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More Catholic Trivia

Question 1: Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense? First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine. Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head. This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Mystical Body of Christ and the eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ. The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist' the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see and receive what you are". In another sermon he says, "If you receive worthily, you are what you have received. The work of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Eucharist is twofold in a way that corresponds to the twofold meaning of: Body of Christ." On the one hand, it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the risen Christ and his act of sacrifice become present. In the eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. On the other hand, at the same time the priest also asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the whole assembly so that "those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit". It is through the Holy Spirit that the gift of the eucharistic Body of Christ comes to us and through the Holy Spirit that we are joined to Christ and each other as the Mystical Body of Christ. By this we can see that the celebration of the Eucharist does not just unite us to God as individuals who are isolated from one another. Rather, we are united to Christ together with all the other members of the Mystical Body. The celebration of the Eucharist should thus increase our love for one another and remind us of our responsibilities toward one another. Furthermore, as members of the Mystical Body, we have a duty to represent Christ and to try to bring Christ to the world. We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Christ not only by our words but also by how we live our lives. We also have responsibility to work against all the forces in our world that oppose the Gospel, including all forms of injustice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren".



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April 26, 2020: 3rd Sunday Of Easter

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 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.

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Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21;

Luke 24:13-35

AND IT HAPPENED THAT . . .

The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.



Maurice Dupont, Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, 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 Kloechnener, 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:

Ida Clark, 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

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

Known Anniversaries for February

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

Upcoming Parish Events

Wednesday April 22nd: Morning prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass streaming at 8 am.

Sunday April 26th: Mass streaming at 10 am.

Wednesday April 29th: Morning prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass streaming at 8 am.

Sunday May 3rd: Mass streaming at 10 am.

Wednesday May 6th: Morning prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass streaming at 8 am.

Wednesday May 20th: Faith Formation Retreat

Wednesday June 24th: Healing Mass (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

Wednesday August 19th: Faith Formation Retreat

Private Mass will continue for intentions

Week of April 21-24

Wilhelmena Boswell, Naomi Williams & Vern Sullivan by Rita Sullivan

Week of April 28 – May 1

April 28 & 29 – Deceased relatives/friends of Sylvia Gray
April 30 & May 1 – Deceased family members of Betty Gunter

Week of May 5-8

May 5 & 6 – Deceased relatives/friends of Colleen Gray
May 7 & 8 – Deceased relatives/friends of the Switzer & Weber families by Maria Switzer

Week of May 12-15

May 12 & 13 – Deceased relatives/friends of Linda and Deacon Graham
May 14 & 15 – Deceased relatives/friends of Jennifer and Joey Schilling

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 April 19th:

Regular: \$1,470.00

Maintenance Fund \$330.00

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

THE GRANDEST MIRACLE OF THEM ALL

Today we hear the story of “doubting Thomas,” who announces that he will not believe that Jesus has risen until he sees it all for himself. Over the years, on this particular Sunday, we have probably heard that we are very much like Thomas, not truly believing until we see things for ourselves. Each week when we gather around the altar, we are given a chance to see and taste the very presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do our hearts race as we turn the corner of the liturgy when we prepare to pray the Eucharistic Prayer? We are called to come to church each and every week to expect a miracle. And that miracle far surpasses any natural wonder we will ever see. For here we are given a glimpse, not of a Grand Canyon or any other natural wonder, but of the very kingdom of God. Let any doubts melt away and be replaced by hopeful anticipation of encountering the Lord each and every week.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at St. Maurice in Brewton on May 5, 2020. Mass time will be 11:00 am and Father Pat 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 April 25, 2020

- The Parish would like to thank** all of you for your generosity in the midst of this pandemic. Our total stewardship for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th, was \$1,470.00 for the general fund and we had \$330.00 for the Maintenance Fund. Your generous contributions to support the mission and ministries of St. John the Baptist Parish has always been greatly appreciated. Your stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for all that God has done for you and your loved ones. During the Coronavirus pandemic, we cannot be physically together to celebrate the Holy Mass, but we can still make a gift of ourselves by continuing to support our parish by online giving or through the US mail. No gift is too small or insignificant. Since the beginning of this pandemic, you, our parish family members have given \$14,201.00 in support of our parish and we ask that God may Bless you for your current and your continued support of our parish.
- Come pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament:** The church is open Monday thru Wednesday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm and Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, to allow parishioners the opportunity to come and pray before the Lord.
- Known Birthdays:** 25th: Michael Leahy, Bailee McCall, 26th: Cameron Schilling, Deacon Graham, 27th: Gennie Garrett, 28th: Martha Delmas, 29th: Deborah Sema, 30th: Ruth Riddick, Kyle McBride, 1st: Dr. Reggie Stewart, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 29: Ann & Jim Jackson and Autumn & Scotty Bowden.

Catholic Trivia Continued

Question 2: Why do we call the presence of Christ in the Eucharist a “mystery”? The word “mystery” is commonly used to refer to something that escapes the full comprehension of the human mind. In the Bible, however, the word has a deeper and more specific meaning, for it refers to aspects of God’s plan of salvation for humanity, which has already begun but will be completed only with the end of time. In ancient Israel, through the Holy Spirit God revealed to the prophets some of the secrets of what he was going to accomplish for the salvation of his people (cf. Am 3:7; Is 21:28; Dan 2-27-45). Likewise, through the preaching and teaching of Jesus, the mystery of “the Kingdom of God” was being revealed to his disciples (Mk 4:11-12). St. Paul explained that the mysteries of God may challenge our human understanding or may even seem to be foolishness, but their meaning is revealed to the People of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (cf. 1Cor 1:18-25, 2:6-10; Rom 16:25-27; Rev 10:7). The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God’s plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God’s plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding (cf. Jn 6:60-66). For example, even the disciples did not at first understand that it was necessary for the Messiah to be put to death and then to rise from the dead (cf. Mk 8:31-33, 9:31-32, 10:32-34, Mt 16:21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19, Lk 9:22, 9:43-45, 18:31-34). Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding, but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God’s revelation.