

# Dear Padre,

## What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

**B**lessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:1–8  
Mk 1:14–20

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:9–20  
Mk 1:21–28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20  
Mk 1:29–39

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 16  
Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1–11  
Mk 1:40–45

**Friday**  
JANUARY 17  
St. Anthony,  
Abbot  
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a  
Mk 2:1–12

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 18  
Weekday  
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;  
10:1  
Mk 2:13–17

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 19  
Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 49:3, 5–6  
1 Cor 1:1–3  
Jn 1:29–34

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 12, 2020  
Baptism of the Lord (A)  
Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
Acts 10:34–38  
Mt 3:13–17

## Our Chance to Start Anew

**W**ho has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God's spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?



[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.  
MATTHEW 3:16

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# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Saint Terence Mission

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## Parish Staff

**Deacon:** Michael Sullivan  
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**Groundskeeper:** Michael Beasley  
**Housekeeper:** Pam Little  
**Music Director:** Justin Lincecum

**Prayer List:** Pat & Elaine Martinez, Brenda DeVaney, Timothy D. Rivers, Bessie Mowad, 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 Daggett, Daphne Moore, Mark Roberts, Adele Serio, Kathryn McCormick, Allison Brewer, Jerry Riser, Patti Dugan, Wayne Stephensen, Skyler Easterling, Curtis Fisette, Frances Sepulveda, Angela Osborn, Fr Richard Norsworthy, Shayna Tilley, Randy Richter, Janice A Sepulveda, Jimmy Gates, Robbin Meshell, Cassidy Byles, Amelia Dougherty, Baby Jack Edward Duck, Juanita Ford, Bernadette Bitting, Diane Reaux, Joanna Presseau, Kristin Williams Sepulveda, Ron Rivers, Bailey McConnell, Nelda Laffitte, Ricky Gates, Ronnie Salley, 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 Festeran, Boone Porche, Murrel Blake, Rapheal Meche, Norma Bergeron, Ace Bowling, Michael Mancil, Jr., Bailey Leach, Seth Freeman, Joshua Nichols, Dr. Liang Sien Oey, Fr. Ken Williams, Miles Meche, Doyle Henry, Jackie Craig, Linda Metoyer, K.C. Sepulveda, Juanita Ford, Maurice Martinez, Marianna Wilkinson, Lynell Hymel, Billy Sneed, Beckie Bayer & Staci Anderson

### 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

## 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 12th Enero

Isaias 42:I-4, 6-7  
Salmo 28  
Hechos 10: 34-38  
San Mateo 3: 13-17

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 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

January 12th—January 18, 2020

St John +Marilyn Osborn  
+Ernest Rodrigues  
St Terence Earl Anderson (SI)  
Theo Anderson (SI)

## Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)  
January 4th-5th, 2020

St John	\$ 4203.75	Attendance: 212
St Terence	\$ 1268.00	Attendance: 97

## ~This Week~

Sun, Jan. 12th Faith, Food & Fun, 4:30PM  
Tues, Jan. 14th RCIA Class, 6PM  
KC's Meet, 7PM; Dinner @ 6PM  
Wed, Jan. 15th Adoration, 8:30AM—6PM  
Bible Study, 9:30AM only  
CCD, 5:30PM  
Thurs, Jan. 16th Choir Practice, 6PM  
Fri, Jan 17th St Terence's 24th Anniversary

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday Vigil, January 18th, 4PM (Saint John)</b>	Yvonne Busby	Tammy Bell Dale Porche Margaret Porche	Paul McCormic Emelyn Plascencia	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Dakota Rivers
<b>Sunday, January 19th, 8AM (Saint Terence)</b>	Buddy Polson	Pam Little David Nichols Jan Collins		Harold Bergeron Jimmy Martin
<b>Sunday, January 19th, 11AM (Saint John)</b>	Youth	Angelique Mitchell MaKenna McElwee	Emma Dickson Allie Payne	Marion Koss Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell George Koss

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Church in Latin America. This collection supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous.

## Catholic Calendars Available



There are still a few 2020 Catholic Calendars remaining in the back of the church.

## Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

All Saint John and Saint Terence Eucharistic Ministers (new and established) will be commissioned the weekend of **January 18-19th** and **January 25-26th**.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marilyn Osborn**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O' Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## Thank You

Special thanks to those who made donations for the Saint Terence Christmas Poinsettias. We appreciate your generosity.

**Important Message-** *Lifetouch Photography* will be using contact information from our census database to create the new St. John / St Terence Church Directory. If you *do not* want your address and phone number listed in the directory, you must contact the office to *opt out*. You may have only your name listed, if you wish. If we do not hear from you, everyone with a census will have their name, address and phone number listed in the directory. Please call the office during normal business hours if you have questions.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."* **As we give to the poor, we can also hear these same words. Have you considered joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?**

## Altar Server Practice

There will be altar server practice for new and old servers on **Saturday, January 25th at 10AM** in the church. Lunch will be served afterwards.

## Everyone Invited!

Events have been set for the ordination celebration for *Bishop-elect Francis I Malone*.

**Monday, January 27th—6PM** Vespers in the Cathedral. This a wonderful opportunity on the evening of Ordination for us to offer prayers of thanksgiving and to witness the blessing of his coat of arms, miter and crozier.

**Tuesday, January 28th—I:30PM** Procession begins for the Ordination Mass at the Shreveport Convention Center. Come early to the Convention Center; complimentary parking is available in their garage. Join us as we joyfully welcome our new bishop.

Special guests for the Ordination events will include Archbishop Gregory M Aymond of New Orleans, Archbishop Emeritus J Peter Sartain of Seattle, and the Bishop-elect's family. \*Tickets will not be required. All are invited to attend this exciting and important event in the life of our diocese!

## Church Directory Picture Retakes

If you were not able to have your picture made for the new Saint John/Saint Terence Church Directory, there will be a makeup day on **Thursday, February 11th**. Please call the church office as soon as possible and schedule to reserve a time. Each family photographed will receive a free 8 X 10 and a free copy of the new church directory.

## Sunday Discussion Group

The Sunday discussion group will resume when Lent begins.

## ACTS Retreat

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Leesville will be hosting a Men's ACTS Retreat on **January 23-26th**. If you are interested, please call 337-208-1548 or 337-378-2099 for more information.

## St Terence Celebrates Anniversary

St Terence celebrates its 24th anniversary January 17th. A celebration will be held on **Sunday, January 19th** with a Mass of Thanksgiving at **8AM** and brunch afterwards. Everyone invited.