

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,
54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

Friday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

Dear Padre,

I have a hard time accepting that my money for the Sunday collection may be used to compensate victims of clerical sexual abuse. Do I have to keep giving to my local parish, only to see my money pay for a sex scandal?

The money you give runs your parish and provides assistance to the poor, both locally and throughout your diocese. Scripture mentions the disciples offering money to meet the needs of the poor. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the



Volunteers organize stock for a distribution hub that helps supply fresh produce and nutritious food to pantries and soup kitchens in underserved areas.

material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities" (CCC 2043). Similarly, canon law reminds us that we are "obliged to promote social justice...and to help the poor," both signs of Christian charity (Canon 222).

While you give for the needs of your parish, it appears that these lawsuits create a real concern for you. For the most part, awards for lawsuits are paid from two main sources: insurance and the sale of

unused property, such as office space, bishops' homes, and seminaries.

While we are pained by the revelations of clerical abuse, we must also understand the victims' need for healing. Money won't end their pain, but it may help a survivor who needs psychological counseling or someone who has difficulty working due to trauma. This is a devastating time in their lives, but the Church will continue to offer hope and claim its responsibility.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR
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A Word from Pope Francis

We hear these children and their cries of pain...the sufferings, the experiences, and the pain of minors who were abused sexually by priests. It is a sin that shames us. Persons responsible for the protection of those children destroyed their dignity. We regret this deeply and we beg forgiveness.

—Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mal 3:19-20a

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

Keeping the End in Mind

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—*martyrion* in Greek. Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell, and a

personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I live soberly, knowing that I am heading toward an end that is both certain and wrapped in God's mercy?

Is there anything I should adjust in my lifestyle to be better prepared for my definitive encounter with God?



Piece: *Punishment of the Rebels*, 1480-1482
Artist: Sandro Botticelli
Location: Sistine Chapel

[Jesus said,] "You will be hated by all because of my name, but...by your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21:17-19



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Prayer List: Pat & Elaine Martinez, Brenda DeVaney, Timothy D. Rivers, Bessie Mowad, Fr Ken Williams, Flavia Pratt, Madison Richards, Bill Andries, Vivian Halleck, Vicki Martin, Margie Remedies, Jackie Miller, Bobby Slaydon, Tammy Wallace, Brayson McLain, Eddie Richard, Janice Murphy, Clifford Shuff, Audrey & Richard Doggett, Daphne Moore, Mark Roberts, Adele Serio, Kathryn McCormick, Allison Brewer, Jerry Riser, Patti Dugan, Wayne Stephenson, Skyler Easterling, Curtis Fisette, Frances Sepulvado, Angela Osborn, Fr Richard Norsworthy, Shayna Tilley, Randy Richter, Janice A Sepulvado, Jimmy Gates, Robbin Meshell, Cassidy Byles, Amelia Dougherty, Baby Jack Edward Duck, Juanita Ford, Bernadette Biting, Diane Reaux, Joanna Pousseau, Kristin Williams Sepulvado, Ron Rivers, Bailey McConnell, Nelda Laffitte, Ricky Gates, Ronnie Salley, Charles Adams, Caleb Ezernack, Joan Sneed, Earl Anderson, Vicci Thibodeaux, Joanne Hansen, Evelyn Bouillion, Chris Moran, Tom Hambleton, Cambree Jewell Parrie, Selena Rodriguez, Edan Leone, Bennett King, Andrew Rains, Wanda J Rivers, Keith Festervan, Boone Porche, Murrel Blake, Rapheal Meche, Norma Bergeron, Kaleb Johnson, Ace Bowling, Michael Mancil, Jr., Norma Bergeron, Bailey Leach, Seth Freeman, Joshua Nichols & Dr. Liang Sien Oey

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 6PM; 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 office

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 17th Noviembre

Malaquias 3: 19-20a
Salmo 97
2 Tesalonicences 3: 7-12
San Lucas 21: 5-19

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 6PM**. Recitation of the Divine

Mercy Chaplet and Benediction begin at **5:30PM**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet are held at St. Terence each Friday at **3PM**



The Sanctuary Candle

November 17th—23rd, 2019
St John + Dr Robert Brocato
St Terence Norma Bergeron (SI)

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
Weekend of Nov. 9th-10th, 2019

St John	\$ 4415.06	Attendance: 170
St Terence	\$ 3313.01	Attendance: 99

~This Week~

Tues, Nov. 19th RCIA, 6PM
Wed, Nov. 20th Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30AM-6PM
Bible Study, 9:30 & 7PM
CCD, 5:30PM
Thurs, Nov. 21st Choir Practice, 6PM

Mass Notes

There will be no daily Mass this **Tuesday, November 19th**.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers	Pastoral Council
Saturday Vigil, November 23rd, 4PM (Saint)	Mary Murphy	Karen Sepulvado Paul McCormick Shirley Veuleman	Dale Porche Alexia Roberts	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Dakota Rivers	Clauriste Byles, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers
Sunday, November 24th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Buddy Polson	Jan Collins Linda Collins Carrie DeRouen		Tom Gatti Earl Anderson	Finance Council Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Matthew Couvillion, Dale Porche, Rufus Shuff, Brandy Soileau and Deacon Michael Sullivan
Sunday, November 24th, 11AM (Saint John)	Greg Yokell	Kayla Hataway Gwen Koss	Brandy Soileau Jacob Ryan	George Koss Michael Beasley Marion Koss Jerry Mitchell	



Christmas Parade Float

The Many Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 21st at 3PM**. At this time, St John the Baptist will have no float entry. We are asking for an individual or organization to volunteer to be in charge of organizing and coordinating a church float so that our children may participate in this year's parade. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Jean Rains or the church office.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Needy Families

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to needy families in our church parish and community so that they may have a Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to sponsor a family, the donation amount is **\$35.00**. Food items including turkeys or contributions of any amount are welcome. Applications will be available in the office November 1st. Families in need may come by during office hours and complete an application. Thank you for helping us provide a Thanksgiving meal to families in need.

Church Directory

Photographs will be taken for our new St. John/St. Terence directory on **December 5-7**. Someone will be at all masses this weekend, **November 16-17**, to schedule appointments. **The deadline for registration is November 21, so make your reservation now!** You may also schedule appointments by calling the church office at 318-256-5680 during normal business hours. Appointments may be scheduled at any time by visiting the Life-touch website at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b2j17hpk/> Schedule soon to reserve the time slot and day best for you! Each family photographed will receive a free color 8 X 10 portrait just in time for Christmas as well as a free copy of the church directory.



Amazing Possibilities

Are you ready to have the Best Advent Ever? Amazing Possibilities. God sees them all. It's time for you to see them too. The Sunday Discussion Group will resume on **Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10am** in the cafeteria, immediately before the 11am Mass. Visit BestAdventEver.com to sign up for daily e-mails during Advent as we prepare for Christmas. Call Matthew Couvillion at 225.614.8402 with any questions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be no Adoration at St. John's on November 27, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Our normal schedule will resume on December 4.

Church Census Update

We are continuing to update our church census. While the parish office strives to maintain accurate records, we realize that some families are no longer active members or have undergone changes: new addresses, phone numbers, deaths, births and children leaving home. Having an accurate count of our members is important to our parish community. This information is important for our stewardship efforts, communicating information, promoting organizations and ministries and most importantly, for ensuring the availability and access to the sacraments. We are asking each family to complete a census form. The form can be found on our website at www.stjohnmany.org or paper copies are available in the back of the church. Even if you have been a member of our church parish for several years, we are asking each family to complete the census form. We thank each of you in advance.



Volunteers Needed

We are searching for volunteers to help with our welcome table during church directory pictures on **December 5th-7th**. If you are able to volunteer any amount of time, please contact the church office.

