

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 12, 2020



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Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 11
Weekday
Heb 1:1–6
Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday
JANUARY 12
Weekday
Heb 2:5–12
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday
JANUARY 13
Weekday
Heb 2:14–18
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday
JANUARY 14
Weekday
Heb 3:7–14
Mk 1:40–45

Friday
JANUARY 15
Weekday
Heb 4:1–5, 11
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday
JANUARY 16
Weekday
Heb 4:12–16
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday
JANUARY 17
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20
Jn 1:35–42



January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord (B)
Is 55:1–11
1 Jn 5:1–9
Mk 1:7–11

My Son, My Daughter

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for 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, 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 into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today’s Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: “You are my beloved Son.” As Son, his role is to bring God’s goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God’s spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God’s goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? 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 deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



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And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” MARK 1:11





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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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or St. Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis. Donations of any amount are accepted.



The Sanctuary Candle
Week of January 10th–January 16th

St John + Fr. David Richter
 St Terence *In Thanksgiving*
Marti Vienne (SI)

Church Donations

Contributions may be placed in the basket in the back of the church, or mailed to the office. Online giving may be accessed by going to <http://www.stjohnmany.org/donations>

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass
 Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5PM
 Wed—Friday, 8AM

Saturday January 9

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

Sunday January 10

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence
 10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Tuesday January 12

7:00 PM KC's Meet

Wednesday January 13

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

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 church in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the church office

Parish calendar online:

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 9th

4:00PM 1. +Livy Lewis
 2. +Bobbie & Billy Ezernack
 3. Timothy Rivers (SI)
 4. +Fr. Kenneth Williams

Sunday January 10th

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
 2. +Christy Wriborg
 3. +Carla Kowarsch
 11:00AM 1. +Fr David Richter
 2. + Steven Rodrigues
 3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
 4. + Fr. Kenneth Williams
 5. + Bonnie Bass
 6. +Kaylee McLain

Tuesday January 12th

5:00PM 1. + Kim Bedsole

Wednesday January 13th

8:00AM 1. + Margaret Richter

Thursday January 14th

8:00AM 1. +Fr. Kenneth Williams

Friday January 15th

8:00AM 1. *Special Intention (SI)*

World Marriage Day

On World Marriage Day, February 14th, we will be honoring married couples celebrating their **decade and half-decade anniversaries** in 2021 (5, 10, 15, 25, etc.) and all of those married 50 + years.

Please call the parish office **no later than January 25th** with husband and wife's full names (including maiden), address, email, marriage date, church, etc. Recognizing married couples in our parish is a wonderful example for the young and engaged couples to witness the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Thank You

We thank those who made donations to our 2020 Saint John the Baptist Christmas flower fund:

~In Memory of Raymond Remedés, Jim & Jewell Phillips, Riley & Velve Patton and Connie Starks *by Marty & Tina Starks*
 ~In Memory of Susie Thibodeaux *by the Jerry & Angelique Mitchell Family*

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~In Memory of Nancy Rodrigues *by Rose & Ottis Sparks*

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~In Memory of Al McCurdy and In Honor of Marie McCurdy *by Bob, Kristie, Sam & Paige McCurdy*

~In Memory of Henry & Elvie Parrie and Ronald Ray Carter, Sr *by Frances Carter*

~In Memory of Kenny & Kathryn McCormick *by their family*

~In Memory of Karla Sepulvado, Oscar & Inez McCormick, Beto & Josie Sepulvado *by Pat & Karen Sepulvado*

~In Memory of Steven Rodrigues and Ernest and Shirley Rodrigues *by Kayla Hataway*

~In honor of the Descendants of the Prude Remedés Family *by Kayla Hataway*

~In Memory of Sherman Salter *by Heather and Billy Nichols*
 ~In Memory of Ernest Ray Huff *by Blanche Neal*

Note: The Ladies Altar Society appreciates the following people who helped put up the Nativity Scene and/or take down: *Michael Beasley, Melissa McElwee, Jean Rains, Tommie LeCroy Wade Johnson, Matthew Couvillion, Cela Knippers, Julie Britner, Masen Starts, Maggie Ryan, Ava McElwee, Stella McElwee, Macie Ryan & Fr. Francis.*

Saint Terence Anniversary

Saint Terence Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month. Bishop Francis Malone will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Terence on **Sunday, January 17th at 8AM**. There will be a reception to follow. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Moran Blanchard.

Church Directories Are In!

The St John /St Terence Church Directories have arrived! Any family who was photographed for the directory may call the church office (256-5680) to make arrangements to pick up your free copy. After those are distributed, any copies remaining may be purchased for \$5.00 each. We appreciate all families who made the effort to be photographed and we thank everyone for their patience during the publication delay caused by the pandemic.

New Bible Study Class Begins in February

Our new Bible Study class is slated to begin in February.

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. If you want to know what it means to really follow Christ, and if you would like to have a deeper relationship with Him, then we invite you to join us for *Follow Me*.

Participants in the class will receive a workbook and will meet monthly to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with His disciples, the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and others, are examples of how He lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with Him.

Because of the pandemic, you will have the option to attend the studies in person or virtually via Zoom. There will be two sessions: 9AM and 7PM. The day of the week is yet to be determined. Those who choose to attend via Zoom will watch the video at their convenience. (There will be a training session.)

The cost to register for this Bible Study is \$19.95. This includes the workbook, online workbook and online access for one year to the eight 35-minute videos.

For more information, contact Pat Gandy or Clauriste Byles.

Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2021 are located in the back of the church. If you would like to pick yours up from the office, please contact Sheila. If you are currently not receiving contribution envelopes and would like to, please contact us. If you would like a statement for income tax purposes, please use the church envelopes. There is no charge for these.

Catholic Calendars Available

2021 Catholic Calendars are located in the back of the church.