

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16

Lk 7:36-50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13

Dear Padre,

How do I respect my young teenager's privacy in using social media without compromising parental protection?

There are more Facebook accounts than Catholics worldwide, reports the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm). Social media—blogs, social networks, text messaging, and more—is the fastest-growing form of communication in the United States, particularly among youth and young adults. How can we take charge of it rather than let it control us?

While both adults and children need to protect themselves from their own thoughtless impulses in posting opinions and photographs online that may affect their reputations and careers, children need added protection from online predators. It's advisable for parents to set parameters with their children and convey the idea that technology use is a privilege, not a right. If parents intend to follow their kids on social media or monitor their phone, texting, and internet activity, transparency is better than spying and snooping. This helps prevent violating the privacy that young people desire and the trust needed between parents and their children. It's also prudent for parents to communicate the dangers of today's digital world and be vigilant in detecting warning signs exhibited by their children. These include changes in a child's personality and behavior, attempts to conceal their use of computers and handheld devices, and a decline in academic performance.

"Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings," wrote the US Bishops. This applies to essential family interaction as well.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSr
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A Word from Pope Francis

Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can also be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another. —Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns shaken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?



Piece: Prodigal Son, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums



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[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...."

Luke 15:7



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Faith Formation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Everyone is invited to join in the recitation of 30PM the holy rosary before weekend masses: Saturdays, 3:30 PM at St. John, Sundays, 7:30 AM at St. Terence and 10:30 AM at St. John.

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

Masses

Anticipated Mass: Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM (@ St. Terence)
11:00 AM (with Children's Liturgy)
Tuesdays: 5:00 PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00 AM
First Saturdays: 8AM

Las Lecturas de Hoy 15 Septiembre

Exodo 32: 7-14
Salmo 50
I Timoteo I: 12-17
San Lucas 15: 1-32
Misa en espanol el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM; Confesiones a las 4PM



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

September 15th—September 21st, 2019

St John Tom Hambleton (SI)

St Terence +Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron

Please call the church office to request the Sanctuary Candle in memory/honor of a loved one.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
Weekend of Sept. 7-8, 2019

St John	\$ 3858.00	Attendance: 235
St Terence	\$ 1351.00	Attendance: 95

~This Week~

Sun, Sept 15th Discussion Group, 9:45AM
Covered Dish, 12 Noon
Tues, Sept 17th RCIA, 6PM
Wed, Sept 18th CCD Class, 5:30PM
Thurs, Sept 19th Choir Practice, 6PM

Mission Statement

We, the people of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St Terence Mission, in union with the Holy Father and our Bishop, being filled with the Holy Spirit, strive to promote and deepen the Catholic faith in the lives of all who share in our life together. As Disciples, we seek to worship God and find His kingdom among us and in the world around us. Our calling is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Sacramental life, community service, evangelization, and Christian education.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 09/14/2019

4:00PM 1. +Eunice & Chris Ebarb
2. Tom Hambleton (SI)

Sunday, 09/15/2019

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. +Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron
3. Eddie Richard (SI)
4. +Chris & Eunice Ebarb
5. Timothy Rivers (SI)
6. +Philip Frilot
7. +Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
8. +Benny Rivers
9. +Logan Brant

Tuesday, 09/17/2019

5:00PM 1. +Benny Rivers

Wednesday, 09/18/2019

8:00AM 1. Tom Hambleton (SI)

Thursday, 09/19/2019

8:00AM 1. +Darlene Credeur

Friday, 9/20/2019

8:00AM 1. +Philip Frilot

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers	Pastoral Council
Saturday Vigil, Sept. 21st, 4PM (Saint John)	Mary Murphy	Tammy Bell Dale Porche Margaret Porche	Paul McCormic Alexia Roberts	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Marty Starks	Clauriste Byles, Katie Lombardino, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers and Deacon Michael Sullivan
Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Andy Tarver Nicholas Tarver	Jan Collins Chris Moran Linda Collins		Rufus Shuff Jimmy Martin	Finance Council Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Matthew Couvillion, Dale Porche, Rufus Shuff, Brandy Soileau and Deacon Michael Sullivan
Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 11AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	Kayla Hataway Gwen Koss	Braxton Koss Brandy Soileau	George Koss Michael Beasley Marion Koss Jerry Mitchell	

Protecting God's Children

The Protecting God's Children workshop has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, September 28th at 9AM** in the cafeteria. All persons who work with or volunteer with children who have not already taken the class are required to attend. To register, please go to: www.virtus.org

Weekly Discussion Group

St John the Baptist hosts a weekly discussion group for adults before Sunday Mass each week. Our goal is to build up our church community by learning together, praying together, and sharing our faith with one another. The current discussion is entitled "Understanding the Mass." No preparation is necessary. We meet at 9:45AM on Sundays in the school building. For more information, call Matthew Couvillion at 225-614-8402.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at St. John's on the first Wednesday in October-- Oct. 2. Please let Mary Beth Tarver know if you have any questions or concerns—cell phone: 318-332-9901 -- email: dividingridge@classicnet.net

Sabine Trash Bash

The annual Sabine Trash Bash will be held on Saturday, **September 21st from 8AM to 12PM**. This is a parish-wide trash pick up. Church groups, civic groups, sports teams, 4-H groups, etc are invited to join in to help *Keep Sabine Clean*. For more information, contact Linda Curtis-Sparks at 332-8240 or Deb Pennington at 315-2448.

CCD Reminder

Religious Education classes for students age 4 through high school have started. It is not too late to register a child. Please contact DRE Jean Rains with any questions.



Pumpkin Patch Update

We continue to make plans for our annual Pumpkin Patch which will be open from **October 14-November 1st**. Not only is this project a fundraiser but also a means of outreach to our Sabine Parish community.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with various tasks. There is something each person can do. The more volunteers we have, the bigger chance we have of making this fundraiser successful. If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your name at the church office.

Pumpkin Patch Tentative Schedule

Set up: Sept. 26, 5:30 PM; Sept. 28th, 9:00AM; October 3rd, 5:30PM; October 5th, 9:00AM

Pumpkins Delivered: Saturday, October 12th

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dr Robert Brocato** and **Benny Rivers**, brother of Joe Rivers. "Eternal Rest grant unto them O' Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace." Amen.

2019 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Thanks to everyone who has offered a pledge to our 2019 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. Thus far, St John has met **90.94%** of their goal and St Terence has met **92.46%** of theirs. If you have not yet done so, please take time to fill out a pledge card and return envelope located in the church pews and the back of the church. By supporting our Appeal, you are uplifting the important work of Christ in our diocese and helping our faith community to "Continue the Mission" of Saint John the Baptist and St Terence Church. Thank you for your generosity.