

Dear Padre,

I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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Calendar

Monday
JULY 19
Weekday
Ex 14:5–18
Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday
JULY 20
Weekday
Ex 14:21—15:1
Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday
JULY 21
Weekday
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15
Mt 13:1–9

Thursday
JULY 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday
JULY 23
Weekday
Ex 20:1–17
Mt 13:18–23

Saturday
JULY 24
Weekday
Ex 24:3–8
Mt 13:24–30

Sunday
JULY 25
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42–44
Eph 4:1–6
Jn 6:1–15

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to share your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jer 23:1–6
Eph 2:13–18
Mk 6:30–34

Follow the Leader

This is not simply the name of a childhood game. It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not "with whom do I agree?" but rather "whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?" Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- ✦ *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

JEREMIAH 23:4



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.

ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL COLLEGES AND RESIDENCES OF ROME, MAY 12, 2014



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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 July 18th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

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 18th - 24th, 2020

St. John + Ben Partida

St. Terence + Father Patrick Scully

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

July 10th—11th, 2021

St John	\$	4019.00
St Terence	\$	2427.00

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 17th

- 4:00PM 1. + Lawrence Gill
 2. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
 3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 4. Justin Lincecum (SI)
 5. + Rufus Leone
 6. Alberto Gonzalez (SI)

Sunday July 18th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
 2. Christy Wriborg (SI)
 11:00AM 1. + Steven Rodrigues
 2. + Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
 3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
 4. + Renita K Parent
 5. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 6. Ira Joe Key (SI)

Tuesday July 20th

- 5:00PM 1. + Deacon Mike & Becky Sullivan

Wednesday July 21st

- 8:00AM 1. + Steven Rodrigues

Thursday July 22nd

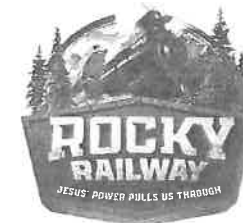
- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 2. + Ben Partida

Friday July 23rd

- 8:00AM 1. + Becky Sullivan

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.



Vacation Bible School: A Big Success!

Special thanks to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week. Our kids had an awesome time and learned that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Not many people realize just how much planning and work actually go into an event like this. We appreciate all those who helped or volunteered in any way.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action, was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor. Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the collection basket. Thank you.

Second Collection

This weekend, our parish will take up a collection to support the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Save the Date: August 15th

How awesome it is that our pastor, Father Francis, will celebrate his 21st Anniversary of Ordination on August 12th. Because of the pandemic, he will not be able to return to Kenya to share the day with his family and friends. On Sunday, August 15th, Saint John the Baptist and St. Terence will honor Father Francis with a covered dish lunch after the IIAM Mass. We will also celebrate the birthday of Father Francois LeVezouet, the first priest to serve Saint John's, which is actually August 10th.

We ask everyone to place August 15th on your calendars. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with food, decorations or other tasks for the celebration may contact Shirley Rivers, Angelique Mitchell or the parish office.

CCD Teachers Needed!

One of the biggest needs of our parish is the lack of teachers, volunteers and helpers for our 2021-2022 CCD program. Do you have a great love and reverence for Jesus and want to inspire a love for Him in our youth? We need catechists! If you are willing to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Jean Rains. Please prayerfully consider helping.

Protecting God's Children

A *Protecting God's Children* class will be offered at St. John's on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. All volunteers who work with or around children are required to take the class. If you are interested, please register online: www.dioshpt.org/safe-environment

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or in just learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the church office or Mrs. Yvonne Busby for inquiries about R.C.I.A. Class will begin in the fall. The start date will be announced soon.

Special Mass

On August 13th, the 400th anniversary of the death of St. John Berchmans, there will be a special Mass at 5:30PM at the Cathedral in Shreveport. Saint John Berchmans is also the patron saint of students and altar servers, therefore, all altar servers throughout the Diocese are invited to attend this Mass. This will also be a Mass praying for vocations since St. John Berchmans died at the age of 22, studying for the priesthood. Those in our Diocese considering the call to the priesthood are also invited to attend. Please save the date.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, July 24th, 4PM (Saint John)	Edie Gowen Rosie Sullivan	TBD	Paul McCormic	TBD
Sunday, July 25th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Carrie DeRouen	Rufus Shuff		TBD
Sunday, July 25th, 11AM (Saint John)	Mary Murphy	TBD	Reese Koss Jacob Ryan Braxton Koss	TBD