

Dear Padre,

What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSsR
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DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016



Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10
Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
2 Sm 7:4–17
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 30
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a,
13–17
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
FEBRUARY 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4
Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40
or 2:22–32

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13
Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

Is Christ Divided?

"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!" Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

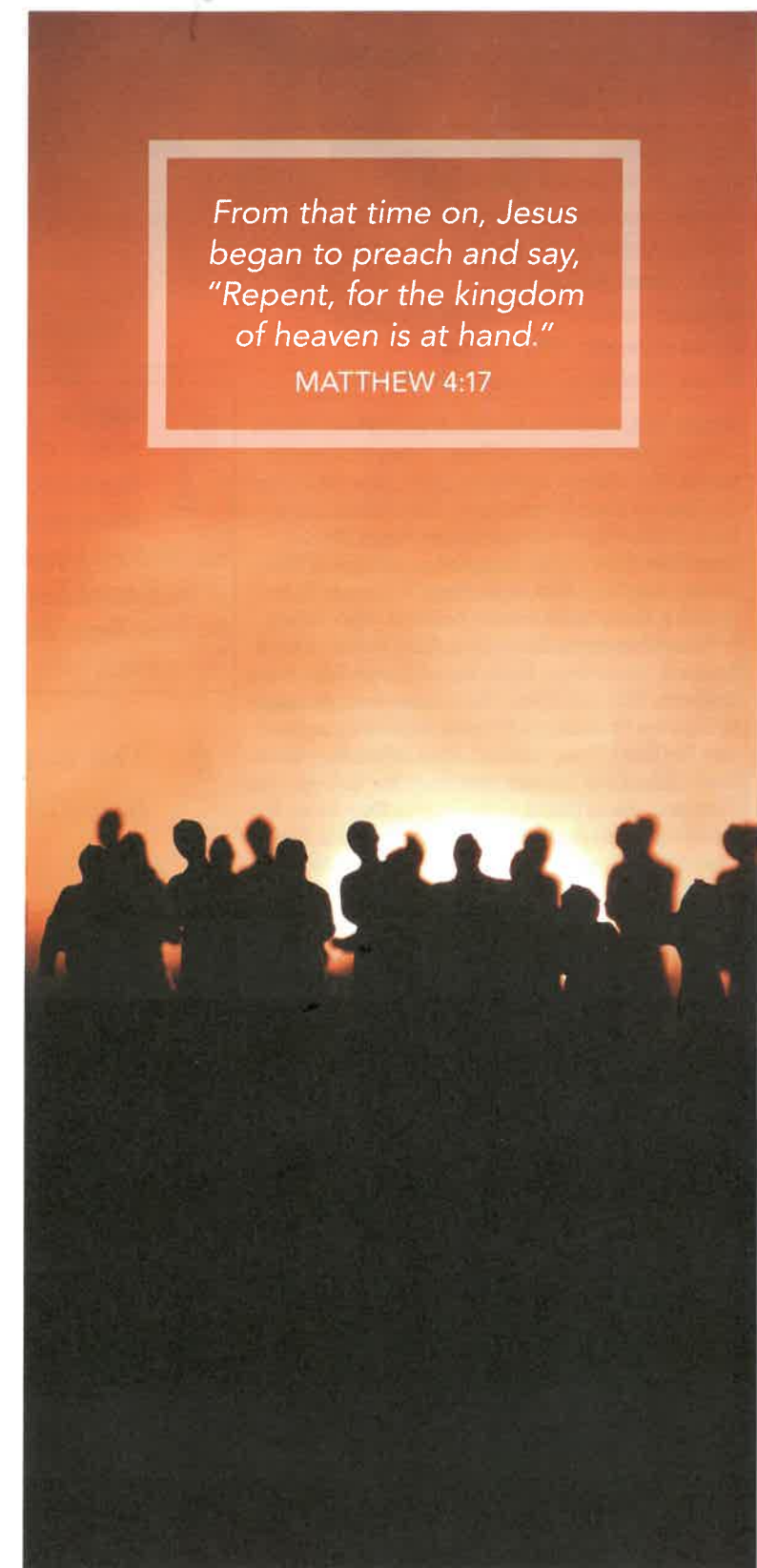
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- ★ Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

MATTHEW 4:17





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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 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 26th Enero

Isaias 8: 23-9:3
Salmo 26
I Corintios Ia: 10-13, 17
San Mateo 4: 12-17
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 January 26th—February 1, 2020

St John Fr Ken Williams (SI)
St Terence + Jeffery & JoJo Bergeron

Parish Support (Thank you for your generosity!) January 18th-19th, 2020

St John	\$ 4357.70	Attendance: 234
St Terence	\$ 1086.00	Attendance: 93

~This Week~

Sun, Jan. 26 Faith, Food & Fun, 4:30PM
Tues, Jan. 28 Bishop's Ordination, 2PM
Wed, Jan. 29 Adoration, 8:30AM—6PM
CCD, 5:30PM
Thurs, Jan. 30 Choir Practice, 6PM

Mass Notes: There will be no Mass on **Tuesday, January 28th** and no 4PM Mass on **Saturday, February 1st**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 01/25/2019

4:00PM 1. +Karen Mowad
2. Bailey McConnell (SI)
3. Ace Bowling (SI)

Sunday, 01/26/2019

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. Ace Bowling (SI)
3. Liang Sien Oey (SI)
11:00AM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Thomas and Sandy Nguyen Family
2. + Benny Rivers
3. +Ruth Loupe
4. +Marilyn Osborn
5. +Deceased Members of the Cleve Hubley Family
6. Living and Deceased Members of the Rivers Family

Wednesday, 01/29/2019

8:00AM 1. +Jimmy Livingston
Thursday, 01/30/2019

8:00AM 1. +Edwin Frilot
Friday, 01/31/2019
8:00AM 1. Dallas Alford (SI)

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sunday, February 2nd, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Tina Nichols	Carrie DeRouen Jeanette Polson Buddy Polson		Earl Anderson Rufus Shuff
Sunday, February 2nd, 11AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	Amy Ebarb Beckie Bayer	Kent Rains Brandy Soileau	Thomas Rosales Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell George Koss

Monsignor Francis Malone to be Installed as Bishop: Tuesday: January 28th

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 the convention 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 important event in the life of our diocese!



Southern Deanery Mass

The First Southern Deanery Mass celebrated by Bishop, Francis Malone will be held at Saint Joseph in Zwolle next **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. **Because of this event, there will be no 4PM Mass at Saint John on Saturday, February 1st nor anywhere else in the southern Deanery.**

Second Collection

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

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.

St Vincent de Paul Contribution Statements

If you would like a contribution statement from the Society of St Vincent de Paul, please leave your name at the church office.

RCIA Cancelled This Week

There will be no RCIA this **Tuesday, January 28th**.

Transportation to Bishop's Ordination

We will be taking a 17-passenger bus to Bishop-elect Malone's ordination on **January 28th**. If you would like to attend the ordination and need transportation, please call the church office to be put on the list. There is no charge but seating is limited and will be first-come, first-serve.

Spanish Mass

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held next Sunday, **February 2nd at 5PM**. Confessions will be heard at 4PM

Blessing of the Throats

February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise. The Blessing of the Throats will take place at all Masses next weekend, **February 1st-2nd**.

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