

Dear Padre,

Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:



First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

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Calendar

Monday
JULY 5
Weekday
Gn 28:10–22a
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday
JULY 6
Weekday
Gn 32:23–33
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday
JULY 7
Weekday
Gn 41:55–57;
42:5–7a, 17–24a
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday
JULY 8
Weekday
Gn 44:18–21,
23b–29; 45:1–5
Mt 10:7–15

Friday
JULY 9
Weekday
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday
JULY 10
Weekday
Gn 49:29–32;
50:15–26a
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday
JULY 11
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 7:12–15
Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10
Mk 6:7–13

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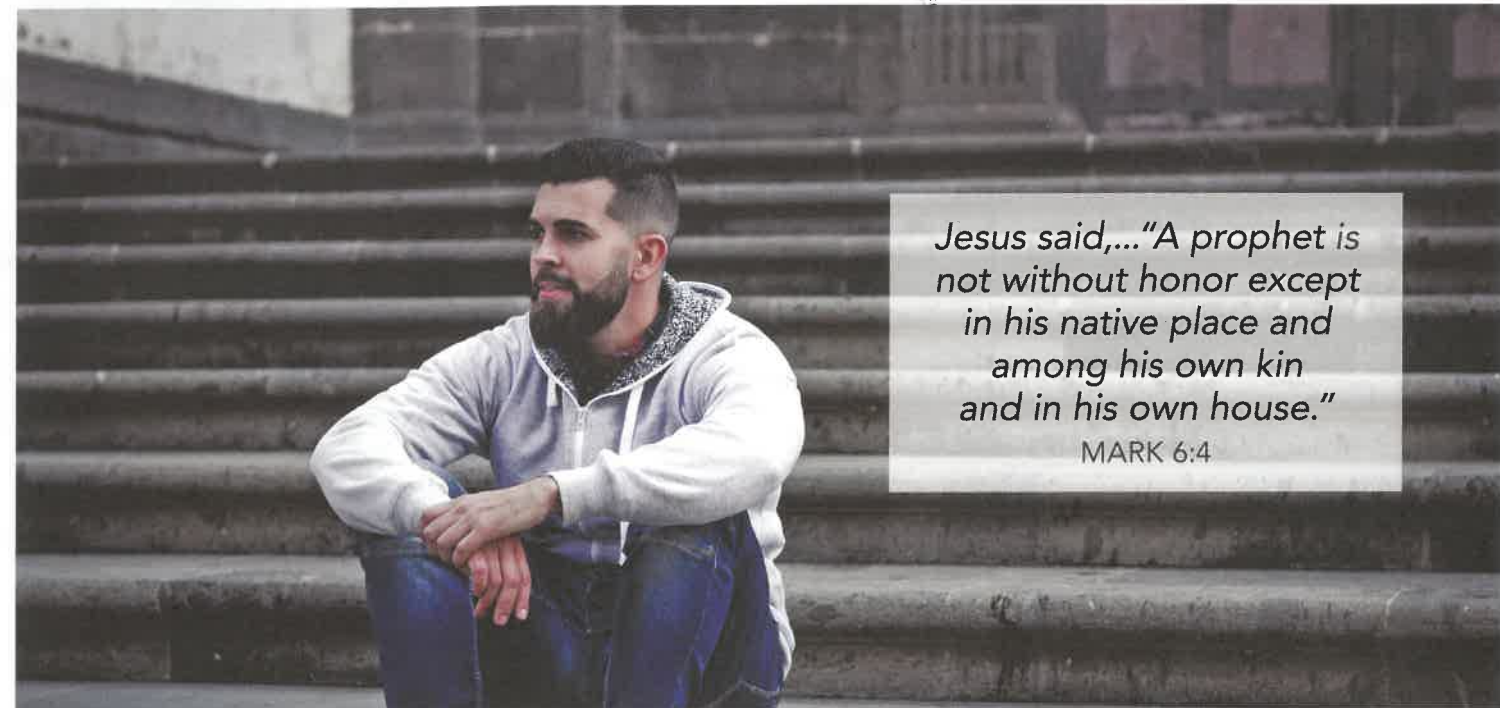
July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 2:2–5

2 Cor 12:7–10

Mk 6:1–6a



Jesus said,...“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

MARK 6:4

Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the

implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?
- ★ Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?



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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

Weekend Mass at St Terence

Sun, 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Sunday June 4th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 AM Youth Group Meets

Wednesday June 7th

6:00 PM Speaker Series (in the church):
Father Peter Mangum and Dr. Cheryl White

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 July 4th - 10th, 2020

St. John + Father Ken Williams
+ Margie Remedies

St. Terence + Petey & Marcelle Campo

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
June 26th—27th, 2021

St John	\$	6367.50
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Spanish Mass Cancelled

The Spanish Mass for the month of July has been cancelled.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 3rd

- 4:00PM 1. + LaVerne Jones
2. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
3. + Ben Partida
4. + Delores Springer
5. + Rufus Leone

Sunday July 4th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. Christy Wriborg (SI)
11:00AM 1. + Danny Spohrer
2. + Timmy Spohrer
3. + Jerry Spohrer
4. + Fr Ken Williams
5. + Eleanor Gill
6. + Margerine Remedies

Tuesday July 6th

- 5:00PM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Wednesday July 7th

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Thursday July 8th

- 8:00AM 1. + Janice Murphy

Friday July 9th

- 8:00AM 1. Justin Lincecum (SI)

CCD Teachers Needed

We are in need of teachers, volunteers and helpers for our 2021-22 CCD program. If you are willing to help, please contact Jean Rains. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in this ministry.

Lyke Community Rummage Sale

We appreciate those who helped with or donated items to the Rummage Sale for Father Francis's order, the Lyke Community. Thank you for your generosity in helping us raise \$1,626.00 for the Seminarians. Fr. Francis would like to thank everyone who helped make this a success.



Special Thanks

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, Sunday, July 27th, was a memorable and historical day in the life of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church. What a blessing it was to see so many people honor the history of our beloved church parish!

I cannot begin to thank each and every person who made the day possible. So many of you worked so very hard in so many ways. I am touched by your love for our church parish and for each other.

Archbishop Pierre, Bishop Malone and Bishop Marshall had a wonderful time being with us and were very complimentary of everything. We have also received wonderful compliments from others. The celebration could not have gone better.

I am also amazed at how our community came together in so many ways to help with our music, providing security and in doing anything that we asked of them. It is obvious that we have a very visible presence in the Sabine Parish Community.

I remind you that our celebration is not over. Please take note of the various activities that will be coming up as they are listed in our bulletin, website and Facebook page.

I hope that each of you know how very blessed we all are to be part of such a wonderful church family. May God continue to bless each of you and your families. God is good all the time!

Sincerely, *Father Francis*

Bake Sale

Saint John the Baptist and Saint Terence will be sponsoring a bake sale after all Masses this weekend to help defray the expenses of our anniversary celebration. Please stop by the table after Mass and check out the wonderful baked goods that are perfect for your Fourth of July weekend.

T-Shirts - Second Chance

If you missed our anniversary t-shirts the first time around, you now have a second chance to get one! Shirts may be purchased online with a credit card through July 17. Visit our website at www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary for the link.

Vacation Bible School: July 12—16th

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 12 through the 16th. We are in need of artificial, green Christmas trees (lighted or not) and paper towel rollers. We are also asking for volunteers to help us decorate for VBS. Please contact Jean Rains if you can help.



Father Francis and the church staff wish everyone a safe, happy and blessed Fourth of July!

Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Speaker Series: Wednesday, July 7th at 6PM

Our 150th Anniversary events continue. We invite everyone to join us this Wednesday, July 7th at 6PM in the church as we welcome Father Peter Mangum, Rector of the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans and Dr. Cheryl White, history professor at LSU-S. Dr. White and Fr. Peter will be speaking about the life and death of Father Francois LeVezouet, our first priest, and his journey to sainthood. We encourage everyone to join us for the interesting presentation on "The Surest Path to Heaven: Servant of God Father Francois Le Vezouet."

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, July 10th, 4PM (Saint John)	Yvonne Busby	TBD	Juan Plascencia Emelyn Plascencia	TBD
Sunday, July 11th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Steve Miller	Linda Collins		TBD
Sunday, July 11th, 11AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	TBD	Teagan Rodrigues Kyndl Laroux Kylie Laroux	TBD