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Catholic Trivia for this week

Qt. 1) How many sacraments are there and what are they called? Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven of them: Baptism, Confirmation (or Chrismation), the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life. (CCC 1210)

Qt. 2) What are the sacraments of Christian Initiation and what do they do? The sacraments of Christian initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." (CCC 1212)

Qt. 3) Which sacrament is the basis for the whole of Christian Life? Holy Baptism is the basis for the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are free from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word." (CCC 1213)

Qt. 4) Why is this sacrament called "Baptism"? This sacrament is called "Baptism", after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature." (CCC 1214)

Qt. 5) What are other names that this sacrament is called and why? This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit: for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God." "This bath is called "enlightenment" because those who receive this instruction are enlightened in their understanding. Having received in Baptism the Word, "the true light that enlightens every man," the person baptized has been enlightened," he becomes a "son of light," indeed, he becomes "light" himself. (CCC 1214,1215, 1216)

Note: CCC stands for the Catechism of the Catholic Church



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May 03, 2020: 4th 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

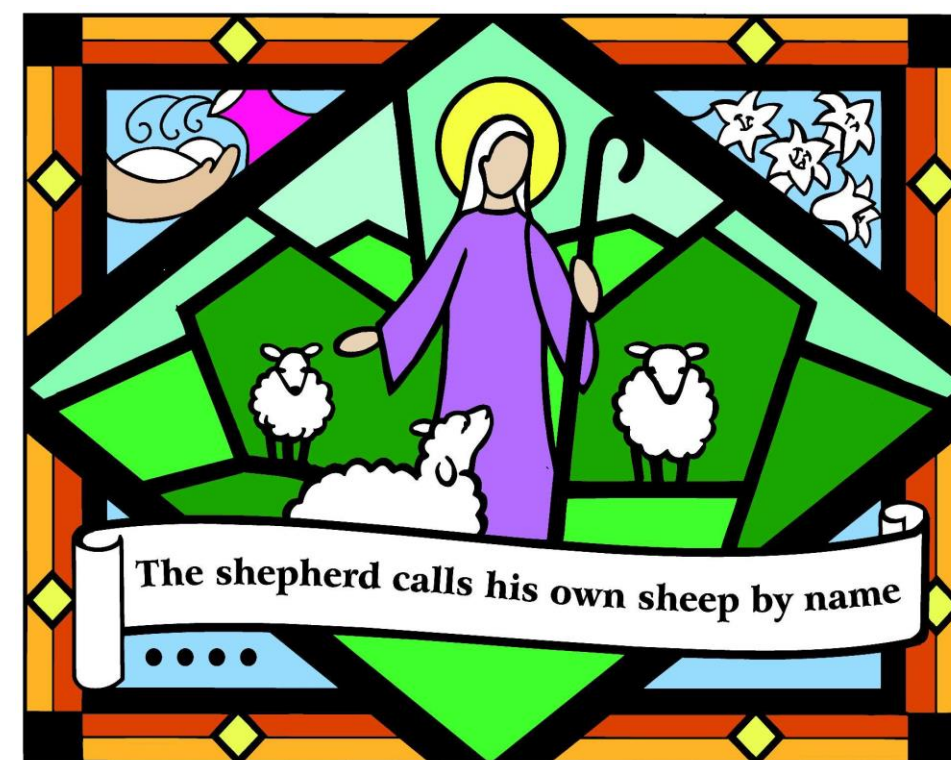
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 23:1–6; 1 Peter 2:20b–25; John 10:1–10

THAT'S NOT ME

I will never forget my very first day of school. In those days, class sizes in Catholic grammar schools were quite large; my first grade class had fifty-two students. Our teacher made large name tags for each of us to wear that first day. Unfortunately, my name tag read "Edward Gallagher." This is not my name. When I saw this, I tried to protest, "Sister, that's not my . . ." She immediately responded, "Now, Edward, there will be no talking back to Sister." I tried again, "But Sister . . ." Her hands more than full with fifty-two of us, there apparently just wasn't time for this conversation. So, I went through my first day of school named someone I was not. I will never forget my mother's face as she stood on the front porch ready to welcome her first-born son home from his first day of school. She took one look at "Edward Gallagher," frowned, and immediately went to the phone to straighten things out with the school.

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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 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:

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 May 2020

01st: Reggie Stewart	17th: Elizabeth Ramsay
03rd: Carol Tate	17th: Joshua Jamero
05th: Raymond Fonteot	18th: Christina Kirchoff
06th: Laura Davis	18th: Daryl Kirchoff
07th: Mary-Kathryn Ladnier	19th: Greg Teofilo
10th: Charles Krause	20th: John-Michael Ladnier
10th: Higinio Sanchez	22nd: Emily Riley
15th: Lynn Consention	26th: Lynn Goodwin
16th: Rudy Rel	29th: Forrest Bourgeois
16th: Amanda Oliver	

Known Anniversaries for May 2020

14th: Emily and Don Riley
21st: Christy and Robert Brown
21st: Melinda and Terry LaMay

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday May 3rd: Mass streaming at 10 am.
Wednesday May 6th: Morning prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass streaming at 8 am.
Sunday May 10th: Mass streaming at 10 am
Wednesday May 13th: Morning prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass streaming at 8 am.
Sunday May 17th: Mass streaming at 10 am.
Wednesday May 20th: 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 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

Week of May 19-22

May 19, 20, 21 & 22 -- Deceased relatives/friends of Edith Thomas

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 26th:

Regular: \$2,334.00

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

CALLED BY NAME

This early life experience taught me much about the value and importance of my name. In today's Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus tell his followers that sheep learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger's voice. In the Rite of Baptism, the very first question put to the parents is, "What name do you give your child?" And just before the words "I baptize you . . ." the priest or deacon calls the one to be baptized by name. In a sense, we learn to hear our name called by God from the moment of our rebirth in the waters of baptism. This is the root of all vocational calls, whether to marriage, holy orders, or the consecrated life. On a day when we remember that Jesus is our caring shepherd, let us listen once again to the Lord calling us each by name into loving service.

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.

Why I should not take communion and head out the door!

Communion Is About Communing: When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.

Mass Is Not an Activity on a To-Do List: Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.

The Final Blessing Is Important: On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense. When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel's message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home "very disappointed." Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you wait for it?

Announcements for Week of May 2, 2020

- 1) The Parish would like to thank** all of you for your generosity in the midst of this pandemic. Our total stewardship for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26th, was \$2,334.00
- 2) 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. If you would like to receive the sacrament of Penance, please contact Father Sherwin and schedule a time.
- 3) On-Line Giving:** The parish is setting up on-line giving through our website, stjohnggrandbay.org. We are in the process of setting this up with hopes that it will be ready for next week. You can go to our website and click on "on-line giving", then you will be walked through the set-up.
- 4) For those who have not noticed,** we have a Catholic Trivia section on page four of the bulletin. It has been running for about 2 months now. If you have not noticed, please take the time to read and refresh your memory about your faith. As an athlete wants to be coached to become the best, he/she can, we as Catholics' should want to be coached also, so that we can be the best catholic that we can.
- 5) Known Birthdays:** 3rd: Carol Tate, 5th: Raymond Fonteot, 6th: Laura Davis, 7th: Mary-Kathryn Ladnier, 10th: Charles Krause, Higinio Sanchez, No **Known Anniversaries this week:**