

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: 65 – How can ordinary people become holy?

Answer to question 65 – A common definition of a saint is an ordinary person who does ordinary things in an extraordinary way. It is the last criterion that determines holiness. By the sacrament of baptism everyone is called to be holy and a saint. How we cooperate with God's graces and practice the virtues is up to us. We are given this life to prove our love for God. We have been created to know, love, and serve God, and to prepare ourselves in this life to be with Him for all eternity.

God helps us in many ways to become holy. First, He sent His only Son to show us the way. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Any person serious about becoming holy needs to allow Jesus to be in the driver's seat; his or her will must be united with God's will. The Lord gave us the Church to be a beacon of holiness. The Church is holy not because of its members, through there are many saints who belong to the Church, but because of Jesus, the Founder. It is holy because Jesus endowed His Church with special gifts – eternal truths contained in sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments which confer grace – making the Church the vehicle of salvation.

Staying close to the teaching magisterium of the Church, attending the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and receiving the sacrament of penance when needed, are all spiritual tools to aid a person in becoming holy. In addition, there are many role models to aid the person in holiness. The lives of the saints are a fertile ground of holiness; they give examples of how to become perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. In addition, the communion of saints prays for us here on earth. The saints bring our prayers to Jesus and want us to share in the same joy that they have in paradise.

The Holy Scriptures, prayers, devotions, sacramentals, and pilgrimages all help the person grow closer to Jesus. In addition, Jesus gives us one another to lend support on our spiritual pilgrimage. Our fellow passengers on the road to heaven can pray for us, encourage us, guide us, and counsel us. In the negative sense, a fellow passenger can also test our holiness when he or she is not loving to us. We should learn to love them as Jesus loved His enemies on the wood of the cross.

By cooperating with the graces that God bestows upon us every day, we have every chance to become holy in this life. Holiness means we are on the right track to salvation. It is not an exclusive club, though few accept it.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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October 24, 2021: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

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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

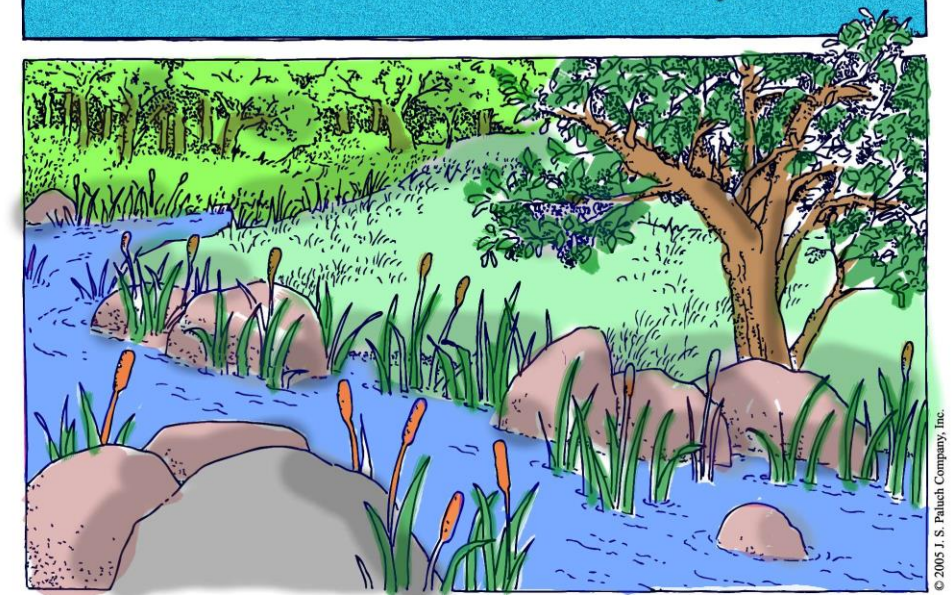
Mass: Every Wednesday at 8 am.

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com

I will lead them to brooks of water



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7–9; Psalm 126:1–6; Hebrews 5:1–6; Mark 10:46–52

SONS OF THUNDER, SON OF FEAR

Last week Mark "made an example" of James and John, the sons of thunder. In today's Gospel passage he gives us an example of faith in Bartimaeus, whose name means "son of fear" (our English word "timid" is in there). Most of us can identify with James and John during those times when we would like to acquire or think we have obtained places of honor and authority. We can also identify with those times we are timid, fearful, unsure. Perhaps because he was sightless, Bartimaeus was able to tell that there was a certain something special and out of the ordinary coming down the road that day. Like most blind people of his time, he spent his days begging for alms or food, hoping to get enough to sustain him for one more day. So he had nothing to lose in crying out to Jesus for help, and in accepting Jesus' invitation to come and be healed.



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. 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.

Week of Nov. 30 thru Dec. 3

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 & 3 – For the eternal repose of the souls of the Alford, Bohl and Church families, Will Irvin and Dorothy Beards Lot by Nina & Chester.

Week of Dec. 7 thru 10

Dec. 7, 8, 9 & 10 – 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 Carole & Terry Roberts

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

5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct.23rd, Kathie Sema
 10:00 am on Sunday Oct 24th, Carol Voss

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 and 1st Sunday Advent.

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 17, 2021
 General Fund: \$3033.00

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Scripture scholars have long noted the "Messianic secret" in Mark's Gospel, wherein Jesus attempts to silence people who have discerned his true identity. In today's miracle—the last Jesus will perform in Mark's Gospel before entering Jerusalem to meet his suffering and death—Mark reverses this pattern. When Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus, Son of David, it is the crowd that tries to silence him. This time, however, Jesus himself invites Bartimaeus, who has already displayed his faith in crying out to Jesus for healing, to come forward, to be vocal about his faith and to regain his sight. Giving up everything he has (for a beggar, his cloak), Bartimaeus does come forward to "see" Jesus' identity revealed, and to go forth proclaiming the Good News of his renewed life. Last week we learned that true discipleship exists in living for the service of others; this week we learn that true discipleship is in accepting the invitation to faith in Jesus and going forth to shout that faith to everyone.

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) Father is taking applications for the position of Secretary as Deacon Graham is wishing to retire from that position.
- 2) St. Margaret's Church in Bayou is having a "Fall Festival" this Saturday, October 30th, from 9 am until 4 pm. Yard Sale, Fish Fry and Asian food. Trunk-or-Treat 3 to 4 pm
- 3) Father Is asking for volunteers to join the "Parish Council". We must replace members who are leaving.
- 4) "All Souls Day" is Tuesday, November 2nd. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm.
- 5) The Altar Sodality will be holding their annual "Yard Sale" on November 13th & 14th.
- 6) Known Birthdays: 23rd: Michael Cook, 24th: Veronica Stewart, 26th: Kathie Sema, 27th: Anna Bowden, Lyon Graham, 28th: Peggy Delmas, Chain Smith, Grabbrielle Sands, Jansyn Wiggins, Jayci Wiggins, 29th: Doris Sema: **Known Anniversaries for October:** 23rd: Susie & Willie Smeriglio, 27th: Amanda & Jonathan Oliver.

