

Dear Padre,

A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?

When laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may

also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The

participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the charism, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

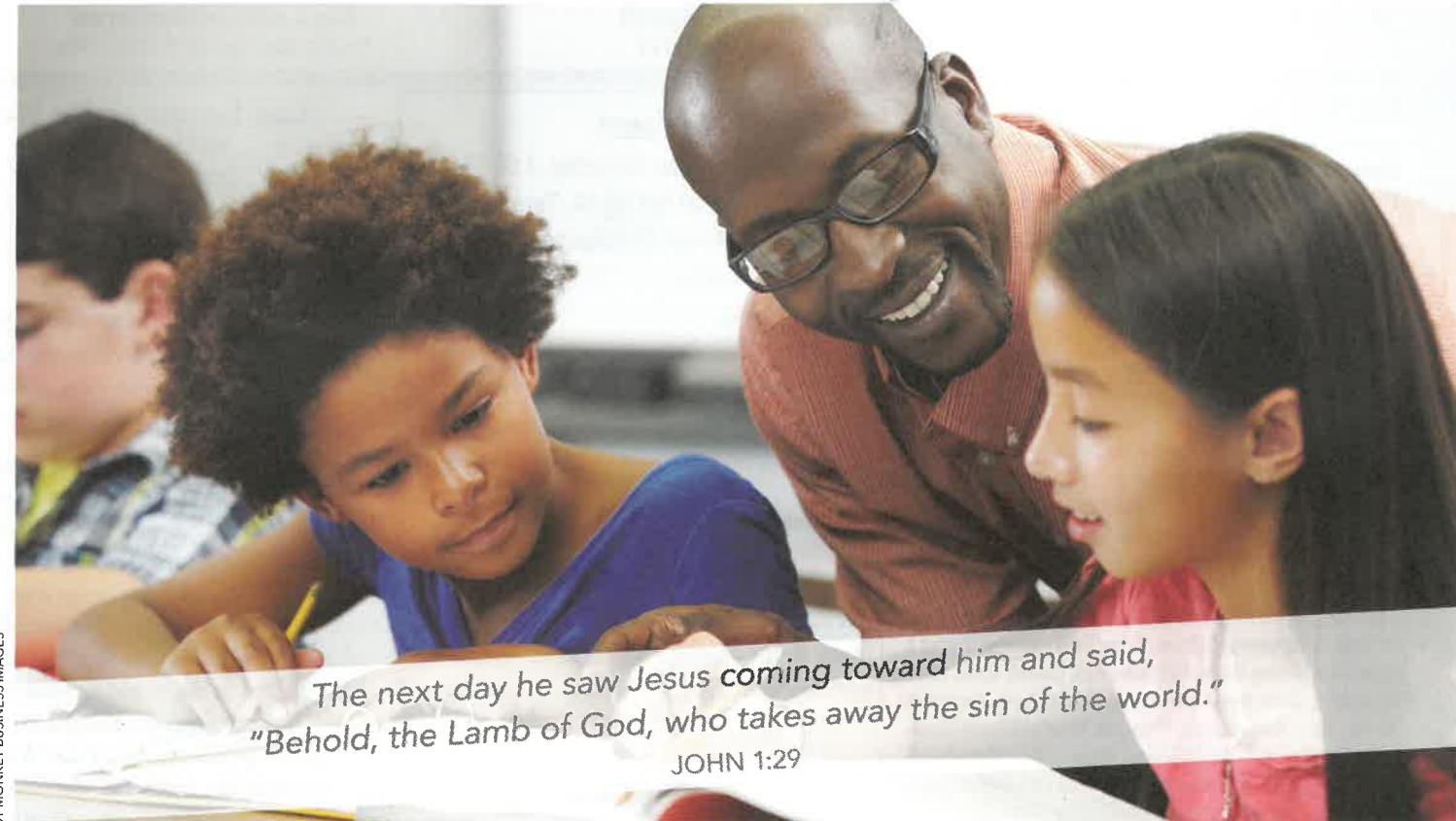


Calendar

- Monday**
JANUARY 20
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22
- Tuesday**
JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28
- Wednesday**
JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51, Mk 3:1–6
- Thursday**
JANUARY 23
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12
- Friday**
JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19
- Saturday**
JANUARY 25
Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18
- Sunday**
JANUARY 26
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
Mt 4:12–23
or 4:12–17

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:3, 5–6
1 Cor 1:1–3
Jn 1:29–34



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The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
JOHN 1:29

Proud Servants of God

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are

fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How does your life in the home, workplace, or community manifest the love of God for others?
- ★ How do you personally benefit by serving others?



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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 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 19th Enero

Isaias 49: 3, 5-6

Salmo 39

I Corintios I: I-3

San Juan I: 29-34

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 19th—January 25, 2020

St John +Muriel Jaber

St Terence +Deceased Members of the Domingue and Little Family

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
January 11th-12th, 2020

St John	\$ 3695.00	Attendance: 246
St Terence	\$ 1377.00	Attendance: 53

~This Week~

Mon, Jan. 20th MLK Day, Office Closed

Tues, Jan. 21st RCIA Class, 6PM

Wed, Jan. 22nd Adoration, 8:30AM—6PM
Bible Study, 9:30AM only
CCD, 5:30PM

Thurs, Jan. 23rd 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, 01/18/2019

- 4:00PM 1. +Muriel Jaber
2. Bailey McConnell (SI)
3. Ace Bowling (SI)

Sunday, 01/19/2019

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. Ace Bowling (SI)
3. Liang Sien Oey (SI)
4. +Deceased Members of the Domingue and Little Family

- 11:00AM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Thomas and Sandy Nguyen Family
2. +Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
3. +Ruth Loupe
4. +Marilyn Osborn
5. +Deceased Members of the Francis Davis Family
6. +Living and Deceased Members of the Rivers Family

Tuesday, 01/21/2019

- 5:00PM 1. Special Intention (SI)

Wednesday, 01/22/2019

- 8:00AM 1. +Marilyn Osborn

Thursday, 01/23/2019

- 8:00AM 1. +Mary Ann Peck

Friday, 01/24/2019

- 8:00AM 1. +Florence DeLatin

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, January 25th, 4PM (Saint John)	Rose Gatti	Karen Sepulvado Paul McCormic Shirley Veuleman	Juan Plascencia Illario Plascencia	Leo Springer Johnny Mowad Terry DeLatin Dakota Rivers
Sunday, January 26th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	David Nichols	Chris Moran Linda Collins Tina Nichols		Joe Zammit Tom Gatti
Sunday, January 26th, 11AM (Saint John)	Jean Rains	Kayla Hataway Gwen Koss	Jacob Ryan Marion Koss	Thomas Rosales Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell George Koss



Southern Deanery Mass

The First Southern Deanery Mass celebrated by Bishop, Francis Malone will be held at Saint Joseph in Zwolle on **Saturday, February 1st at 4PM**. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the newly ordained Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please try to come to the reception. We would like a good representation of parishioners from Saint John and Saint Terence in attendance.

St Terence Celebrates Anniversary

St Terence celebrated its 24th anniversary this past **Friday, January 17th**. A celebration will be held this **Sunday, January 19th** with a Mass of Thanksgiving at **8AM** and brunch in the St Terence hall afterwards. Everyone is invited.

Parish Leader Meeting

The Diocese of Shreveport *Convention of Councils* for parish leaders that was scheduled for January 11 and then cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled for a later date.

Fete for Life Annual Pro-Life Banquet

The annual fundraising for Mary's House will be held at **6PM on Feb. 11** at the Bossier Civic Center. The event will feature nationally known speaker Rebekah Hagan.

Ticket information is available online at maryshouseoffaoundation.org or by calling 318-220-8009. Tickets are \$50 each. Everyone is invited.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for Diocesan Catholic Schools. Your donation provides support for all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Shreveport.

Sunday Discussion Group

The Sunday discussion group will resume when Lent begins.

Altar Server Practice

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

Please Note: The office will be closed Monday, January 20th.

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—1:30PM Procession begins for the Ordination Mass at the Shreveport Convention Center.

Come early to the Convention Center; complimentary parking is available in their garage.

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.

Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

All Saint John and Saint Terence Eucharistic Ministers (new and established) will be commissioned this weekend. Any ministers unable to attend will be commissioned next weekend, **January 25-26th**.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to everyone who donated towards our Christmas meals for needy families. Because of your generosity, we were able to feed 41 families (90 adults and 26 children).

We are currently assisting families affected by the recent Apollo apartment fire. We welcome any monetary contributions for this cause.