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Take the Son

Take my Son....A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam-conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art. The young man held out this package. I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this. The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.' The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home; he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture? There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, 'We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.' But the auctioneer persisted. 'Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200. Another voice said angrily. 'We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the Real bids!' But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?' Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give \$10 for the painting.' Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. 'We have \$10, who will bid \$20?' 'Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters.' The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. 'Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!' A man sitting on the second row shouted, 'Now let's get on with the collection!' The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.' 'What about the paintings?' 'I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!' God gave His son over 2,000 years ago to die on the Cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: 'The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?' Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything! FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE... THAT'S LOVE! God Bless.



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November 01, 2020: All Saints Day

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M

Wednesday 8:00 A.M

Thursday 8:00 A.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: 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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All Saints

Today's Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

THE LAST THINGS

No one really likes to think about the last of anything, particularly the last days of our lives. Yet there is a side to our nature that is drawn to thoughts of the end of life at this time of the year. We're beginning the last month of the church year and the second to last month of the calendar year. Night falls earlier and earlier each day. Leaves fall from the trees, leaving branches that look dead. Skies are gray. It is November.

The Church uses these waning days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Nicene Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting!" And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise.



Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, 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, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheiner, 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: Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman

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 Bailev.

Known Birthdays for November 2020

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| 2nd: Jade Pagala | 16th: Clarence Thompson |
| 3rd: Scotty Bowden | 16th: Craig Switzer |
| 4th: Taylor Schilling | 17th: Debbie Lewis |
| 6th: Quintin Smeriglio | 17th: Kris Schaffer |
| 10th: Wyatt Medders | 17th: Victoria Fonteot |
| 10th: Kennedy Bridges | 18th: Roberta Robison |
| 12th: Michael Ladnier | 18th: Tony DeAngelo |
| 13th: Larry Davis | 22nd: Timothy Moser |
| 14th: Kathryn Bridges | 25th: Avis Garret |
| 14th: Father Sherwin | 27th: Lyman Ramsay |
| 14th: Stephen Ray Scott | 30th: Glenda Poiroux |

Known Anniversaries for November 2020

- 2nd:** Rhonda and Steve Cauley
- 20th:** Theresa and Tony DeAngelo
- 21st:** Sandi and Keith Reynolds

Golden Group News

The Golden Group has a limited number of Joy Boxes available in the church hall this weekend. Please take one fill with supplies suggested on the display along with \$9.00 (checks only) to cover the shipping as directed on the envelopes inside each box and return by November 8th. In this year of challenge we are grateful that we can in small way bless children with a Joy Box this season.

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. 3 thru 6

Nov. 3, 4, 5 & 6 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of John Ramsay.

Week of Nov. 10 thru 13

Nov. 10, 11, 12 & 13 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Evelyn Robison by Kathie Sema and for the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson.

Week of Nov. 17 thru 20

Nov. 17, 19 & 20 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer.

Week of Nov. 24 thru 27

Nov. 24, 25, 26 & 27 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kris and Bill Schaffer

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.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, November 7 & 8:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 7th, Steve Sema, Jr.
10:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 8th, Carol Voss
 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.ocm.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

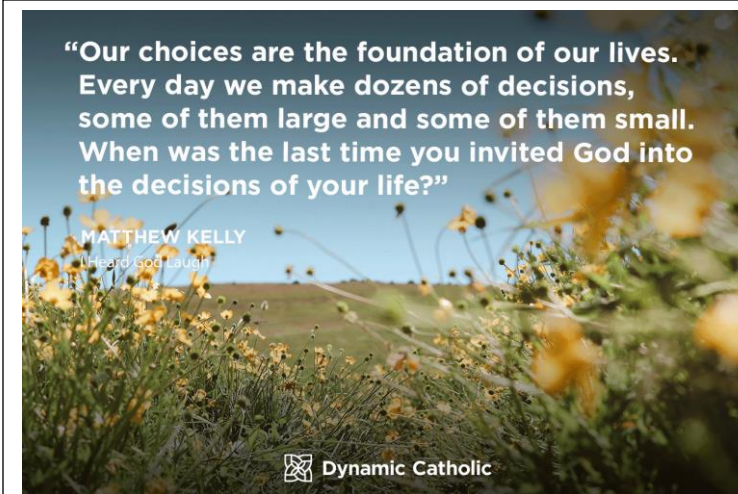
The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

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.



Cute One-Liners

- 1) God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- 2) God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'
- 3) God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- 4) He who angers you, controls you!
- 5) If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!
- 6) Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!
- 7) The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Announcements for Week of October 31, 2020

- 1) **The Catholic Maritime Ministry** is taking donations for the Christmas "Bag" program. Please see the box and information sheets in the church hall for details.
- 2) **Special Mass** for "All Souls Day" will be celebrated at 6:00 pm, Monday November 2nd. Bring your All Souls Day envelope so Masses for your deceased loved ones can be scheduled during the coming year. If you have a special date please note that date and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- 3) **Special Thanks** to Archbishop Rodi for celebrating the Confirmation Mass and confirming our students.
- 4) **Special Thanks** to Stan Heine and Robert Brown for cleaning up after the Storm.
- 5) **Joy Boxes** are available this year for anyone who is interested in filling and sending one. See the information under the "Golden Group on page 2 of this weeks' bulletin.
- 6) **Father Sherwin** will be on vacation from November 14th through December 14th, 2020.
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 2nd: Jade Pagala, 3rd: Scotty Bowden, 4th: Taylor Schilling, 6th: Quintin Smeriglio, **Known Anniversaries:** 2nd: Rhonda and Steve Cauley

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of October 25th: General Fund: \$1,587.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

October 2020: \$325.45

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)
Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

THE BLESSED

Then, in the Gospel, we read Jesus' formula for saint making. "You will be blessed," we are told: blessed if we are poor in spirit, sorrowing, lowly, hungry for holiness, merciful, single hearted, peacemakers, and persecuted. Matthew's words in this Gospel point us directly back to the first reading. "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.