

# Dear Padre,

**I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?**

**I have several ideas.** First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or

a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"....These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015



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## Calendar

**Monday**  
 JUNE 14  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 6:1–10  
 Mt 5:38–42

**Tuesday**  
 JUNE 15  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 8:1–9  
 Mt 5:43–48

**Wednesday**  
 JUNE 16  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 9:6–11  
 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

**Thursday**  
 JUNE 17  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 11:1–11  
 Mt 6:7–15

**Friday**  
 JUNE 18  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 11:18, 21–30  
 Mt 6:19–23

**Saturday**  
 JUNE 19  
 Weekday  
 2 Cor 12:1–10  
 Mt 6:24–34

**Sunday**  
 JUNE 20  
 Twelfth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time  
 Jb 38:1, 8–11  
 2 Cor 5:14–17  
 Mk 4:35–41

### Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 17:22–24

2 Cor 5:6–10

Mk 4:26–34



*On the mountain height of Israel  
 I will plant it.  
 It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,  
 and become a majestic cedar.*  
 EZEKIEL 17:23

## To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

**T**oday's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- ✦ *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*



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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 June 13th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Faith, Food & Fun

### Tuesday June 15th

6:00 PM Finance Council Meets

### Wednesday June 16th

6:00 PM Anniversary Committee Meets

### Thursday June 17th

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday June 12th

- 4:00PM 1. + Chris & Eunice Ebarb  
2. + Walter Lee  
3. + Ben Partida  
4. Justin Lincecum (SI)  
5. Roy Cedars (SI)  
6. +Rufus Leone

### Sunday June 13th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family  
2. + Christy Wriborg  
3. Norma Bergeron (SI)  
11:00AM 1. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen  
2. + LaVerne Jones  
3. + Delores Springer  
4. + Cynthia Ward  
5. Justin Lincecum (SI)

### Tuesday June 15th

- 5:00PM 1. + Ben Partida

### Wednesday June 16th

- 8:00AM 1. Raymond Remedez

### Thursday June 17th

- 8:00AM 1. + Steven Rodrigues

### Friday June 18th

- 8:00AM 1. + Ernest Rodrigues

## 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.

## Saint Terence Mass Schedule

There will be no Mass at Saint Terence Mission on Sunday, June 27th. All parishioners are invited to join us for the Mass of Thanksgiving at IIAM at Saint John the Baptist, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our church parish.

## Dispensation Removed by Bishop Malone

On Tuesday, May 18, Bishop Malone met with all the priests of the Diocese of Shreveport, together with Dr. John Vanchiere, Infectious Disease Specialist.

Effective the first weekend of June, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass ceased throughout the Diocese of Shreveport. Thus, the obligation to attend Mass has resumed.

**People with underlying conditions and other grave health concerns or advanced age remain dispensed.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church, on the Sunday Obligation: "The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin".

For healthy Catholics, watching Mass streaming live, or recorded, does not fulfill the obligation to attend Mass.

## St. John's History Project

We are preparing an exhibit of church history for our anniversary kickoff on June 27th. If you have photos, programs or other artifacts that you would be willing to loan to the church for the occasion, please contact

Thomas and Sarah Andries at

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or, drop off at the church office. We need all items by Sunday, June 20th.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday Vigil, June 19, 4PM (Saint John)</b>	Masen Starks	TBD	Dale Porche	TBD
<b>Sunday, June 20th, 8AM (Saint Terence)</b>	Carrie DeRouen	Jan Collins		TBD
<b>Sunday, June 13th, 11AM (Saint John)</b>	Emma McElwee Kayley Koss	TBD	Avaree Procell Addie Procell Braxton Koss	TBD

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it Happens." Through your almsgiving, you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. Your kind gifts placed in the collection basket for the St. Vincent de Paul Society bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

## Anniversary Celebration Events / Please Volunteer!

Our 150th anniversary celebration kicks off on June 27th and continues through November. For a full calendar of events and ways that you can help, please visit [www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary](http://www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary).

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Rufus Leone. "Eternal Rest grant unto him O' Lord and Let the Perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace." Amen.

## 150th Anniversary Celebration 1871-2021

Our 150th Anniversary celebration is nearing and we need everyone's help! We are currently accepting donations to fund the various activities that will be taking place over the next few months. If you would like to contribute, you may place your donation in the collection and designate it as "Anniversary Expenses".

## Money Counters

We are in the process of making a new schedule for our money counters. Please contact Sheila at the church office if you are interested in volunteering to help count weekly collections, or if you are currently a money counter and need to make changes.

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, especially for our anniversary celebration, please contact the church office.

## Anniversary Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Anniversary Planning Committee this Wednesday, June 16 at 6PM. Anyone interested in helping us with the anniversary celebration is encouraged to attend.

## The Sanctuary Candle

Week of June 13th - June 19th, 2021

St. John + Ernest, Shirley & Steven Rodrigues

St. Terence + Jackie and Lee Miller

## Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

June 5th-6th, 2021

St John	\$	2610.15
St Terence	\$	2353.00

# We Need Your Help!

We're looking forward to a great day of thanksgiving and fellowship on June 27<sup>th</sup> as we kick off our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We're expecting friends, family, and clergy from far and wide, and **we need your help to make the day a success.** If you, your business, or your civic organization can help with any of the following, please let us know.

We have a number of items that we need to borrow for the day. If you can assist by loaning any of these to the church, please contact the church office.

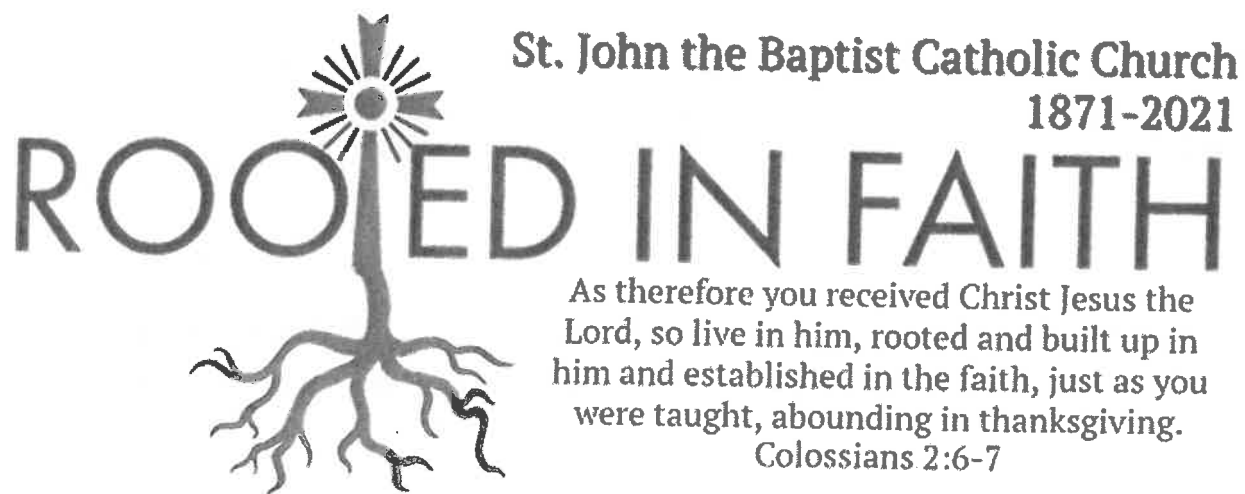
Walkie Talkies (10)

Commercial garbage cans (6)

Large ice chests for keeping meat warm and drinks cold (6)

10 X 10 tents (4)

Glass display case approximately 6 X 2 X 3 for displaying church artifacts



## Opportunities to Serve

### **Set Up**

**Saturday, June 26 at 9AM**

Join with the Knights of Columbus to help set up tables and chairs outside for our luncheon.

**CONTACT: JERRY MITCHELL**

### **Host Families**

**Saturday/Sunday, June 26-27**

We are expecting a number of clergy and religious from out of town to arrive in Many on Saturday. We are looking for families who are willing to host some of our guests in your home and provide an evening meal on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

### **Meat Preparation**

**Sunday, June 27**

Meat preparation will be done off-site under the leadership of Randy Murphy.

We need approximately 4 volunteers to begin working at **4AM** to get the fires lit and meat prepped.

We need another 6 volunteers to begin working at **7AM**. The second crew will help monitor cooking, as well as cut/slice and prepare meat for transport to the church.

**CONTACT RANDY MURPHY**

### **Ushers/Greeters**

**Sunday, June 27 at 9AM**

We need 6-10 volunteers to serve as ushers/greeters to greet worshipers as they arrive, to help seat people, and to collect the offering. We will be utilizing a large tent in the school parking lot as overflow for Mass, so volunteers are needed for both the church building and outside.

**CONTACT PETER KOSS**

### **French-speaking lector**

**Sunday, June 27 at 11AM**

As a tribute to our history and our principal celebrant, we would like to offer one of our readings in French. We are looking for someone who is fluent in French and is willing to serve as a lector during Mass.

**CONTACT MATTHEW COUVILLION**

### **Clean Up**

**Sunday, June 27 3-5PM**

Stick around after lunch on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to help us collect trash, clean tables, and fold up tables & chairs. ***Just show up. We'll take all the help we can get!***