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More Catholic Trivia

- 1) **Is it fitting that Christ's Body and Blood become present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine?** -- Yes, for this way of being present corresponds perfectly to the sacramental celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus Christ gives himself to us in a form that employs the symbolism inherent in eating bread and drinking wine. Furthermore, being present under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives himself to us in a form that is appropriate for human eating and drinking. Also, this kind of presence corresponds to the virtue of faith, for the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ cannot be detected or discerned by any way other than faith. That is why St. Bonaventure affirmed: "There is no difficulty over Christ's being present in the sacrament as in a sign; the great difficulty is in the fact that He is really in the sacrament, as He is in heaven. And so, believing this is especially meritorious" on the authority of God who reveals himself to us, by faith we believe that which cannot be grasped by our human faculties.
- 2) **Are the consecrated bread and wine "merely symbols"?** – In everyday language, we call a "symbol" something that points beyond itself to something else, often to several other realities at once. The transformed bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ are not merely symbols because they truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. As St. John Damascene wrote: "The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ – By no means! – but the actual deified body of the Lord, because the Lord Himself said: 'This is my body; not a foreshadowing of my body but my body,' and not a foreshadowing of my blood' but my blood". At the same time, however, it is important to recognize that the Body and Blood of Christ come to us in the Eucharist in a sacramental form. In other words, Christ is present under the appearance of bread and wine, not in his own proper form. We cannot presume to know all the reasons behind God's actions. God uses, however, the symbolism inherent in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine at the natural level to illuminate the meaning of what is being accomplished in the Eucharist through Jesus Christ. There are various ways in which the symbolism of eating bread and drinking wine discloses the meaning of the Eucharist. For example, just as natural food gives nourishment to the body, so the eucharistic food gives spiritual nourishment.

March 29, 2020: 5th Sunday Lent, 2020

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 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: Every

Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngandbay@gmail.com



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 37:12–14; Psalm 130:1–8; Romans 8:8–11; John 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

THE CRESCENDO OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

The Gospel readings of the past several weeks form a sort of "crescendo" as they build in intensity toward the capstone of our Lenten season: Holy Week. Jesus tells the woman at the well the secrets of her life, secrets he could not, should not have known, and promises her the never-ending salvation of his living waters. The man blind from birth has light restored to his eyes, as Jesus the Light from Light overcomes the man's ailment as a sign of removing the sin that those around him believed was in him. Today Jesus answers Martha's critique of his late arrival by informing her that Lazarus has died for the same reason the man had been born blind: that God might be given glory for being the light and life of the world. We have been following the road to Jesus' destiny that John's Gospel has been tracing for us: to the place where the Father would be given the ultimate glory in his passion, death, and resurrection.



Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, 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:

Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church,

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.

Known Birthdays for April

4th: Bobbie Poiroux 23rd: Michael Bray
 7th: Michael Kirchoff 24th: Caroline Moser
 9th: Brandon Cauley 25th: Michael Leahy
 10th: Avery Schmierer 25th: Bailee McCall
 11th: Kristen McCall 26th: Cameron Schilling
 11th: Mary Holland 26th: Deacon Graham
 19th: Abbi Stringfellow 27th: Gennie Garrett
 19th: Thomas Reed 28th: Martha Delmas
 20th: Aaron Poiroux 29th: Deborah Sema
 20th: Jay Ramsay 30th: Ruth Riddick
 20th: Katherine Poiroux 30th: Kyle McBride
 20th: Colleen Gray

Known Anniversaries for April

1st: Veronica & Reggie Stewart
 7th: Mildred & Joe Smith also Julia & David Schmierer
 23rd: Kathie & Steve Sema
 29th: Ann & Jim Jackson also Autumn & Scotty Bowden

Upcoming Parish Events.

March 29th: Mass broadcast live at 10 am via Facebook from St. John the Baptist.
April 5th: Mass broadcast live at 10 am via Facebook from St. John the Baptist.
April 8th: Penance Service, time TBD
April 9th: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 pm
April 10th: Good Friday Celebration, Stations of the Cross at 3 pm, the Lord's Passion, 6:30 pm.
April 11th: Easter Vigil for Holy Saturday at 7:30 pm (Sunset)
April 12th: Easter Sunday Mass during the day, 10 am
May 20th: Faith Formation Retreat

Private Mass will continue for intentions

Week of Mar. 31 – April 3

31st: Deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema
 1st, 2nd & 3rd: Ruth Miller Poplawski, John Poplawski, Alfred Miller & Helena Starr by Ruth Reddick and deceased relatives of Kathie & Steve Sema, Jr.

Week of April 7 – 10

No Masses as this is Holy Week

Week of April 14 – 17

Ruth Schaffer, Mary Todd Kirby, Tim Kerby, Matthew Barron & John F. Schaffer by Kris & Bill Schaffer

Week of April 21 – 24

Wilhelmena Boswell, Naomi Williams and Vern Sullivan by Rita Sullivan.

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Stewardship for March 22nd:

Regular: \$1,360.00

Catholic Charities

As of today, we are at \$21,670.00 in our Catholic Charities Campaign which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

LIVING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

Sometimes we need Jesus to walk that same sort of road with us. We need him to see into our hearts and pry open for us those secrets that we try to keep from ourselves, from others, and from God. We think that a life situation, illness, or ailment is somehow a retribution for some wrong that we have done, and we must seek Jesus Christ to take us past that moment into a place of healing. And when death itself enters or touches our lives somehow, we are called upon to place our ultimate trust and faith in Jesus Christ alone. He can take our chiding for not making our lives tribulation-free; but beyond that he can weep with us as he wept at the tomb of Lazarus. He can be with us in the most woeful times of darkness and death and transform them into God's glorious day of resurrected new life, for he died our very human death. When we—as Thomas says today—"go to die with him," filled with faith that he is Resurrection and Life, then we also—as we hear in the Letter to the Romans—will live and reign with him in everlasting glory.

CRE Schedule for March & April 2020

Sunday, Mar. 29: No Class – Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 05: No Class, Spring Break Week
Sunday, Apr. 12: No Class, Easter Sunday
Sunday, Apr. 19: Class, First Holy Communion Family Retreat (8:45 am till 12 PM).
Sunday, Apr. 26: Class/Practice for First Communion
Sunday, May 03: Last Day of Classes / First Communion
Sunday, May 10: No Classes, Mother's Day
End of Year Celebration to be announced at a later date.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place March 31, 2020 and will be filmed here at St. John the Baptist. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Sherwin will be the Celebrant.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Announcements for Week of March 21, 2020

- 1) Homebound Mass Schedule:** The Homebound Mass for the next four Sundays, March 29th, April 5th, 12th & 19th are being filmed at St. John the Baptist so it will be like going to Mass in our home parish. Broadcast are at 10:30 am on WJTC (an NBC Channel) in the Mobile area. Remember that we are streaming live every Sunday at 10 am from St. Johns' on Facebook. So if you want to view the Mass "Live" then tune in to Facebook at 10 am on Sundays. In Montgomery, the homebound Masses are broadcast on Spectrum Cable channel 180 and in Dothan on Spectrum Cable channel 304 and WOW Cable channel 6. Archangel Radio Mass broadcast is at 7 pm daily. EWTN TV broadcast Mass daily at 7 am, 11 am, and 6 pm.
- 2) Be sure to join us on Facebook for the Holy Week** celebration of the season of the Triduum. Starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 9th, we will celebrate "The Mass of the Lord's Supper". Starting at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 10th we will celebrate Good Friday, the "Celebration of the Lord's Passion" and we will close our the celebration of the season of the Triduum on Holy Saturday, April 11th, at 7:30 pm as we celebrate the "Holy Saturday Easter Vigil".
- 3) The church is open** Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am till 12 am, for individuals to come and pray. You can also go to "Confession" during that time if you contact Father in advance. If you wish to go to confession at another time due to reasons such as work, you can also contact Father, by **phone call or text, at 334-560-4192**. You need to be allowed the opportunity to come and pray in front of the blessed sacrament, but we do ask that you honor the restrictions of ten or less and keeping a safe distant.
- 4) Known Birthdays:** Mar. 29th: Joe Smith, 30th: Matt Cauley, April 4th: Bobbie Poiroux, **known Anniversaries this week:** 1st: Veronica & Reggie Stewart

We live in a society that has read about trying times in the history of the world, but we are a society that has never had to face a situation like this before. We are having to face an unseen enemy that has brought our world to its knees. While we need to continue to pray that God will show us a way out, we need to also pray the we will start appreciating our world and the lives we have and most importantly the family that we have. Let us stop taking things for granted and start appreciating all the good that God has given us. We may have developed all these nice toys that make our lives better but, it was through God's gift of knowledge that we were able to invent them.