew's Gospel, it is the mother of James and John who makes the request of Jesus (Mark omits this scene). It is "only natural" for mothers to want to see their sons "get ahead in the world," just as it is for us as individuals to seek those positions of honor and power. But again, it is the lesson of Jesus, along with the lessons of Isaiah and Hebrews, that reminds us that we need to examine constantly our "only natural" ways of living to make sure that we are living as Christ, the head of the church. When Isaiah writes of the Suffering Servant, it can be seen as a prophecy of Jesus; but it is also a prophecy of the ongoing presence of Jesus, the church. When the author of Hebrews writes of the weakness known by Christ the great High Priest, it is also about the need for weakness on the part of the Body of Christ, the church. In this way the scriptures today show all of us, the baptized, the church, how we must continue to be the Servant Christ for the life of the world.

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) Linda and Deacon Graham wish to thank everyone who helped them to celebrate and/or wished them a "Happy and Blessed" 50th anniversary.
- 2) Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday, October 21st, at 6:30 pm.
- 3) The K of C will be sponsoring a youth Soccer kicking competition on Sunday Oct. 17th at 1:00 pm for ages 9 thru 14 at St. John's. Each competitor will get 15 kicks at a soccer goal and will be awarded points based on ball placement in the goal. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be advanced to District competition to be held on the same day. If weather becomes an issue, then a new date will be announced.
- 4) Father is taking applications for the position of Secretary as Deacon Graham is wishing to retire from that position.
- 5) Father is also taking applications for "Youth Director" for the youth of our CRE program
- 6) Known Birthdays: 16th: Ryan Stanley. Rachel Stanley, 17th: Mildred Smith, Ann Gable, 19th: Jackie Price, 20th: Matthew Adams, 21st: Trey Roberts, Bill Schaffer, **Known Anniversaries for October:** 16th: Kris & Bill Schaffer, 21st: Jennifer & Joey Schilling

