

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: 66 – What determines whether someone is named a saint?

Answer to question 66 – It is important to note that there are many more blessed in heaven than the Church has officially "canonized," or made saints. The solemnity of all saints is the Church's way of saying there are countless faithful in Heaven. On November 1 we celebrate this glorious feast. Anyone who has died in the state of grace (which means as a friend of God) and has been admitted either directly or indirectly (via purgatory) into heaven is a saint. We all know great and holy people in our lives—whether family members, colleagues, neighbors, or church members—who lived exemplary lives. They may not have been formally declared by the church to be saints, but this in no way negates the fact that they are enjoying the bliss or eternal life in heaven.

The official process of determining who is canonized (named a saint) is long and tedious, since the Church must be extremely scrupulous when investigating a candidate for sainthood. The process begins on the local level, where the holy person lived, and it doesn't start until five years after death—though this requirement can be dispensed. It could be introduced to the bishop of the diocese by the pastor of the parish, the people the holy person lived with or, if a member of a religious community like the Dominicans, by the superior. At this local level, if the bishop accepts the known facts of the candidate's holiness, then he or she is declared "venerable" and a formal process of examining the life of this person commences. In many instances, the process stays at this level. Much time, energy, and even money is needed to carry out a lengthy investigation.

Once proof of holiness has been established, a miracle must be attributed to the holy person's intercession to God. This miracle has to be authenticated by doctors, theologians, and, at times, scientists. If it is beyond a doubt that it is a miracle the next stage is beatification. During this process, as in the previous the holy person's writings and the people he or she was in contact with are interviewed. Beatification takes place through the pope or at the local level through a bishop. The holy person is called "blessed," can have a statue erected, and a feast can be placed on the liturgical calendar. Yet it is not an infallible statement as further investigation is required. Another miracle of intercession is needed. Scientific research into the miracle has to be performed. Upon a positive conclusion, the pope can canonize the person to be a saint for all times. An exception to this lengthy process is a martyr, one who witnesses to the faith and dies for Christ. Since martyrdom is so rare and such a total sign of one's fidelity to God, lengthy investigations and verifying miracles are not required for canonization. The only requirement is that the martyr is specifically killed because of his Catholic Christian faith and not for any other reason (political, racial, ethnic, etc.). Unlike terrorists, who pervert the concept of martyrdom, Christianity does not consider those who kill innocent victims to be true martyrs. Martyrs must be victims, not perpetrators, and the reason for their death must be their refusal to deny their religion.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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October 31, 2021: 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

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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

MASSSES

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

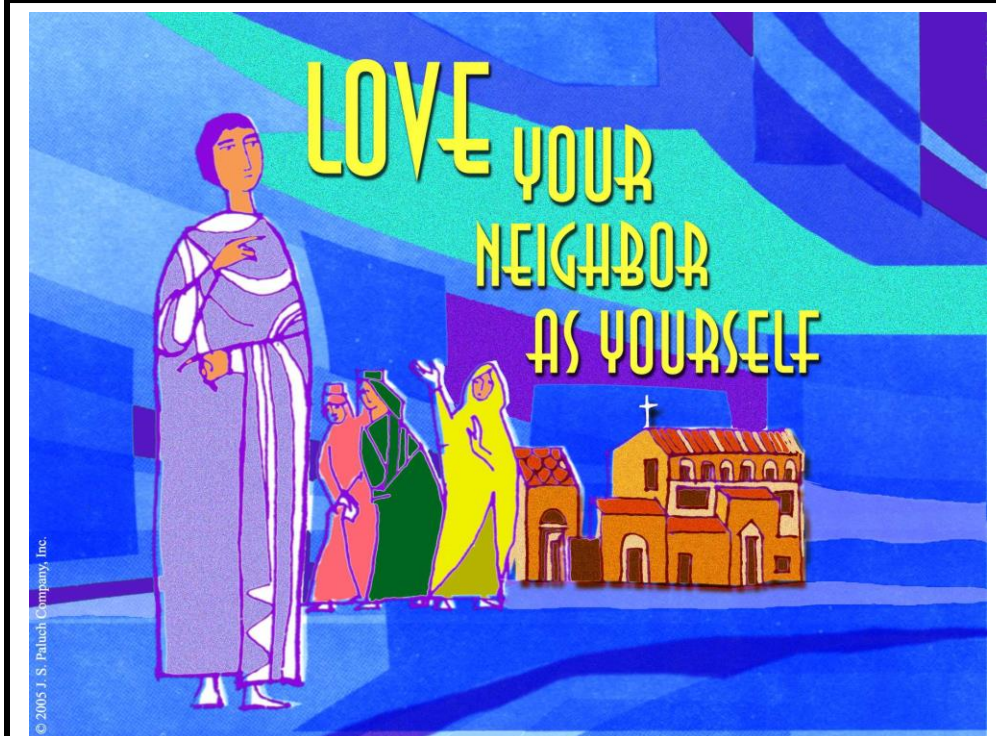
ROSARY, ADORATION & Healing

Mass: Every Wednesday at 8 am.

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com



Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2–6; Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51; Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 12:28b–34

STATUTES AND COMMANDMENTS

In the Book of Deuteronomy, we are given civil laws and religious laws. Specifically, today we hear about laws that help us to love God and show us how to live as God's people. The word "fear" in this context does not mean being afraid but is used in the sense of obedient children deferring to a loving parent. Jesus came to help lead us to God. Like a priest, he mediates between God and the human race. In Mark's Gospel today, it is in this character that Jesus clarifies God's laws of living.

In an effort to know what was really important to Jesus, a scribe asked him what was the greatest law? Jesus responded with the words of Deuteronomy, teaching that it was most important to love God. But he quickly added the second most important law: to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Jesus told the scribe that if he understood and lived the words he had just heard, he was close to the Kingdom of God.



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 November 2021:

2 nd : Jade Pagala	16 th : Clarence Thompson
3 rd : Scotty Bowden	16 th : Craig Switzer
4 th : Taylor Schilling	17 th : Debbie Lewis
6 th : Quintin Smeriglio	17 th : Kris Schaffer
10 th : Wyatt Medders	17 th : Victoria Fonteot
10 th : Kennedy Bridges	18 th : Roberta Robison
12 th : Michael Ladnier	18 th : Tony DeAngelo
13 th : Larry Davis	22 nd : Timothy Moser
14 th : Stephen Ray Scott	25 th : Avis Garret
	27 th : Lyman Ramsay
	30 th : Glenda Poiroux

Anniversaries for November

2nd: Rhonda and Steve Cauley
 20th: Theresa and Tony DeAngelo
 21st: Sandi and Keith Reynolds

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 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

Week of Dec. 14 thru 17

Dec. 14, 15, 16 & 17 – For the eternal repose of Ruth Naquin, Adrienne Graham, Donald Naquin, James Cauley, Shirley Cauley, Pamela Varos, Randy Naquin by Rhonda & Steve Cauley.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of October 30th & 31st, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct.30th, Steve Sema, Jr.
 10:00 am on Sunday Oct 31st, Mark 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

General Contributions

October 24, 2021
 General Fund: \$2,504.00
 Mission: \$113.00
 Maintenance Fund: 485.00

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Jesus wasn't very specific about who our neighbors were, but he probably did not confine his definition to just the person next door. In order to show our love for God, we must first show that love in the way we take care of our neighbors, especially those in vulnerable situations.

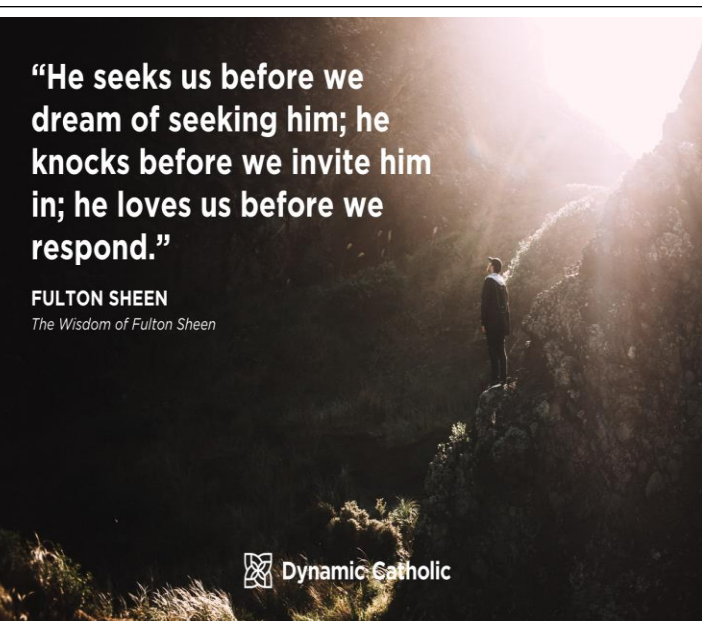
It is good that we call ourselves Christians because we diligently obey God's commandments, attend church regularly, and live moral lives. But deep down in our hearts, we know we need to do more. If we look at how Jesus loved his neighbors, how he took time to listen to them, care for them, and heal them in their brokenness, then we see how we are to love one another. Our actions today need to be modeled on those of Jesus.

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 31st, 2021

- 1) The next Confirmation Class will be on November 21st at 6:30 pm. Be there and be prepared.
- 2) Father Is asking for volunteers to join the "Parish Council". We must replace members who are leaving.
- 3) "All Souls Day" is Tuesday, November 2nd. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm.
- 4) The Altar Sodality will be holding their annual "Yard Sale" on November 13th & 14th
- 5) Father is taking applications for the position of Secretary as Deacon Graham is wishing to retire from that position.
- 6) Father is also taking applications for "Youth Director" for the youth of our CRE program
- 7) Next Saturday, November 6th, is "First Saturday" and we will say the Rosary at 4:30 pm prior to the Mass at 5 pm. Please come early and join us.
- 8) **Known Birthdays: 30th:** Shirley Rasmussen, **11/01** Jade Pagala, **11/03** Scotty Bowden, **11/04** Taylor Schilling. **Known Anniversaries for 11/02** Rhonda and Steve Cauley



"He seeks us before we dream of seeking him; he knocks before we invite him in; he loves us before we respond."

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