

Dear Padre,

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The *Novus Ordo*, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples

on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John

Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

From *The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews*, © 2009 Liguori Publications
 Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION,
 JUNE 19, 2015



Calendar

- Monday**
 FEBRUARY 17
Weekday
 Jas 1:1–11
 Mk 8:11–13
- Tuesday**
 FEBRUARY 18
Weekday
 Jas 1:12–18
 Mk 8:14–21
- Wednesday**
 FEBRUARY 19
Weekday
 Jas 1:19–27
 Mk 8:22–26
- Thursday**
 FEBRUARY 20
Weekday
 Jas 2:1–9
 Mk 8:27–33
- Friday**
 FEBRUARY 21
Weekday
 Jas 2:14–24, 26
 Mk 8:34–9:1
- Saturday**
 FEBRUARY 22
Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle
 1 Pt 5:1–4
 Mt 16:13–19
- Sunday**
 FEBRUARY 23
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
 Lv 19:1–2, 17–18
 1 Cor 3:16–23
 Mt 5:38–48

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Sir 15:15–20 • 1 Cor 2:6–10
 Mt 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a,
 27–28, 33–34a, 37



We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
 1 CORINTHIANS 2:7

Choose One

Law, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed

to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *To think that obeying law fulfills our obligations is to live a rather shallow life.*
- ★ *What virtues really shape your life?*



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Saint Terence Mission

1130 East San Antonio Ave

Many, LA 71449

Phone: 318-256-5680

FAX: 318-256-9177

Office Hours: 8AM—4PM (M-F)

Website: www.stjohnmany.org

Email: office@stjohnmany.org

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Francis Kamau, FMH
Deacon: Michael Sullivan
Parish Secretary: Sheila Royal
Office Assistant: Shirley Rivers
DRE: Jean Rains
Groundskeeper: Michael Beasley
Housekeeper: Pam Little
Music Director: Justin Lincecum

Prayer List: Vivian Halleck, Pat & Elaine Martinez, Brenda DeVaney, Timothy D. Rivers, Bessie Mowad, Vicki Martin, Eddie Richard, Janice Murphy, Randy Richter, Evelyn Bouillion, Tom Hambleton, Ace Bowling, Bennett King, Wanda J Rivers, Norma Bergeron, Marianna Wilkinson, Clifford Shuff, Roy & Pam Beasley, Beckie Bayer, Staci Anderson, Beth Rains, Ezra Thibodeaux, Margie Remedies, Don Speaks, Bill Andries, Bill & Mary Hurd, Kenny Dale, Donald Behan & Kathryn McCormick

Please note: The names on the prayer list will go through a cycle. As the names are moved to the top, they will be removed as new names are added. Please contact the office to add or remove a name.



The Sanctuary Candle

Feb 16-22, 2020

St John +Trey McCormic
St Terence Norma Bergeron (SI)

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

February 8-9, 2020

St John	\$ 5501.25	Attendance: 208
St Terence	\$ 2491.00	Attendance: 100

This Week in our Parish

Sunday Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM (with Children's Liturgy)

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM; Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

First Saturdays: 8:00 AM

Tuesday, February 18

6:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults

Wednesday, February 19

8:30AM-6PM St John: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30AM & 7PM Bible Study

5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

5:30 PM CCD

Thursday, February 20

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, February 21

3:00 PM St Terence: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, February 22

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation at St. John

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday, February 23

7:15-7:45 AM Reconciliation at St Terence

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary 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 Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the church office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Note: The Christmas Poinsettias have been placed on the side of the church. Anyone wishing to have one is welcome to get what you would like.

Las Lecturas de Hoy 16th Febrero

Siracide 15: 16-21

Salmo 118

1 Corintios 2: 6-10

San Mateo 5: 17-37

Misa en español el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM;
Confesiones a las 4PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15

- 4:00PM
- + Wilson Brumley
 - Ace Bowling (SI)
 - Margie Remedies (SI)
 - Special Intention (SI)
 - The Sick of our Parish (SI)

Sunday, February 16

- 8:00AM
- The Parish Family
 - +Burnell & Bradley Domingue
 - +Charlene McCormic
 - Norma Bergeron (SI)
 - The Sick of our Parish (SI)
- 11:00AM
- Living & Deceased Members of the Thomas & Sandy Nguyen Family
 - + Chris & Eunice Ebarb
 - + Alton Lewing
 - + Marilyn Osborn
 - + Charlene McCormic
 - + Benny Rivers
 - Special Intention (SI)
 - + Fr. Andre McGrath

Tuesday, February 18

- 5:00PM
- + Jeannette Kennedy

Wednesday, February 19

- 8:00AM
- + Trey McCormic

Thursday, February 20

- 8:00AM
- + Robert Hambleton, Sr.

Friday, February 21

- 8:00AM
- + Dello Couvillion

DATE	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Sat, Feb 22, 4:00PM Vigil (St John)	Yvonne Busby	Clauriste Byles Paul McCormic Shirley Veuleman	Masen Starks Illario Plascencia	Johnny Mowas Paul McCormic Dakota Rivers Terry DeLatin
Sun, Feb 23, 8:00AM (St Terence)	Buddy Polson	Linda Collins Jan Collins		Tom Gatti Earl Anderson
Sun, Feb 23, 11:00 AM (St John)	Greg Yokell	Kayla Hataway Gwen Koss	Marion Koss Madden Rutherford	Thomas Rosales Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell George Koss

Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday

In preparation for our celebration of Ash Wednesday, please bring your old palms from years past to the church by **February 25th** so that we may burn them to make the ashes that will be blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday. Old palms may be placed in the baskets provided in the back of the church. You may also bring them to the parish office between 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

There will be a Burning of the Palms immediately following the 5PM Mass on Tuesday, February 25th.

Scam Alert

Please be cautious of any texts or emails that you receive, supposedly from Fr. Francis or any other priest, asking you to purchase gift cards or requesting money. If a priest texts or emails you asking for money or a gift card, saying it's an emergency, don't give. It's a scam. The scammers are probably using information found on church websites or in church online bulletins to trick church members into parting with their cash. Please be cautious if you receive such a message.

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

During our time of worship this weekend, we are taking the time to offer everyone the opportunity to support our 2020 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal which is the first for our newly ordained Bishop Francis Malone. By supporting our Appeal, you are uplifting the important work of Christ in our diocese and helping our faith community to answer the call of "What Shall I Return to the Lord?" Note the Appeal brochures, pledge cards, and return envelopes that are in your pews, making it easy for you to make your pledge.

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.

Retired Priests Collection

The Collection for the Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese of Shreveport will be taken up on Ash Wednesday beginning this year, 2020. You may use the May 3rd Retired Priest Fund envelope from your boxed set of envelopes. This will be the main collection on Ash Wednesday. The Second Collection will be Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. We ask that you give generously.

Remember in Prayer

We ask that you pray for the repose of the souls of *Dello Couvillion*, grandmother of *Matthew Couvillion*, *Wilson Brumley*, brother of *Doris Procell* and *Alton Lewing*, brother of *Evelyn Adams*. "Eternal Rest grant unto them O' Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace." Amen.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

During the last few weeks, in addition to helping those in need in our community and church parish, our Society of St Vincent de Paul has been helping the victims of the Apollo Apartment fire who lost everything. Any donation to help us replenish our funds is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, **February 26th** is Ash Wednesday. Mass and imposition of Ashes will be at 8AM and 6PM at Saint John and 12 noon at Saint Terence. Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 6PM at Saint John and at 3PM at Saint Terence.

Adoration Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Adoration on Ash Wednesday, February 26, will begin following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. It will close with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Thank You

Special thanks to everyone who helped make our Youth Group Bingo such a big success. We appreciate those who attended and contributed in any way.