

Dear Padre,

My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

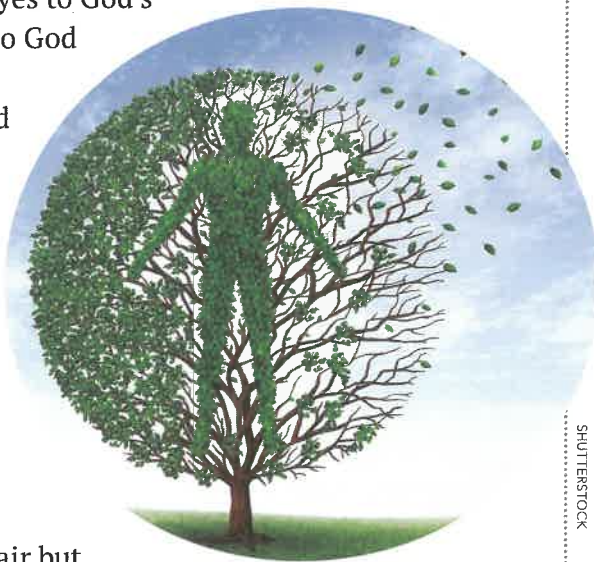
For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

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Calendar

- Monday**
AUGUST 2
Weekday
Nm 11:4b-15
Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday**
AUGUST 3
Weekday
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday**
AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,
26-29a, 34-35
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday**
AUGUST 5
Weekday
Nm 20:1-13
Mt 16:13-23
- Friday**
AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday**
AUGUST 7
Weekday
Dt 6:4-13
Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday**
AUGUST 8
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph 4:30-5:2
Jn 6:41-51

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Bread of Life

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

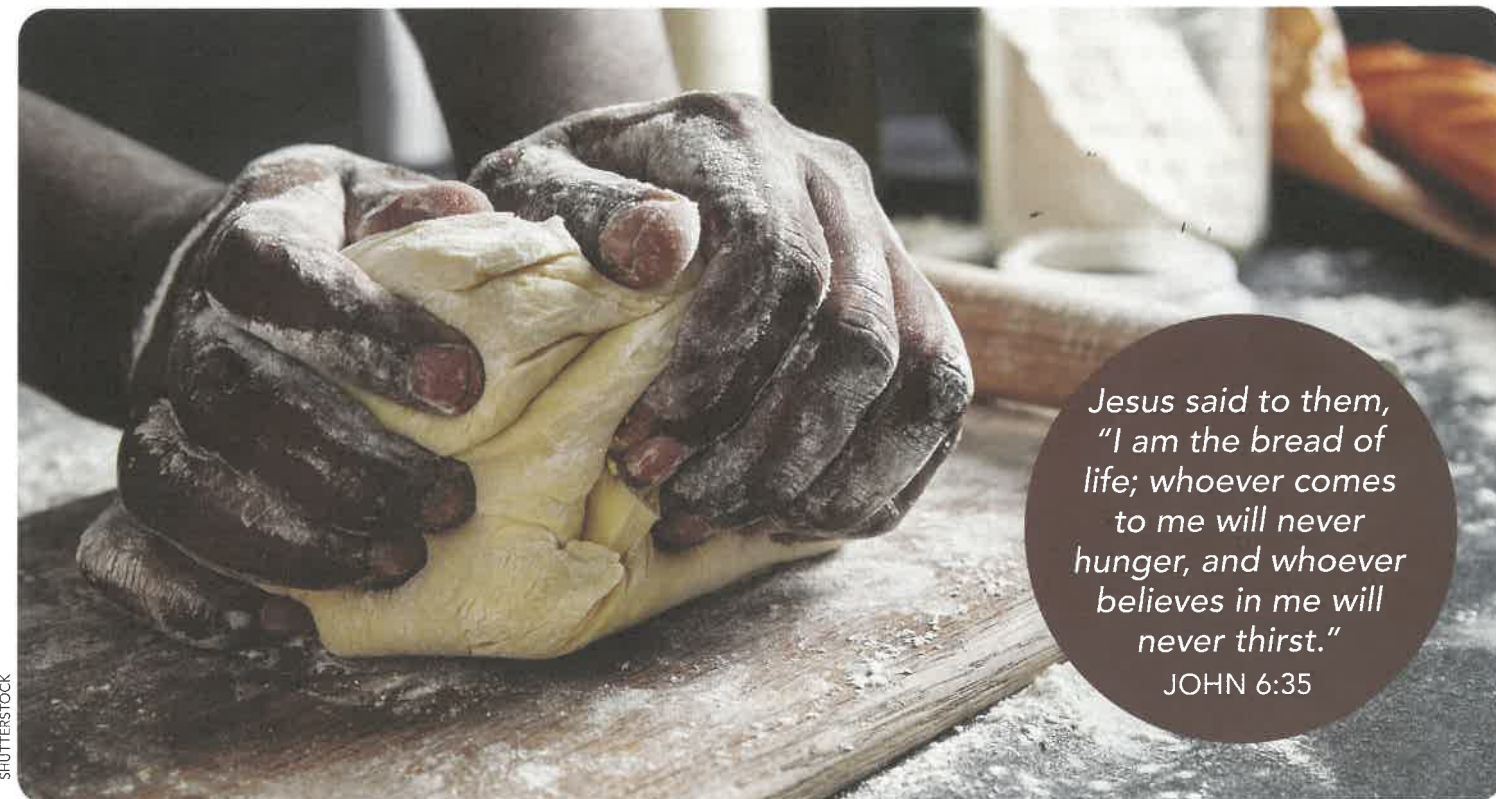
Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- ★ Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
JOHN 6:35



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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 August 1st

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 31st

- 4:00PM 1. + Abram, Ethel, Clark, Dickie & Kenneth Remedies
 2. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
 3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 4. + Lawrence Gill
 5. + Rufus Leone

Sunday August 1st

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
 2. Christy Wriborg (SI)
 11:00AM 1. + Bobbie & Billy Ezernack
 2. + Steven Rodrigues
 3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 4. + Becky Sullivan
 5. Special Intention (SI)

Tuesday August 3rd

- 5:00PM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 2. +Ben Partida

Wednesday August 4th

- 8:00AM 1. In Thanksgiving
 2. +Steven Rodrigues

Thursday August 5th

- 8:00AM 1. + Eunice Ebarb
 2. +Evelyn Frilot

Friday August 6th

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of August 1st—7th, 2021

St. John + Ben Partida

St. Terence + Dr. Sien Oey

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
 July 24th—25th, 2021

St John	\$	3295.00
St Terence	\$	1833.00

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.

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.

Flowers

The Flowers on the altar at Saint John and Saint Terence this weekend were donated in loving memory of Dr. Sien Oey.



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!

Remember in Prayer

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

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. We are in need of help!

Spanish Mass

The monthly Spanish Mass will be held this **Sunday, August 1st at 5PM**. Everyone is invited to attend. *Misa en espanol el primer domingo de cada mes a las 5PM.*

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **September 8th**. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the church the weekend of August 8th. Please consider spending an hour with Jesus.

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.

Pastoral Council Membership

We are currently looking for new members for the Saint John Pastoral Council. The council meets regularly and serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor by providing advice and effort in support of the spirituality of the parish. For more information of if you would like to be a member of the Pastoral council, please see Father Francis.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

This **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. There are various tasks that need to be done and we ask for everyone's support as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, August 7th, 4PM (Saint John)	Yvonne Busby	TBD	Juan Plascencia Emelyn Plascencia	TBD
Sunday, August 8th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Andy Tarver	Carrie DeRouen		TBD
Sunday, August 8th, 11AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	TBD	Adrianna Payne Allie K Payne	TBD