

# Dear Padre,

## Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

**B**iblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.

Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



## Calendar

**Monday**  
APRIL 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday**  
APRIL 29  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday**  
APRIL 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
MAY 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday**  
MAY 2  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

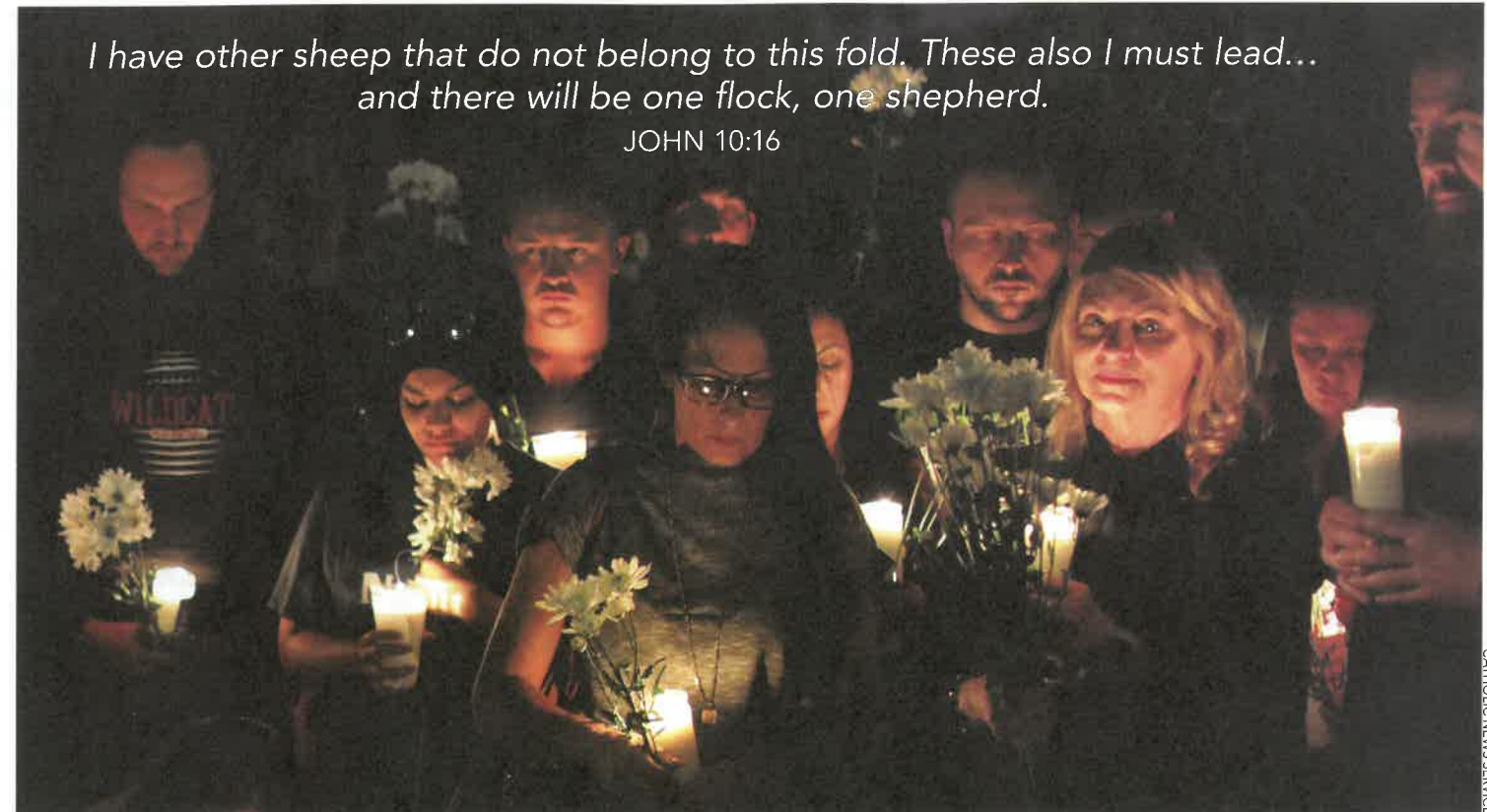
Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

JOHN 10:16



## The Good Shepherd

**F**or many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### For Reflection

- ✦ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*
- ✦ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*



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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Francis Kamau, FMH  
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**Prayer List:** Vivian Halleck, Bessie Mowad, Vicki Martin, Eddie Richard, Randy Richter, Jiles Bowling, Tom Hambleton, Ace Bowling, Bennett King, Norma Bergeron, Clifford Shuff, Roy & Pam Beasley, Ezra Thibodeaux, Bill & Mary Hurd, Donald Behan, Joama Presseau, Lisa Brown, Bobby Bowen, Piper Rae Pate, Cameron Johnson, Jake & Mary Ann Rivers, Alan Nichols, James Edwards, Addie Procell, Richard DeKeyzer, Trisha Adams, Sue Ferguson, John Wayne Behan, Timbo Sepulvado, Don Speaks, Marti Vienne, Lexie King, Gary Mitchell, Justin Lincecum, Brooklyn Meshell, Roy Cedars, Betty Procell Skinner, Gerry Bourgeois, Mary Jane Olsen, Caitlin Pine, Beth Prejean, Beckie Bayer, Leroy Parrie, Clauriste Byles, Sr., Tia Airhart Fontenot, Marty Starks, Trent Chaney, Ginger Mokedan, Cyndle Eyre, Doug Wages, Margaret Zammit, Debbie Britt, Hannah Salley, Melver Pritchard, Freddie Grappe, Lucille Wagenspack & Seth Freeman

## Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint 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.

## This Week in our Parish

### Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

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

### Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

### Sunday April 25th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

### Tuesday, April 27th

6:00 PM Youth Worship Team Meets

### Wednesday, April 28th

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

5:30PM CCD

### Thursday April 29th

6:00 PM Choir Practice

### 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 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 April 25th—May 1st

St. John + Margie Remedies

St. Terence + Michael Breaux

### Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)  
April 17th-18th, 2021

St John	\$	6253.49
St Terence	\$	795.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday April 24th

- 4:00PM
- + Chris & Eunice Ebarb
  - + Darci Johnson
  - + Ben Partida
  - + Janice Murphy
  - + Wanda & Benny Rivers

### Sunday April 25th

- 8:00AM
- The Parish Family
  - +Christy Wriberg
  - + Dora Miller
  - Rufus Shuff (SI)
- 11:00AM
- + Carol Tarpley
  - + Ann & Phillip Rivers
  - + Kim Bedsole
  - + Lee Mitchell
  - + Adlean Combre

### Tuesday April 27th

- 5:00PM
- + J. J. Blake, Jr.

### Wednesday April 28th

- 8:00AM
- + Glenda Rogers

### Thursday April 29th

- 8:00AM
- + Father Kenneth Williams

### Friday April 23rd

- 8:00AM
- + Livye Lewis

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Home Missions. The Diocese of Shreveport receives a significant grant from the collection, so please be generous.

## Pastoral Council

Clauriste Byles, Angelique Mitchell, Chrislee Moran, James Murphy, Jean Rains, Maggie Bautista, Leonilda Gonzalez, Shirley Rivers & Deacon Michael Sullivan

## Finance Council

Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Dale Porche, Matthew Couvillion, Rufus Shuff, Brandy Soileau and Deacon Michael Sullivan

## Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

Saint John the Baptist is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year and will have various activities planned during the next few months. To kick off our celebration, we are sponsoring a t-shirt design contest with the winning design printed on t-shirts to commemorate our anniversary. Anyone may enter. Participants are encouraged to create a beautiful design for this important event in the life of our church. Entries may be hand-drawn or computerized and should be dropped off at the church office or emailed to:

## Honoring our Graduates

Are you graduating from high school or college this year? If so, please contact Mrs. Amy Ebarb or leave your name at the church office. We will have special recognition for graduates at the **IIAM Mass on Sunday, May 16th.**

## Help Needed

Please help us prepare for our 150th Anniversary celebration by sharing your old pictures, memorabilia and other items that you might have. We can digitally make copies of your pictures in the office or they can be emailed to: [office@stjohnmany.org](mailto:office@stjohnmany.org)

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. Through your kind gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, utility payments, etc. Thank You!

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Catholic Church will observe a World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 25, 2021 – the date also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, etc.

## Thank You

Special thanks to all who helped make Confirmation last Sunday such a beautiful event in the life of our church. We appreciate our teachers and all those who participated and helped in the faith formation of these young people. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



150TH ANNIVERSARY  
T-SHIRT DESIGN  
CONTEST



Submit your t-shirt design to the church office by May 5th.

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

## Congratulations

Please pray for our children who will be making their First Communion next **Sunday, May 2nd** at the IIAM Mass: *Meghan Dawn Barnard, Ellie Jane Danos, Alexander Sebastian Lopez, Stella Perle McElwee, Nickolas Aaron Rivers and Joseph Benjamin Ryan*

## Need Gifts for First Communion? Confirmation? Graduation? Mother's Day? Birthdays? Baptisms?

We encourage everyone to visit our Youth Group's gift shop. Hours are 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday at the church office or other times by appointment. For more information, contact Jean Rains. We have a variety of items and great prices!

## Summer Camps for Teens

After Cancelling Camp in 2020 Due to Covid, we're back in 2021! *Beloved for Teen Girls*—July 22-25, 2021 and *Mission Possible for Teen Boys*—July 25-28, 2021 are on! Healthy bodies, minds, and souls are what these summer camps are all about. Experience an unforgettable, life-changing camp packed with awesome activities and authentic Catholic spirituality. Two camps, one for girls and one for boys, are held at the rustic-but-comfortable King's Camp, where a top-notch ropes course is flanked by the bayou and a picturesque pond. Go to website [shvcamps.com](http://shvcamps.com) to see more information and to register.

## 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.