

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

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Calendar

Monday
MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1—15ab
Lk 4:24—30

Tuesday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34—43
Mt 18:21—35

Wednesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5—9
Mt 5:17—19

Thursday
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23—28
Lk 11:14—23

Friday
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2—10
Mk 12:28—34

Saturday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1—6
Lk 18:9—14

Sunday
MARCH 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14—16,
19—23
Eph 2:4—10
Jn 3:14—21

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent (B)
Ex 20:1—17 or 20:1—3, 7—8, 12—17
1 Cor 1:22—25
Jn 2:13—25



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- ★ *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*



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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.

Church Donations

We appreciate the Stewardship and support of our parishioners and visitors. 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 March 6th

By appointment Reconciliation at St. John

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday March 7th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Tuesday March 9th

9:30AM Bible Study

7:00 PM KC's Meet

Wednesday March 10th

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 PM CCD

Thursday March 11th

6:00PM Bible Study

Friday March 12th

6:00PM Stations of the Cross

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>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date



The Sanctuary Candle

Week of March 7th—March 13th

St John *Special Intention (SI)*

St. Terence + Christy Wriborg

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 6th

- 4:00PM 1. +Wanda Rivers
2. Betty Procell Skinner (SI)
3. +Mikey Mancil

Sunday March 7th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. +Christy Wriborg
3. +Richard Dartez
4. Harold & Norma Bergeron (SI)
- 11:00AM 1. + Timothy Rivers
2. + Wanda Rivers
3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
4. + Taylor Ledoux

Tuesday March 9th

- 5:00PM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Blake, Byrd, Pedersen & Wilmer Fly.

Wednesday March 10th

- 8:00AM 1. +

Thursday March 11th

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

Friday March 12th

- 8:00AM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Blake, Byrd, Pedersen & Wilmer Fly.

Monthly Spanish Mass

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held next **Sunday, March 7th at 5PM.** Everyone is invited.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

February 13th-14th, 2021

St John \$ 2665.81

St Terence \$ 1651.00

February 20th—21st, 2021

St John \$ 6478.00

St Terence \$ 1651.00

February 27th-28th, 2021

St John \$ 3731.00

St Terence \$ 1365.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are resuming the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the IIAM Mass. This ministry is very important. We are currently in need of volunteers who are willing to serve approximately 30 minutes, once a month. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. If you can help, please contact Heather Nichols (508-2669) or Jean Rains (332-5751).

2021 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Last week, the 2021 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal was launched. For those in our parish family who provided a gift to this effort, thank you for your support. The key to success for our Appeal effort is to have every family seek to serve others through a gift to our 2021 campaign. If you have not yet made a pledge in support of the 2021 Appeal, please take time to fill out a pledge card and return envelope located in the back of the church. Gifts can also be made through automatic withdrawal using the instructions on your pledge card.

Tours of the Holy Shroud Collection

The Holy Shroud collection at St John Berchman's Cathedral is open for educational presentations and tours by appointment, for groups of ten or more. Please contact Dr. Cheryl White at cwhite@sjbccathedral.org if you are interested in scheduling a tour.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Your gift for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul means that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. Thank you.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

CRS Rice Bowl

The 2021 CRS Rice Bowl Program has begun and will continue until Easter Sunday. Please pick up a Rice Bowl from the back of the church.

Saint John the Baptist Celebrates 150th Anniversary

This year, Saint John the Baptist celebrates its **150th Anniversary**. We are beginning to plan our celebration which will be held in June. If you are interested in serving on the anniversary planning committee, please leave your name at the church office. So far, we have had little response on volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping us as we celebrate this milestone in our

Second Collection

The second collection next weekend, March 13-14 will be for Catholic Relief Services.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are held **each Friday of Lent at 6PM** at St John.

Stations of the Cross Servers

Friday, March 12th Lector: Marion Koss
Servers: Kaley, Braxton & Reese Koss
Friday, March 19th Lector: Brandy Soileau
Servers: Avaree & Addi Procell and Braxton Koss

Attention Ministry Leaders

As our activities resume, we ask that all ministry leaders contact the office so that we may place meetings, classes, activities and other dates on the Master Calendar. This is important so that we may avoid scheduling conflicts. We appreciate everyone's help.

Mass Online

We continue to livestream the **Sunday IIAM 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.

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.