

# Dear Padre,

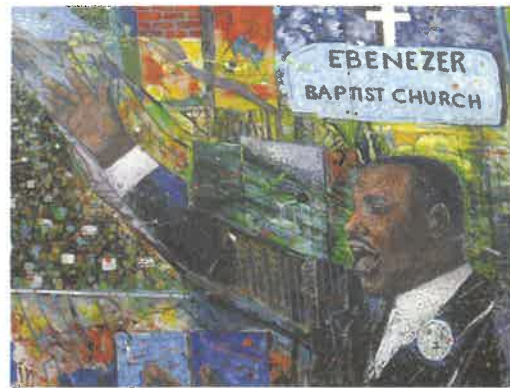
**Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.**

**I** remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.*

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 9  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 9:4b–10  
Lk 6:36–38

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 10  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 1:10, 16–20  
Mt 23:1–12

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 11  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 18:18–20  
Mt 20:17–28

**Thursday**  
MARCH 12  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 17:5–10  
Lk 16:19–31

**Friday**  
MARCH 13  
Lenten Weekday  
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,  
17b–28a  
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

**Saturday**  
MARCH 14  
Lenten Weekday  
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20  
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

**Sunday**  
MARCH 15  
Third Sunday  
of Lent  
Ex 17:3–7  
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8  
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,  
19b–26, 39a, 40–42

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**March 8, 2020**  
Second Sunday of Lent (A)  
Gn 12:1–4a  
2 Tm 1:8b–10  
Mt 17:1–9

## What a Blessing!

**T**oday's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

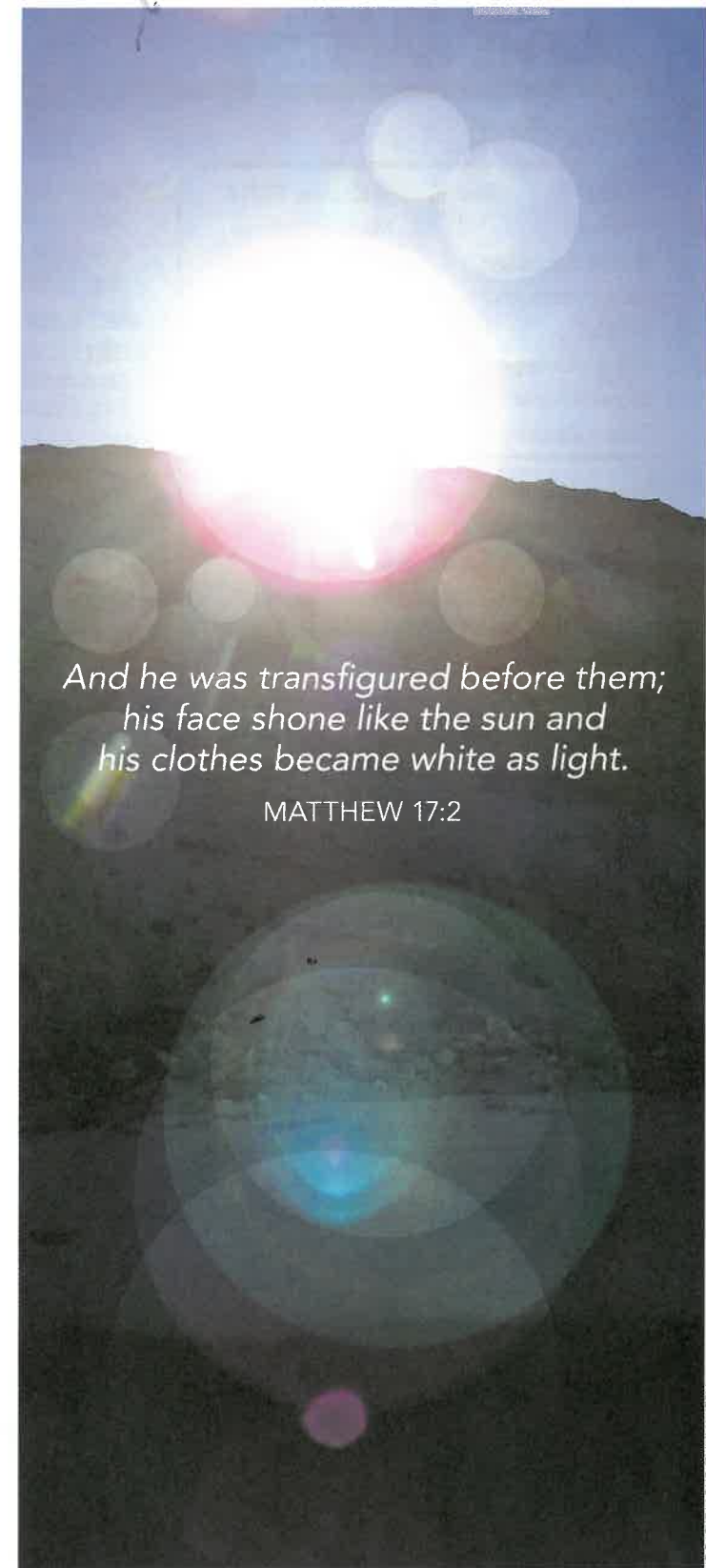
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



*And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun and  
his clothes became white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2



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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Francis Kamau, FMH  
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Music Director: Justin Lincecum

**Prayer List:** Vivian Halleck, Pat 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 & Kathryn McCormick, Donald Behan, Joanna Pressau, Lisa Brown & David Ray Nichols

**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**  
Week of March 8-14, 2020

St John +Robert Britner  
St Terence +Theo Hart Anderson, Sr.  
+Dickie Martin

**Parish Support**  
(Thank you for your generosity!)  
February 29—March 1, 2020

St John	\$ 4531.54	Attendance: 204
St Terence	\$ 1991.00	Attendance: 140

## This Week in our Parish

### Sunday Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass  
Sun, 11:00 AM (with Children's Liturgy)  
Sun, 5:00 PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

**Weekday Masses at St. John:**  
No daily Mass this week  
First Saturdays: 8:00 AM

### Sunday, March 8

4:30 PM Faith, Food & Fun

### Tuesday, March 10

6:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Dinner @ 6:00 PM)

### Wednesday, March 11

8:30AM-6PM St John: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:00 PM CCD  
5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

### Thursday, March 12

6:00 PM Choir Practice  
6:00 PM Eucharistic Minister Meeting

### Friday, March 13

3:00 PM St Terence: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Stations of the Cross  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 14

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation at St. John  
3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

### Sunday, March 15

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>

## Las Lecturas de Hoy 8 Marzo

Genesis 12: 1-4a  
Salmo 32  
2 Timoteo 1:8b-10  
San Mateo 17: 1-9  
*Misa en español el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 7

4:00PM 1. +Charles Ezernack  
2. Ace Bowling (SI)  
3. Margie Remedies (SI)  
4. +Chris & Eunice Ebarb  
5. +James Bell

### Sunday March 8

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family  
2. +Dickie Martin  
3. +Theo Hart Anderson, Sr.  
11:00AM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Nguyen Family  
2. + Todd Chasteen  
3. Living & Deceased Members of the Blake, Byrd, Pedersen & Wimer Families  
4. + Robert Britner  
5. Blanche Neal (SI)  
6. + Benny Rivers  
7. + Fr. Andre McGrath

## Mass Notes

**There will be no daily Mass this week.**

Mass will resume on Saturday at 4PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held as usual.

## Lenten Penance Service

There will be a Lenten Penance Service at Saint John the Baptist on **Wednesday, March 18th at 6PM.**

DATE	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Sat, March 14, 4:00PM Vigil (St John)	Shirley Veuleman	Rodney Abington Clauriste Byles James Murphy	Masen Starks Daylin Roberts	Johnny Mowad Paul McCormic Marty Starks Terry DeLatin
Sun, Mar 15, 8:00AM (St Terence)	Tina Nichols	Jan Collins Linda Collins Pam Dartez		Tom Gatti Joe Zammit
Sun, Mar 15, 11:00 AM (St John)	Youth	MaKenna McElwee Angelique Mitchell	Adrianna Payne Braxton Koss	Thomas Rosales Michael Beasley Jerry Mitchell George Koss
Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 13, 6PM	Brandy Soileau		Kaley Koss, Reese Koss and Braxton Koss	

## Thank You

A special thank you from Saint Terence Church, the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope and Father Francis to all who helped with the Rummage Sale this week benefitting the Kenyan Seminarians. We appreciate everyone who donated items and helped.

## Trip to Kenya: August 12, 2020

Fr Francis Kamau and Fr Nicholas Onyach will be celebrating 20 years of priestly ordination this **August 12th**. We invite you to travel to Kenya and join them for this celebration while touring parts of this beautiful country known for its natural wonders and unique culture. The trip is set for August 13th-21st. Each person is responsible for securing their own airline ticket or you may contact Shirley at the church office to make reservations for you. Food, attractions, accommodations, souvenirs and travel while in Kenya will total approximately \$1500. You may travel and return on different dates to accommodate your schedule. If you are interested in going, please contact Father Francis Kamau at 318-256-5680 or email him at: [ngumikamau@yahoo.com](mailto:ngumikamau@yahoo.com). Please note that airline tickets are much cheaper when purchased far in advance. (currently approximately \$1100.00)

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Theo Hart Anderson, Sr**, brother of **Earl Anderson**. *"Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace." Amen.*

## 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.

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for CRS. This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out relief and solidarity efforts, conditions for the poor, legal and support services for poor immigrants, etc. Please be generous.

## Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a Eucharistic Minister meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers from Saint John the Baptist and Saint Terence this Thursday, March 12th at 6PM. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend.

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

This Lent, we are striving to open our eyes and hearts to the plight of those who are suffering here in our own community. During the month of March, our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will adopt the Taylor House, a local domestic violence shelter for women. All donations received during March will benefit this need in our community. We appreciate your generosity.

## Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Our 2020 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal Campaign continues. If you have not yet done so, please take time to fill out a pledge card and return envelope located in the Church pews or in the back of the church. We appreciate your support.

## CRS Rice Bowl

The 2020 CRS Rice Bowl Program has begun and will continue until Easter Sunday. Please pick up a Rice Bowl from the back of the church.

## Daily Reflections of Lent

The booklet, *Daily Reflections of Lent*, meditations for the days of Lent, are located in the back of the church. Feel free to pick one up.

## First United Methodist Youth Group Spaghetti Fundraiser

The Many First United Methodist Church Youth Group will be hosting a fundraiser on **Sunday, March 15, 2020**. Plates include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. Plates are \$9 and can be picked up at the Family Life Center from 11 am to 1 pm. Please call the Many 1st UMC office at 256.3632 or email [catdove@soft-spec.com](mailto:catdove@soft-spec.com) to pre-order a meal.

**Memo to: Clergy, Religious and the Faithful in the Diocese of Shreveport**

**From: Bishop Francis I. Malone**

**Date: March 2, 2020**

**Re: Active Response to the Coronavirus**

The increasing growth and spread of the coronavirus has become a worldwide threat. We hear daily reports of its spread with few indications of a cure. This, in itself, calls for a common sense response in our daily lives. Consistent with many other bishops throughout the country, I offer the following instructions which I hope will be helpful to you.

**Those who feel ill should not attend Mass;**

**I strongly encourage the temporary discontinuation of the Precious Blood at Mass;**

**Members of the faithful should be encouraged (not required) to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue;**

**Eucharistic Ministers should be reminded to wash (sanitize) their hands prior to and after the distribution of the Eucharist;**

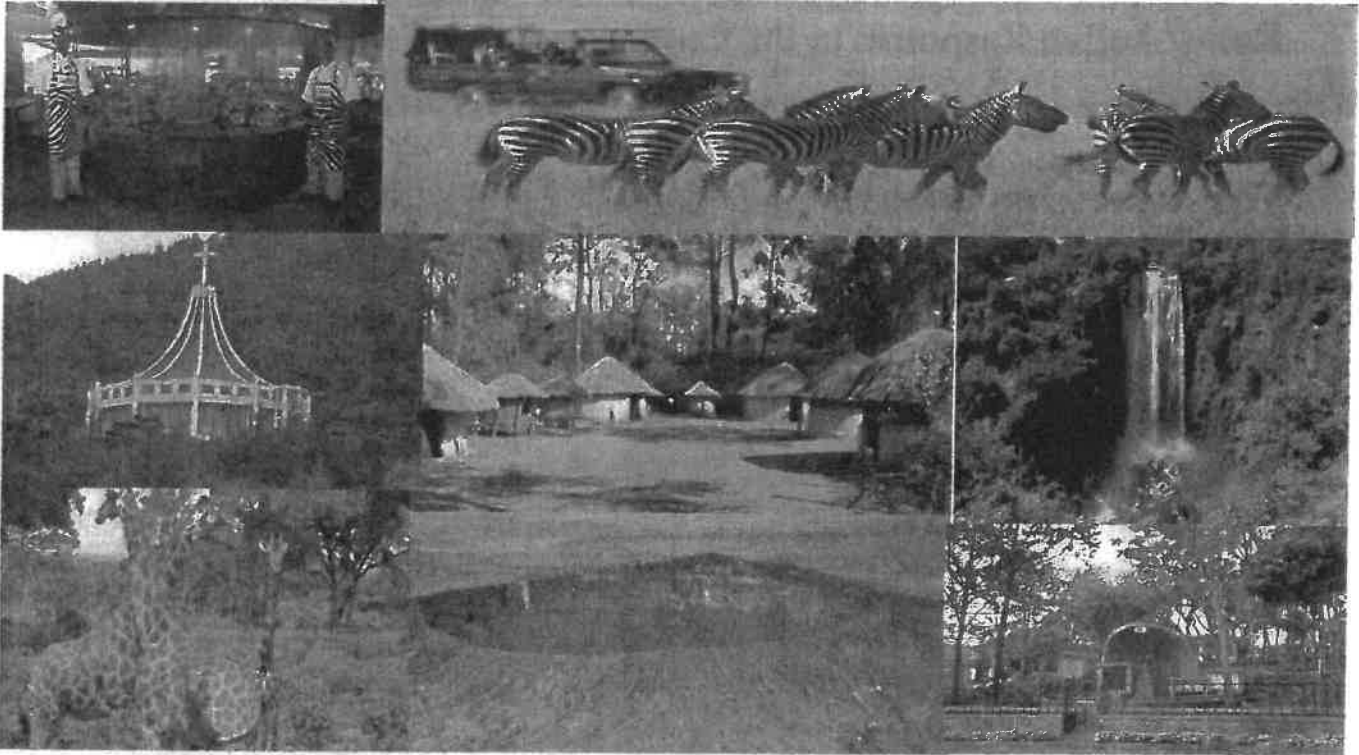
**Where there is a custom of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, this should be discouraged;**

**As an alternate to shaking hands at the sign of peace, a bow might be suggested.**

**Finally, an inclusion of prayers for a cure should be included in the universal prayers we offer at Mass.**

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## Tentative Schedule

- Monday, Aug 10: Depart from Shreveport
- Tuesday, Aug 11: Arrive, unpack, dine and rest
- Wednesday, Aug 12: 20th Anniversary Mass at mother house Karen Nairobi. Visit the Franciscan formation house Kahuho Kiambu
- Thurs, Aug 13: Go on Safari. Nairobi National Park and Animal Orphanage, Bomas of Kenya Cultural Center
- Friday, Aug. 14: Giraffe Center and Mamba Village, Karen Blixen Museum
- Sat, Aug 15: Mass at Holy Eucharist Church followed by a visit to Resurrection Garden
- Sun, Aug 16: Mass at Kabazi, visit Subukia Shrine and Nyahururu Waterfall
- Monday, Aug 17: Menengai Crater and Lake Nakuru
- Tues, Aug 18th: Masai Market and City Center
- Wednesday, Aug 19th: Rest and pack. Dinner at Carnivore
- Thursday, Aug 20th: Depart for the United States