

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



Calendar

Monday

MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Jn 15:9-17

Saturday

MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

MAY 16
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- * You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."
JOHN 15:12-13



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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 May 9th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence
10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John
11:00 AM May Crowning
5:30 AM Youth Group Meets

Tuesday, May 11th

6:00 PM Anniversary Committee Meets
6:30 PM KC's Meet; Meal afterwards

Wednesday, May 12th

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30PM CCD

Thursday May 13th

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 May 9th -15th, 2021

St. John + Deacon Michael Sullivan
St. Terence + Pappy Louviere

Finance Council

Earl Anderson, Ron Busby, Dale Porche, Matthew Couvillion, Rufus Shuff & Brandy Soileau

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 8th

4:00PM 1. + Jimmie Small
2. + Ben Partida
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. + Janice Murphy
5. + Fr Kenneth Williams

Sunday May 9th

8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. + Christy Wriborg
3. + Dora Miller
4. + Marguerite Little
5. Rufus Shuff (SI)
11:00AM 1. + Carol Tarpley
2. + Sidney Jacobs
3. + Janice Murphy
4. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
5. + Fr. Kenneth Williams
6. + Joyce Santos

Tuesday May 11th

5:00PM 1. + Ben Partida

Wednesday May 12th

8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Thursday May 13th

8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Wise

Friday May 14th

8:00AM 1. + Sidney Jacobs

Please Note: This Thursday, May 13th, the Feast of the Ascension, is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast will be celebrated next weekend.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
May 1st -2nd, 2021

St John	\$	4346.61
St Terence	\$	1597.00

Pastoral Council

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

Meetings Scheduled

~There will be a KC Meeting this **Tuesday, May 11** at **6:30PM** with a meal afterwards.

~The Anniversary Planning Committee will meet on **Tuesday** at **6PM**. Anyone interested in helping us plan for our 150th Anniversary celebrated is encouraged to attend.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, *"This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."* By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you fulfill this commandment. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

Rosary Planned

The month of May is a special time for us to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us as we pray the Most Holy Rosary, 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.

Volunteers Needed for VBS

We are in need of volunteers for our Vacation Bible School program this year which is scheduled for the week of July 12th. If you can help, please see Jean Rains or contact the church office.

Summer Teen Camps are Back!

After canceling last year, the Diocese of Shreveport will sponsor two camps for high school students this summer. The weeks will include a ropes course, canoeing, crafts, games, Eucharistic Adoration, and Daily Mass. Priests, sisters and seminarians will share their experiences and help campers grow in their faith. The camps will be held on the following weeks:

"Beloved" for girls: **July 22-25**

"Mission Possible" for boys: **July 25-28**

Historical Marker Donations



Saint John the Baptist is applying for recognition through the Louisiana Historical Marker Program. This program commemorates facts, persons, events, or places prominently identified with the history of the nation, state, or region. If approved, a bronze historical marker will be erected at the site of our church. Dr. Cheryl White, professor at LSU-S, has informed us that our church meets the necessary qualifications for this honor and has offered to help us work on and submit the necessary application. The approximate cost to erect the marker is \$2500. Anyone interested in donating towards the cost of the installation of the marker may turn in contributions to the church office or place in the collection basket, marked.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be held next weekend, May 15- 16. Please be generous.

Attention High School and College Seniors from our Church Parish: You are invited to participate in a Mass with special prayers for graduates next **Sunday, May 16, at 11:00AM**. If you haven't done so, please turn your name in to Mrs. Amy Ebarb.

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Beloved **Deacon Michael Sullivan** and **Dr. Randy Richter**, brother of Father David Richter. *"Eternal Rest grant unto them O' Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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.



God bless our mothers! We wish all mothers a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!