

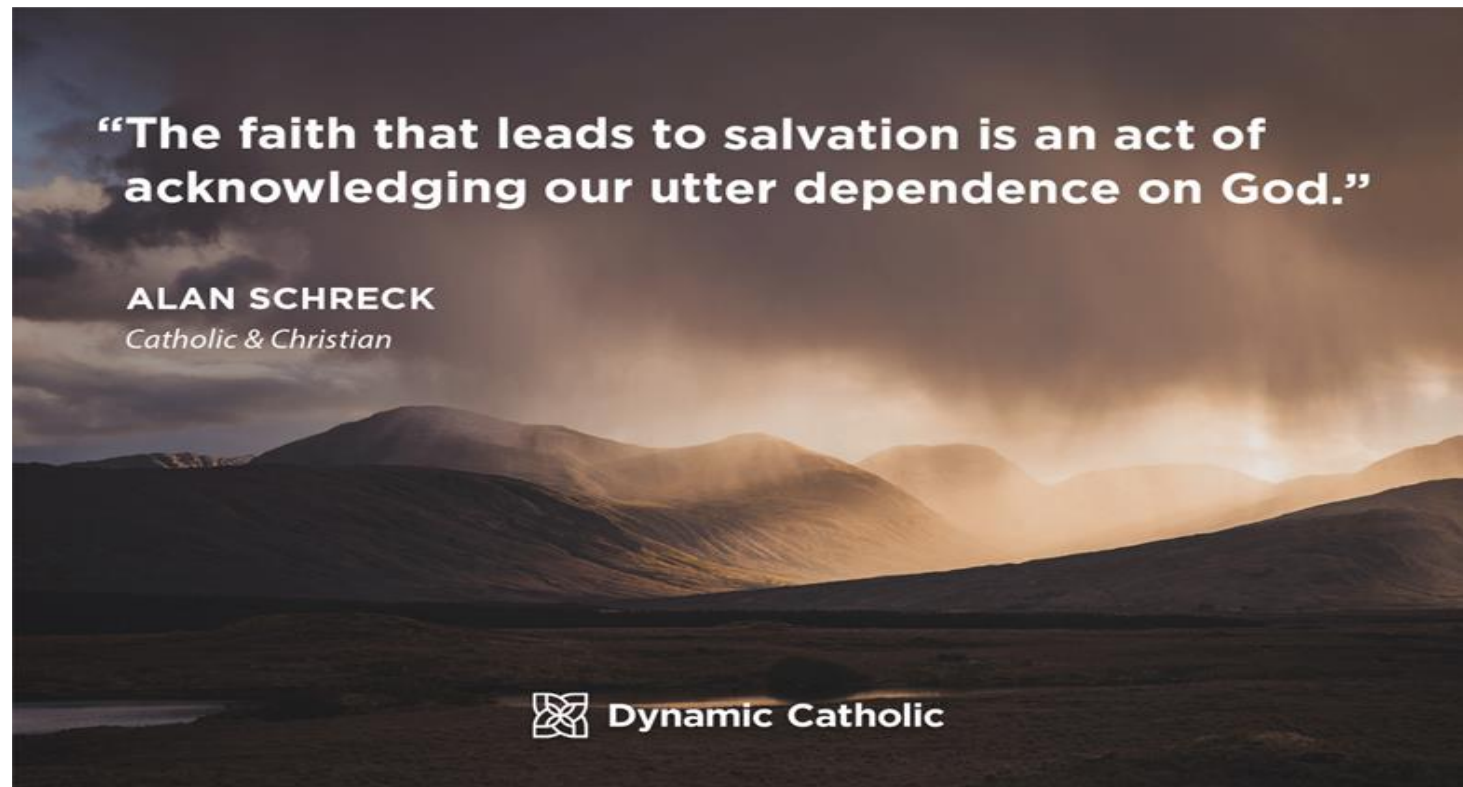
The answer to the following question comes from the answer in "The Catholicism Answer Book." A book of the 300 most frequently asked questions by Rev. Father John Trigilio, Jr., PH.D., TH.D. and Rev. Father Kenneth Brighenti, PH.D. Authors of the best-selling book, "Catholicism for Dummies."

Question: 68 – Is Baptism necessary for salvation?

Answer – Yes. Jesus states in John 3:5, "I solemnly assure you; no one can enter into God's Kingdom without being begotten of water and spirit." Baptism is a supernatural rebirth during which we become adopted into God's family. It removes original sin, the sin we inherited from our first parents. Original Sin is passed from generation to generation like a trait is passed from one family member to the next generation family member. The Book of Genesis gives us the account of the Fall. Original sin stemmed from the vice of pride; it was because of pride that Adam and Eve were tempted. It was through their pride that we ultimately lost preternatural gifts; we will get sick, die, have to learn because of ignorance, and toil in pain. There will be no balance in nature. The loss of preternatural gifts was symbolized by the banishment from the Garden of Eden, the place where there was a balance of nature and moral certitude.

Though God punished Adam and Eve and their future generations through the inheritance of original sin. He did not abandon the human race. Genesis 3:15 contains a promise of redemption. "I will put enmity between you [the serpent who tempted Eve] and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." Scripture scholars agree that this was the promise of the Messiah who would redeem mankind from sin.

Jesus is the new Adam, and Mary, Jesus' mother, is the new Eve. Disobedience brought sin, death, darkness, and destruction into the world, and it was obedience to God that brought in healing, eternal life, and light. In Catholic devotion, a statue of the blessed mother, known as our lady of grace, shows our lady with hands open and feet crushing the serpent. The symbolism is derived from Genesis 3:15. The grace is God, and Mary's obedience to His will. By her obedience she brought about the Fullness of Grace, Jesus Christ, who by His complete obedience to the Father's will, crushed the head of the ancient serpent. This obedience led Jesus to be crucified, and the shedding of His blood was and is redemptive for all generations. This redemption is applied to our souls in the waters of baptism.



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November 14, 2021: 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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 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 third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's Readings: Daniel 12:1–3; Psalm 16:5, 8–11; Hebrews 10:11–14, 18; Mark 13:24–32

GOOD THINGS IN THREES
 On this Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we get a three-fold consolation from the scriptures. All three readings today were written in times of duress or persecution, and all three offer their original readers and us today the message of hope. Daniel's audience was in desperate need of assurance that God would be their source of salvation, for Israel was undergoing one of its most violent periods of persecution at the hands of the Greeks, a time that produced the Maccabean revolt and the familiar Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The author of Hebrews was writing to a group of people unsure about leaving behind the faith and rituals that they had been told for generations would be their source of forgiveness. In return, they received the strong message that they would be able to find everything in Jesus Christ. Mark's readers were under Roman persecution, rekindling the fear and confusion that they felt immediately following the death of Jesus. These three authors facing tough times were still able to provide optimistic messages.



James Graham, Jay Graham, 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: Jimmy Marchand, 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. 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 Irwin 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 Dec. 21 & 22

Dec. 21 & 22 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Vicenta Obsenares, Inovino Obsenares, Emily Piangco, Ignacio Obsenares, Maurine Hadley & Hadley by Elsa & John McBride and also for the eternal repose of the souls of Domingo Liquiran, Manuela Ballesteres, Faustino Pidlaoan & Elena Liquiran Pidlaoan by Edith Tomas.

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend of November 20 & 21, 2021

5:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 20th: Carol Voss
 10:00 am on Sunday Nov. 21st: Tiffany Teofilo

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, Join us as we pray for our nation.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Selvan (251-278-4900) to schedule the blessing of your home.

General Contributions

November 7, 2021
 General Fund: \$3,556.00

THE LORD, OUR INHERITANCE

As wise men and women of faith have always done, when today's authors needed to look forward in faith, they also looked back. We look back at their writings today for our hope, and, like them, we can also look at the psalter—Israel's prayer book—for help. Today's psalm text reminds us that with the Lord at our side, nothing can truly shake us. We know that God will not abandon us, and that if we walk with the Lord true life will be ours. We are at that time in our Church year when we hear much about the coming of Christ in glory as we get ready to reenter Advent, our season of preparation for his return. Most likely we are not undergoing the extremes of persecution or trials that the first audiences of today's readings were but we can, through a deep praying of the psalms and a fervent hearing of their words, be reminded to keep our lives and our faith focused only on God, the one source of our being and our life.

Announcements for week of November 13th, 2021

- 1) The next Confirmation Class will be on November 21st at 6:30 pm. Be there and be prepared.
- 2) Father will also be going on a month's vacation in January
- 3) **The Golden Group** would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the Box of Joy campaign. Together we collected 48 boxes filled with much needed items for children in need. These boxes will bring many smiles to the faces of the children who receive a Joy Box this Christmas.
- 4) The CRE is having their 7th Annual "Thanks-for-Giving" Dinner on November 21st after the 10 am Mass. This is their annual fundraiser for the CRE Christmas Service project. Please stay over after Mass, enjoy a good meal and support our CRE program.
- 5) This will be the last year for the "Ramsey Christmas Tree Farm." The Farm was Mr. John's Baby and Autumn asked me to announce that this will be their last year as a tree farm.
- 6) There will be a "Women's Retreat" at Blessed trinity shrine Retreat House. Anyone interested can pick up a flyer in the church hall.
- 7) **Known Birthdays, 13th:** Larry Davis, **14th:** Stephen Ray Scott, **16th:** Clarence Thompson, Craig Switzer, **17th:** Kris Schaffer, Victoria Fonteot, **18th:** Roberta Robison, Tony DeAngelo, **No Known Anniversaries for this week.**

Catholic Charities

Family Pledges to date total 32.
 Total amount pledged: \$19,914.00,
 114% of our total goal of \$17,400.00

"Peace is that deep, interior stillness that tells you that no matter what kind of catastrophe might be happening in your life or in the world, everything is going to be ok."

DR. GREGORY BOTTARO
The Mindful Catholic

