

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

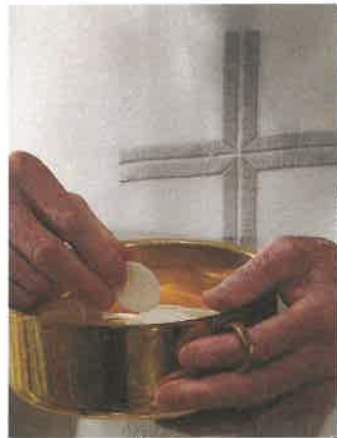
What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

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Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 18
Weekday
Heb 5:1-10
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday
JANUARY 19
Weekday
Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday
JANUARY 20
Weekday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday
JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:25—8:6
Mk 3:7-12

Friday
JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
Heb 8:6-13
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday
JANUARY 23
Weekday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday
JANUARY 24
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42



*So [Eli] said to Samuel,
"Go to sleep, and if
you are called, reply,
'Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening.'"
1 SAMUEL 3:9*

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ✦ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*



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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.

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 16

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

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday January 17

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

8:00 AM St. Terence: Bishop Francis Malone celebrates 25th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving with reception to follow

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Wednesday, January 20

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 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>

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 16th

- 4:00PM 1. +Livye Lewis
2. +Bobbie & Billy Ezernack
3. *Timothy Rivers (SI)*
4. +Jenna Lee Williams
5. *Roy Cedars (SI)*

Sunday January 17th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. +Christy Wriberg
3. Living & Deceased Pastors of St. Terence
4. +Deceased Parishioners of St. Terence
5. +Bradley, Burnell & Mark Domingue
11:00AM 1. +Charlie Brown
2. + Steven Rodrigues
3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
4. + Danny Spohrer
5. + Tim Martinez
6. *Timothy Rivers (SI)*

Tuesday January 19th

- 5:00PM 1. +Jenna Lee Williams

Wednesday January 20th

- 8:00AM 1. +Kayla McLain

Thursday January 21st

- 8:00AM 1. +Fr. Kenneth Williams

Friday January 22nd

- 8:00AM 1. +Kaylee McLain



The Sanctuary Candle

Week of Jan 17th—Jan 23rd

St John + Chris & Eunice Ebarb

St Terence *In Thanksgiving*

Special Intention

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>

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

When you make a contribution to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. Thank you for your donations.

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.

Sunday Reading Zoom Bible Study

Fr. Pat Madden will begin a study of the Sunday scripture readings on **Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30**. These classes will be available live via Zoom, and the recordings subsequently available through the Diocesan web site. The classes will be designed for lectors, and for any Catholics who want a better understanding of the Sunday scriptures before Mass begins. If you wish to have the Zoom link for his live class, please send him an e-mail, pmadden@dioshpt.org.

Catholic Calendars Available

There are a few 2021 Catholic Calendars remaining and are located in the back of the church.

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. Those who choose to participate in person will have a choice of two sessions. The first class will be **Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 9:30AM** for those wishing to attend the morning session and the night class will be **Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6PM**. Those who choose to attend via Zoom will watch the video at their convenience. There will be a zoom training on **Wednesday, Jan. 27th**.

The cost to register for this Bible Study is **\$20.00**. This includes the workbook, online workbook and online access for one year to the eight 35-minute videos. Books will be ordered **February 1st**.

For more information, contact Pat Gandy or Clairiste 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.

Mass Online

We are livestreaming the Sunday IAM Mass on our Facebook page. Those who are ill or who are not comfortable attending Mass are invited to join us on social media and offer an act of Spiritual Communion.

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.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
January 9—10th, 2021

St John	\$ 2843.00
St Terence	\$ 1515.00

Second Collection: Jan. 23rd-24th

A second collection for the Church in Latin America will be held next week-