

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:1-8

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

OCTOBER 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Neh 1:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

OCTOBER 6

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

Dear Padre,

Do dogs go to heaven?

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (*Catholic Update: “Why We Bless Animals,”* Liguori).

Is it any wonder that people desire to see their pets in heaven! Yet, we know so little of what heaven is like. “We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). “At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face” (1 Corinthians 13:12). Thus, in heaven we’ll see and enjoy the loving essence of God for eternity.

Would not the sensation we experience on earth through a bond with loved ones and with lovable creatures be experienced and infinitely satisfied when

we’re bonded to God’s loving essence for eternity? In other words, if a beloved pet gives us such happiness on earth, won’t that sensation be experienced preeminently forever in heaven? We either won’t miss the pet for that very reason or perhaps God will reunite us with it in some form as part of that heavenly experience. “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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SONG, ABOUT, SUMMER SHUTTERSTOCK



A Word from Pope Francis

More than a place, [heaven] is a “state” of soul in which our deepest hopes are fulfilled in superabundance and our being, as creatures and as children of God, reach their full maturity. We will finally be clothed in the joy, peace and love of God, completely,

without any limit, and we will come face to face with him!

—General audience, November 26, 2014

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 29, 2019

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Aspiring to True Greatness

It’s so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we’re young, we idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success. Then with time and the resistance of circumstances, we are hypnotized into settling for less and less. Eventually we’re content with just getting by, rather than embracing the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of the Gospel was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, the poor man he passed and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could help, the rich man refused. How could he be so inconsiderate? He had everything and was unwilling to offer even leftover food to someone in need.

God is against complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. He upbraids the chosen race for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches. Saint Paul challenges the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Look at the painting by Salvador Dalí. The monk stands at the edge of his sacred space, staring up into the heavens at the crucified Jesus. There are no material things to distract his gaze from the Savior. Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. Keep your eyes on him and you will never settle for anything but true greatness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Crucifixion (Corpus Hypercubus)*, 1954
Artist: Salvador Dalí
Location: Metropolitan Museum of Art

For Reflection

When you were younger, what were some of your ideals that were inspired by God?

How have you followed them? Should you get back to them?

“Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Luke 16:31



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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 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 29 Septiembre

Amos 6: 1-7
Salmo 145
I Timoteo 6: 11-16
San Lucas 16: 19-31
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.

The Sanctuary Candle

September 15th—21st, 2019

St John + Dr Robert Brocato
St Terence + Dickie Martin

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. 21-22, 2019

St John	\$ 3913.65	Attendance: 222
St Terence	\$ 1787.00	Attendance: 100

~This Week~

Sun, Sept. 23th Discussion Group, 9:45AM
Priesthood Sunday with covered dish

Tues, Oct. 1st RCIA, 6PM
Happy Birthday, Fr. Francis!
CCD Teacher Inservice, 6PM

Wed, Oct. 2nd Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30AM-6PM
Bible Study Class, 9:30AM & 7PM
Blessing of the Animals, 5:15PM
CCD Class, 5:30PM

Thurs, Oct. 3rd Choir Practice, 6PM

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, Oct. 5th, 4PM (Saint John)	Yvonne Busby	Pat Gandy Sybil Gandy Paul McCormic	Masen Starks Daylin Roberts	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Marty Starks
Sunday, Oct. 6th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Carrie DeRouen	Buddy Polson Jeanette Polson Rufus Shuff		Tom Gatti Earl Anderson
Sunday, Oct. 6th, 11AM (Saint John)	Greg Yokell	Beckie Bayer Amy Ebarb	Reese Koss Kent Rains	George Koss Michael Beasley Marion Koss Jerry Mitchell

Pastoral Council

Clauriste Byles, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers and Deacon Michael Sullivan

Finance Council

Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Matthew Couvillion, Dale Porche, Rufus Shuff, Brandy Soileau and Deacon Michael Sullivan



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at St. John's on **October 2nd from 8:30AM to 6PM.** The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction begin at **5:30PM.**

Monthly Spanish Mass

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held next **Sunday, October 6th at 5PM.** Confessions will begin at **4:00PM.** Father Rigoberto Betancurt Cortes will be our celebrant. Everyone is invited to join us.

Volunteers Needed: Pumpkin Patch Work Schedule

Thursday, October 3rd, 5 to 7PM

~Move decorations from storage to the Pumpkin Patch.

Tools: Post hole diggers, trucks, trailers, strong backs

Saturday, October 5th, 8 to 11AM

~Set up patch. Need strong backs, drills, creative eyes and pallets

Sunday, October 6th, 12:30PM

_Complete setup

Saturday, October 12th, Time to be determined

~Pumpkins arrive!

October 14th—October 31st

~Staff the Pumpkin Patch and help with field trips

Saturday, November 9th, 8AM until

~Pick up Pumpkin Patch. Tools: Trucks, trailers, drills, strong backs.

Please call the church office or contact Matthew Couvillion to let us know when you can help!

CCD Teacher Meeting

There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers and volunteers this **Tuesday, October 1st at 6PM.** Please make plans to attend and bring your black binder. Refreshments will be served.

Mass Notes

There will be no daily Mass this Friday, Oct. 3.

Blessing of the Animals



The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held this **Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:15PM** in front of the church. Please bring your pets for a special blessing in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

Tombstone Clean-Up Day

There will be a tombstone clean up day held at the St. John's Cemetery on Oct. 12 at 9:00 a.m. in preparation for the All Saints Day Activities that are to be held on November 2 and 3. The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) will be demonstrating the proper tools and techniques for cleaning tombstones. If you would like to attend the demonstration and clean your family's tombstones, please contact Katie Lombardino at 504-982-3292 or Mary Beth Tarver at 318-256-5724 for more details.

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.

Save the Date

Youth Gumbo Fundraiser: **November 2nd**
Cemetery Clean-up: **November 2nd**
Blessing of the Graves: **November 3rd**

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. If you would like a workbook, please stop by the church office.