

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: 67 – Are Catholics born-again?

Answer – Catholics are "born-again" in water and the Holy Spirit. The term "born-again" is a bit strange in Catholic Colloquialism. Nevertheless, through Baptism we are spiritually born or "born-again." While Catholics believe one does not need to be aware of being "born-again" in order for it to still happen (as in the case of infant Baptism), Evangelical Protestants believe only a mature person who is able to reason and make adult decisions is able to be effectively "baptized." Accepting Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior is the moment of rebirth, and the sacrament of Baptism merely ratifies that decision according to their tradition.

Infant Baptism whereby Catholics are "born-again" is followed by another sacrament called Confirmation when Catholics can and must speak for themselves. As babies, parents and godparents spoke on their behalf. Confirmation, on the other hand, any time from second grade to high school (usually around eighth grade in many places), when young people are asked to confirm the faith, they were given at baptism by consciously embracing it. It is the sacrament by which the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. In one sense, Confirmation is the time when Catholics are asked to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Evangelicals believe they are saved in the blood of Christ and confirmed in the Holy Spirit at the same time, hence they do not have a separate sacrament of confirmation distinct from baptism, as do many other Christian denominations.

Catholics also believe they are saved through the blood of Christ and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism; however, Catholics receive them in a different sacrament. Western (Latin Rite) Catholics are baptized as infants and usually receive confirmation as an adolescent. Eastern (Byzantine) Catholics get both sacraments as an infant on the same day. In Baptism, Catholics are born-again in water and the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are imparted to the previously baptized.

All Christians baptized by water to confer the saving effects of the blood of Christ that was shed on Good Friday. Water is the outward sign that signifies what is taking place spiritually. Spiritually, the soul is cleansed of original sin (inherited from our first parents, Adam, and Eve), then infused with sanctifying grace. Sanctifying grace is the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. The effects of Baptism are phenomenal; we become adopted children of God, heirs to the heavenly kingdom and members of Christ's mystical body, the Church.

Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Catholics receive all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) at once. So, a baby is baptized, is confirmed (called chrismated), and receives Holy Communion upon her baptismal day. This goes back to the ancient rite of early Christianity when the early Church was receiving many adult converts. After the Peace of Constantine, there was a mass conversion of adults, so all three sacraments were celebrated at once.



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November 7, 2021: 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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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



Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 17:10–16; Psalm 146: 7–10; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44

WIDOW'S MITE

Historically, widows have been at a financial disadvantage. When her husband died, a woman's source of income most likely went with him. That was why the generosity of a widow was striking in Biblical times.

Elijah met a poor widow who prepared to use the last of her flour to bake one more cake for herself and her son. Elijah started out by asking her for a drink of water, but quickly added his request for something to eat. She informed him of her situation, but Elijah promised that her store would not empty. With no more than Elijah's words, she trusted that God would provide for her. God's promise was good, and she did not go hungry during the drought.

Another widow caught Jesus' eye in the reading from Mark. As she put her two small coins into the collection that supplied the treasury that helped those in need, Jesus taught the disciples a lesson about true giving from the heart. Unlike the officials who demonstratively gave their offerings, this woman quietly dropped the coins of her sustenance into the collection. The monetary value of her gift was far smaller than that of the officials, but her gift was far more valuable



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. 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 – No Mass this week

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.

Week of Jan. 4 thru 7

Jan. 4, 5, 6 & 7 –For the eternal repose of the soul of Crispolo Mardo, Peta Mardo, Artemo Mardo & Efrin Mardo by Lanie Mardo, Belen and Ariel.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of November 13 & 14, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 13th: Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday Nov. 14th: 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 30th, 2021. We will be filming Mass for the "The 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays' of Advent, and for the "Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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 31, 2021
 General Fund: \$2,574.00

GIVING FROM THE HEART

Much of our giving is from our surplus. This is true not only of what we give financially, but also of our service. We are very busy people and generally when we offer our time, it is of direct benefit to us or someone we love. We may volunteer to help with a field trip at school, coach a soccer team, or help in a nursing home; but generally, it is we or our family members who benefit from our generosity. We may find, however, that as it did for the widow of the first reading, our generosity may be greeted with more generosity. The prayer of St. Francis reminds us of this when we pray, "It is in giving that we receive."

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 November 6th, 2021

- 1) The next Confirmation Class will be on November 21st at 6:30 pm. Be there and be prepared.
- 2) The Golden Group lunch is on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00, we are having an "eat out" trip to Kravers Seafood Restaurant. Karver's is located on Leroy Stevens Rd. at Cottage Hill Rd. Please mark your calendars and join us for the food, fun and fellowship.
- 3) Father Is asking for volunteers to join the "Parish Council". We must replace members who are leaving.
- 4) Father Selvam will be away from the parish Nov. 12th thru Nov. 18th, returning on the 19th. There will be no daily Mass the week of the 15th. Father Tony will celebrate the 5 pm Mass on Saturday the 13th and Father Alwin will celebrate the 10 am Mass on the 14th.
- 5) Father will also be going on a month's vacation in February. We will post the exact dates next week.
- 6) The Altar Sodality will be holding their annual "Yard Sale" next weekend, November 13th & 14th
- 7) Father is taking applications for the position of Secretary as Deacon Graham is wishing to retire from that position. See Father not Deacon.
- 8) Father is also taking applications for "Youth Director" for the youth of our CRE program
- 9) Join in for a wonderful excursion to Italy this coming June! Highlights include the tombs of Ss Peter, Francis of Assisi, Dominic, Anthony of Padua, Mark, John XXIII, and Ambrose. For a more detailed itinerary, costs, dates, and so on, please contact Fr David Tokarz (djtokarz1950@gmail.com).
- 10) **Known Birthdays: 6th:** Quintin Smeriglio, **10th:** Wyatt Medders, **12th:** Michael Ladnier, **No Known Anniversaries for this week.**

"Empty yourself so that God can fill you up. You will never be sorry that you did."

MATTHEW KELLY
 I Heard God Laugh

