

Dear Padre,

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate. There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular. There's one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

Fundamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature! The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a “barrier.” On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it “as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all” (Promulgation of the *Missale Romanum*, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The Church] is not a fortress but a tent able to enlarge her space and give access to all. Either the Church “goes forth” or she is not a Church; either she is on a journey always widening her space so that everyone can enter, or she is not a Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 23, 2019



Calendar

Monday
JULY 26
Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday
JULY 27
Weekday
Ex 33:7–11;
34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday
JULY 28
Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday
JULY 29
St. Martha
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Friday
JULY 30
Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday
JULY 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday
AUGUST 1
Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15



So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

More than Enough

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of

FOR Reflection

- ★ Through which people in your life has God cared for you and met your needs?
- ★ How does God work through you to meet the needs of others in your life?

vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

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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 25th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Thursday July 29th

6:00 PM Pastoral Council 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 25th - 31st, 2020

St. John + Rufus Leone

St. Terence + Jackie & Lee Miller

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

July 24th—25th, 2021

St John	\$	6334.56
St Terence	\$	1430.00

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 24th

- 4:00PM 1. + Eleanor Gill
2. + Fr Kenneth Williams
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. *Justin Lincecum (SI)*
5. + Rufus Leone

Sunday July 25th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. *Christy Wriborg (SI)*
11:00AM 1. + Lawrence Gill
2. + Peter, Maria Hoa and Maria Loan Nguyen
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. + Fr Kenneth Williams
5. + Jimmie Small

Tuesday July 27th

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

Wednesday July 28th

- 8:00AM 1. In Thanksgiving

Thursday July 29th

- 8:00AM 1. + Fr. Kenneth Williams

Friday July 30th

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Pastoral Council Meeting

The Pastoral Council will meet this **Thursday, July 29th at 6PM.**

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.

Fishing Tournament Fundraiser Planned

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its first-ever fishing tournament fundraiser on **Saturday, September 4th (Labor Day weekend)**. Along with the tournament, there will be a BBQ dinner sale and Split the Pot raffle.

Since we will have no Pumpkin Patch this year, this event will be our biggest fundraising event for 2021. Proceeds will help with anniversary and other church expenses.

We ask for everyone's prayers and support that this will be a successful fundraiser for our church parish. Please see future bulletins for more details of this event and how you can help.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

On **Thursday, August 5th, at 6PM**, there will be an important meeting of the Anniversary Planning Committee and other persons interested in helping with the Saint John's 150th Anniversary Fishing Tournament Fundraiser. We will also be discussing other planned anniversary events. Please join us!

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.

Save the Date: August 15th

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**, St 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 (actual date is August 10th). We ask everyone to place **August 15th** on your calendars.

Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale



We have a limited supply of our 150th Anniversary t-shirts for sale in the office on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost of these high-quality shirts is \$20.00 each. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own this beautiful keepsake of our 150th Anniversary celebration!

Protecting God's Children

A *Protecting God's Children* class will be offered at St. John's this **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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little He feeds many... Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists families who do not have the resources to cover the costs of daily living. Thank you for your contributions.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, July 31st, 4PM (Saint John)	Shirley Veuleman	TBD	Masen Starks	TBD
Sunday, May 1st, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Tina Nichols	Jan Collins		TBD
Sunday, May 1st, 11AM (Saint John)	Jean Rains	TBD	Avaree Procell Addie Procell	TBD