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More Catholic Trivia

- 1) If a believer who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?** Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin effects the relationship between an individual and the Lord. Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church – that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and can even destroy that relationship, the sacrament of Penance can restore it. St. Paul tells us that “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer to the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup” (1Cor 11:27-28). Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should be reconciled through the sacrament of Penance before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that “arises from a love by which God is loved above all else” (Catechism, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.
- 2) Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?** Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood. Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 32)

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April 19, 2020: 2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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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.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com



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Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

A GRAND EXPERIENCE

Ever since I was a child I have marveled at photos of the Grand Canyon in geography and travel books. The sheer size of this natural wonder, with its many strata of brilliant colors, always made me want to see this great place in person. A few years ago, while vacationing in Arizona, a day trip to the Grand Canyon became part of the itinerary. I will never forget that very early morning as we drove into the area. My heart was racing as we turned each corner, wondering if the glimpse around the next corner would reveal the wonder I had so long dreamed to see. As with most visitors to the Grand Canyon, my hopes were more than fulfilled. The images of the canyon, seen in real life, are branded on my memory and imagination forever. No matter how many times I describe my experience to people who have never visited this awesome place, I know that my words will never substitute for their actually seeing it for themselves.



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

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

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday April 19th: Mass streaming at 10 am.

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

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 12th:

Regular: \$4,961.00
Holy Land \$60.00 -- Maintenance Fund \$145.00
Easter Offering \$105.00

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. Thomas in Chickasaw on April 21, 2020. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier 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 18, 2020

- 1) Attached to this bulletin is a “Prayer Booklet with the Novena for the ‘Healing of our Hearts and Home’.” We will say this prayer together at the end of Mass, just before Father extends us his blessing. Please have your rosary beads available so that we may pray this Novena together.
- 2) **The Parish would like to thank** all of you for your generosity in the midst of this pandemic. Our total stewardship for Easter Sunday, April 12th, was \$4,961.00 for the general fund and we had \$145.00 for the Building Fund, \$60.00 for the Holy Land and \$105.00 for the Easter flower fund.
- 3) **Come pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament:** The church is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, to allow parishioners the opportunity to come and pray before the Lord.
- 4) **Services are streamed** every Wednesday at 8:00 am and every Sunday at 10:00 am. For volunteers that want to read during these services please contact Carol Voss at 262-902-4709 or Deacon Graham at 251-605-5972.
- 5) **We miss you all** and look forward to the day when we will be able to celebrate Public Mass again as one family in our home here at St. Johns.
- 6) **Known Birthdays:** 19th: Thomas Reed, Abbi Stringfellow, 20th: Jay Ramsay, Katherine Poiroux, Aaron Poiroux, Colleen Gray, 23rd: Michael Bray, 24th: Caroline Moser, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 23rd: Kathie & Steve Sema, Jr.

Catholic Trivia Continued

3) Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament? Yes. Christ is present during the Eucharist in various ways. According to the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Christ is present in his Word “since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church.” He is also present in the assembled people as they pray and sing, “for he has promised ‘where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them’ (Mt 18:20)” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 7). Furthermore, he is likewise present in other sacraments, for example, “when anybody baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes” (ibid.) We speak of the presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine as “real” in order to emphasize the special nature of that presence. What appears to be bread and wine is in its very substance the Body and Blood of Christ. The entire Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity. While the other ways in which Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist are certainly not unreal, this way surpasses the others. “This presence is called ‘real’ not to exclude the idea that the others are ‘real’ too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and Man” (Mysterium Fidei, no. 39).