

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and



our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care

may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and

respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter's Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Tomb of Pope Alexander VII, 1671-78
Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini
Location: St. Peter's Basilica

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?

[Jesus said,] "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Luke 16:10



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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 6:00PM, Sept.- May

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Everyone is invited to join us 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 22 Septiembre

Amos 8: 4-7
Salmo 112
I Timoteo 2: 1-8
San Lucas 16: 1-13
Misa en espanol el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM; Confesiones a las 4PM

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.



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 +Garthe Wright

St Terence +Jeannette Kennedy

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. 14-15, 2019

St John	\$ 5633.00	Attendance: 235
St Terence	\$ 1301.00	Attendance: 78

~This Week~

Sun, Sept 22nd Discussion Group, 9:45AM
Faith, Food & Fun, 4:30PM
Tues, Sept 24th RCIA, 6PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 6PM
Wed, Sept 25th CCD Class, 5:30PM
Thurs, Sept 26th Choir Practice, 6PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 09/21/2019

- 4:00PM**
- +Eunice & Chris Ebarb
 - Tom Hambleton (SI)
 - +Garthe Wright
 - +Logan Brant
 - +Benny Rivers

Sunday, 09/22/2019

- 8:00AM**
- The Parish Family
 - +Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron
 - +Becky Sullivan & Living & Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family
- 11:00AM**
- Eddie Richard (SI)
 - Tom Hambleton (SI)
 - +Robert Brocato
 - +Philip Frlot
 - +Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
 - +Benny Rivers
 - +Logan Brant
 - +Maria Loan Nguyen
 - +Maria Hoa Nguyen
 - +Peter Anh Nguyen

Tuesday, 09/24/2019

- 5:00PM**
- +Irene Gandy

Wednesday, 09/25/2019

- 8:00AM**
- +Chris Ebarb
 - +Philip Frlot

Thursday, 09/26/2019

- 8:00AM**
- +Jimmie Small

Friday, 9/27/2019

- 8:00AM**
- +Raymond Remedies
 - +Gene Hubley

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers	Pastoral Council
Saturday Vigil, Sept. 28th, 4PM (Saint John)	Shirley Veuleman	Karen Sepulvado Paul McCormic Shirley Veuleman	Dale Porche Illario Plascencia	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Dakota Rivers	Clauriste Byles, Katie Lombardino, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers and Deacon Michael Sullivan
Sunday, Sept. 29th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Buddy Polson	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. 29th, 11AM (Saint John)	JJ Blake	Angelique Mitchell MaKenna McElwee	Adrianna Payne Kent Rains	George Koss Michael Beasley Marion Koss Jerry Mitchell	



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

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Garthe Wright**. "Eternal Rest grant unto him O' Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace." Amen.

Protecting God's Children

The Protecting God's Children workshop has been rescheduled 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

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we learn that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into Heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure entrance is that of love. With your contribution to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Revelations Bible Study



Join us for *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* at St John beginning **October 2nd**. You may choose the morning class at 9:30AM or the evening class at 7PM. Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for 10 weeks. For more information, contact Pat Gandy at 228-5164. The cost of the workbook is \$25 which includes a passcode that will allow you to watch all presentations on your personal computer.



Celebration Next Weekend

Next **Sunday, September 29th**, is Priesthood Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. We will celebrate Priesthood Sunday and also Father Francis's upcoming birthday and Feast Day with a covered dish social after the 11AM Mass. We are thankful that God has given us such a wonderful pastor and we would like to celebrate with him next Sunday. We invite everyone to bring your favorite covered dish and join us as we honor Father Francis, his commitment to the priesthood and also wish him a Happy and Blessed Birthday and Feast Day! Any questions, please contact the church office.

CCD Teacher Meeting

There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers and volunteers this **Thursday, September 26th at 6PM**. Please make plans to attend and bring your black binder. Refreshments will be served.

Door Policy

All side doors to the church are locked during Mass for the safety of our parish. Only the front doors remain open. We thank everyone for their cooperation.

5th Sunday Singing

The 5th Sunday Singing will be at Pisgah Baptist Church next **Sunday, September 29th at 5:30PM**. Please join us for an evening of music and fellowship.

Weekly Discussion Group

Reminder: The weekly discussion group for adults is held at 9:45AM each Sunday morning in the school building. Everyone is invited to join us.