



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Saint Terence Mission

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Masses

Anticipated Mass: Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM (@ St. Terence)
10:00 AM (with Children's Liturgy)
Tuesdays: 5:00 PM
Wednesday—Friday: 8:00 AM
First Saturdays: 8AM

Las Lecturas de Hoy

16 Diciembre

Sofonias 3: 14-18

Salmo 12


Filipenses 4: 4-7

San Lucas 3: 10-18

Misa en espanol el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM

Prayer List: Pat & Elaine Martinez, Brenda DeVaney, Samuel Bruce Procell, Timothy D. Rivers, Glenda Rogers, Bessie Mowad, Fr Ken Williams, Flavia Pratt, Debbie Rutherford, Benny Rivers, Madison Richards, Brenley Parker, Dawn Sinitiere, Clairiste Byles, Sr., Bill Andries, Shirley Funderburk, Vivian Halleck, Rufus Shuff, Jennifer Heath Moore, Skyler Easterling, Alydia Starks, Wayne Ebarb, Bonnie Bass Self, Ronnie Chamberlin, Gabe Killingsworth, Seth Freeman, Phillip Killingsworth, Jack Remedies, Jr., Callie Johnson, Peggy Maricelli, Sue Beard, Paul McCormic, Shayna Tilley, Bennet King, Melanie Hernandez, Sovatta Sweet, Joy Rodrigues, Vicki Martin, Jimmie Phillip, Sidney Jacobs, Tammy Picard, Diane Reaux, Marie Adams, Kathryn McCormick, Jeff Leach, Brad McCoy, Margie Remedies, Frances Sepulvado, Jackie Miller, Sam A Rivers, Jr., Hosea Lewing, Summer Jordan, Sherman Salter, Annie Gamble, Kacen Sepulvado, Myla Leblanc, Layken Johnson, Cassie Briers, Patrick Hale, Lloyd Ford, John Restavich, Jane Rogers and Danny Seegers

 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held at St. John's on Wednesdays from **8:30AM to 7PM**. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction begin at **6:30PM**. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet are held at St. Terence each Friday at **3PM**

 *The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. John the Baptist in loving memory of Irene Gandy and at Saint Terence in loving memory of Sue Warrick*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12/15/2018

4:00PM 1. +Delores Springer
2. +Eunice & Chris Ebarb
3. *Ronnie Chamberlin (SI)*
4. +Melanie Lee
5. +Missy Rivers

Sunday, 12/16/2018

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. +Loretta Molero
3. +Burnell, Mark & Bradley Domingue
10:00AM 1. + Deceased Members of the Thomas and Sandy Nguyen Family
2. +Billy Ezernack
3. +Raymond Remedies
4. +Philip Frilot
5. *Glenda Rogers (SI)*
6. *Ronnie Chamberlin (SI)*
7. +Missy Rivers
8. *Special Intention*

Tuesday, 12/18/2018

5:00PM 1. + Prude & Janie Remides

Wednesday, 12/19/2018

8:00AM 1. +Irene Ponselle

Thursday, 12/20/2018

8:00AM 1. +Melanie Lee

Friday, 12/21/2018

8:00AM 1. + Deceased Members of the Thomas and Sandy Nguyen Family

Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Tuesdays, 6:00PM
Parish School of Religion, Wednesdays, 5:30PM, Sept. to May.

Ministries and Organizations

Please visit our website or call the church office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

At St. John's each Wednesday, 8:30AM to 6:30PM; Sept. – May

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Everyone is invited to join us in the recitation of the holy rosary before weekend masses: Saturdays, 3:30 PM at St. John's, Sundays, 7:30 AM at St. Terence and 9:30 AM at St. John's.

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 pm at St. John; Sunday: 7:15-7:45AM at St. Terence; Seasonal Penance Services; and, by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the church office.

Parish Support
(Thank you for your generosity!)
Weekend of December 8-9, 2018

St John	\$ 3840.00	Attendance: 245
St Terence	\$ 1346.00	Attendance 213

Adoration Notes

~This Wednesday, December 19th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will end at noon.

~There will be no Adoration on **December 26th** nor **January 2nd**. Adoration will resume on **Wednesday, January 9th**.



~This Week~

Sun, Dec. 16th Youth Christmas Party, **4:30PM**

Tues, Dec. 18th RCIA, **6PM**

Wed, Dec 19th, Adoration, **8:30AM-12Noon**
Bible Study, **9:30AM & 7PM**
CCD, **5:30PM**
Rosary Presentation, **6:30PM**

Thurs, Dec 20th Choir rehearsal, **6PM**

Christmas Cards For Sale

The Youth Group Gift Shop has bundles of St. John Christmas Cards on sale in the back of the church for \$1.00 per bundle.

Youth Group Party

There will be a youth group Christmas party at the home of Melissa McElwee this Sunday, **December 16th**, from **4:00-6:30PM**. There will be no youth group meeting next Sunday, **December 23rd**.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, December 22nd, 4PM (St John)	Matthew Couvillion	Clauriste Byles Karen Sepulvado Shirley Veuleman	Paul McCormic Juan Plascencia	Terry DeLatin Johnny Mowad Dakota Rivers Michael Springer
Sunday, Dec. 23rd, 8AM (St Terence)	Jan Collins	Chris Moran Jeanette Polson Buddy Polson		Earl Anderson Rufus Shuff
Sunday, Dec. 23rd, 10AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	Kayla Hataway Gwen Koss	Marion Koss Braxton Koss Xyler Koss	George Koss Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell Marion Koss

Christmas Mass Schedule



**December 24th, Vigil Mass, 4PM
Midnight Mass**

**December 25th St Terence, 8AM
St John, 10AM**

*At the **4PM Vigil Mass**, the children will present the "Living Nativity."

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st, Vigil Mass, 6PM

January 1st, St Terence, 12 Noon

Many Christmas Parade

St John the Baptist will have an entry in the Many Christmas Parade which will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 22nd at 3PM**. We are asking our children to participate and dress in camo. Donations of candy and beads are appreciated. For more information, contact Jean Rains.



Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on **December 24th through January 1st** to concur with the Catholic Center closings for the Christmas holidays. The office will reopen at 8AM on **Wednesday, January 2nd**.

Advent Daybreaks Available

Copies of the booklet, *Advent Daybreaks*, daily meditations for Advent, are located in the back of the church. Feel free to pick one up.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society plans to provide Christmas meals for the needy in our church parish and community. If you would like to sponsor a family, the donation amount is **\$35.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

Keepsake Ornaments

Last year, we were honored by the Diocese of Shreveport to have our church chosen for the design for the Diocesan Christmas ornament. We have 5 remaining 3D, colorful ornaments that feature our beautiful church, St John the Baptist. The ornaments are on a first come, first-serve basis for \$40 each. We will not be able to order additional ones. Proceeds will be used to fund church repairs. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament, please contact the church office.



Rosary Presentation



The Presentation on the Holy Rosary will be this Wednesday, **December 19th at 6:30PM** in the church. Please join us for this beautiful presentation as we prepare for the birth of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Special envelopes for Christmas offerings can be found in the pews and in the back of the church. As you know, we have many repairs currently in progress in the church and school. Please consider a gift to help with these efforts. God bless you for our generosity.

Contribution Envelopes 2019

If you are currently not receiving church contribution envelopes and would like to, please contact the church office. Envelopes will be available for pickup soon. If you would like a statement for income tax purposes, please use the contribution envelopes. There is no charge for these.

**Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
and
Saint Terence Mission**

Celebrate World Marriage Day



Special Recognition for Couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. or 45+ years in 2019

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Please call the office with your information (name, anniversary date, church of marriage, city and state)

By Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mardi Gras Mass at St. Pius X Parish

Join St. Pius X Parish for their annual Mardi Gras Mass. All are welcome. Mass is Saturday, **January 5th, at 9AM.** This year's Mass will be in honor of Msgr.



Carson LaCaze. Celebrating the Mass will be Msgr. Earl Provenza, Fr. Joe Martina, Fr. Karl Daigle and Fr. Charles Glorioso. Following Mass, king cake and coffee will be served in the St. Pius community Hall.

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KENYA



(Note: By request, Fr. Francis has written a short history of the Catholic Church in Kenya and the beginnings of his home church in the Diocese of Nakuru).

The Catholic faith was first brought to the coastal cities of Mombasa and Malindi in 1498 by the Portuguese explorers but was short-lived due to animosity by both the locals and Moslems. It is estimated that about 4,000 Christians were martyred along with the Missionaries, both Augustinians and Franciscans. They were unable to penetrate the interior

due to lions (man-eaters of Tsavo) and the hostile natives.

In 1884-85, the Continent of Africa was partitioned into 54 countries by the Berlin Conference. This was followed by an influx of both Colonizers and Missionaries of different churches. Among them, the Holy Ghost Fathers from France who arrived in Nairobi in 1899, the Consolata Fathers from Italy in 1902 and the Mill Hill Fathers who were English and Dutch in 1903.

My father, Mr. Lawrence Kamau, who was born in 1926, was baptized by the Consolata Fathers as a boy. At the age of 21, he migrated to another part of Kenya where he established a Catholic church and school. That was in 1949. He married my mother, Mary Wanjiku, in 1952 and they migrated to our current location where they established a second Catholic church and school in 1954. After gathering and catechizing the first followers, they went in search of a priest and when they found one, he came and baptized those who were ready. That is how my current home church got started. It is the only church in the entire diocese of Nakuru to have been founded by a lay person.




Mary Wanjiku



Lawrence Kamau

In 2008, it was promoted to a parish and given the name "All Saints" with six mission churches and by the year 2012, had a population of more than 2000 members. Currently, we are raising funds to build a seventh mission church. On their 60th wedding anniversary in 2012, my parents donated part of our property for the construction of a youth center for a group that I co-founded forty years ago. The youth center will serve as a resource and empowerment center for the church and local youths to train them in different skills and trades. It is a very exciting time for the Catholic church in Kenya which is experiencing tremendous growth. "Long live the Catholic Church!"

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St Terence Christmas Flowers

Saint Terence Mission is now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. Donations of any amount are welcome. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Mrs. Jeanette Polson or Mrs. Glenda Shuff.

Youth Group Gift Shop

Need Christmas gifts? The Youth Group Gift Shop is set up in the school building for your shopping pleasure. Come and browse our selection of religious items. If there is something special you are looking for, contact Jean Rains. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Protecting God's Children

Session is scheduled for the following dates:

January 9, 2019

At the Catholic Center

All employees and volunteers who work with or are responsible for children, who have not yet done so, are required to attend. Call 868-4441 to register.



Memorial Gala Honoring Msgr. Carson LaCaze

The Diocese of Shreveport and the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans are hosting a Memorial Gala in honor of Msgr. Carson LaCaze on Saturday, February 16th, in the Cathedral's Multi-Room. As part of this event, there will be both silent and live auctions of Msgr. LaCaze's collections, donated by his family. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Diocesan Retired Priests' Fund. Tickets are \$50 and include a buffet dinner of Msgr.

LaCaze's favorite foods, as well as a drink ticket. Table sponsorships are highly encouraged. Tickets will be available for sale beginning in January at both the Catholic Center and the Cathedral office. Join us in celebrating the life of an amazing priest and take home a memento of a legend. For more information, contact Randy Tiller (rtiller@dioshpt.org) or Carol Gates (cgates@dioshpt.org).

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We will soon be commissioning Eucharistic Ministers. Appointments for this ministry are made by our Diocesan Administrator, Rev. Peter Mangum, upon recommendation of the pastor. Qualifications for serving include being a practicing Catholic, baptized and confirmed; and if married, married in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Deacon Mike Sullivan, Angelique Mitchell, Fr. Francis or the church office.



Poinsettia Donations

The Ladies Altar Society is accepting donations for Poinsettias for the Christmas altar. These may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one and are \$15 each. If you are interested, please pick up an envelope from the back of the church, come by the office or see any member of the Ladies Altar Society.



Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or St.

Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis. Donations of any amount are accepted.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions may be requested for the intentions of a person or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

The customary donation for a mass intention in our Diocese is \$5.00. If you are interested in scheduled masses for an intention, please contact the church office.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..." *Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have much can share in the blessings of Christmas.*

Second Collection: December 24/25 Diocesan Infirm Priests' Fund

The Diocesan Infirm Priests' Fund blesses us with the opportunity to show generous mercy in the care of the priests in our diocese who have so lovingly served us. Please be give generously to this cause.