

Dear Padre,

When I hear “Oh my God,” should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?

When I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus’ name. My mother said, “Oh, I don’t think Jesus is playing today.” She made her point, but I doubt she changed his future behavior.



MY OCEAN PRODUCTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

I don’t think we’re obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God’s name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, “You know, there are children here.” Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we’re under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn’t say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing.

Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it’s not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 22, 2018



Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 9
Weekday
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday
AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Wednesday
AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday
AUGUST 12
Weekday
Jos 3:7–10a,
11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday
AUGUST 13
Weekday
Jos 24:1–13
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday
AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday
AUGUST 15
The Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 19:4–8

Eph 4:30–5:2

Jn 6:41–51

Live in Love

Now that’s an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it’s not as easy as it appears. Today’s second reading contains a list of offenses against love: “bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling” (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don’t even know or those we don’t like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been “sealed for the day of redemption” with the “holy Spirit of God” (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be “imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don’t we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don’t we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What keeps you from being a loving person?
- ★ What can you do about this?

Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:32





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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

Saturday August 7th

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday August 8th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Tuesday August 10th

6:00 PM Speaker Series: Fr. Chad Partain

Wednesday August 11th

6:30 PM KC's Meet

Thursday August 12th

Fr. Francis's 21st Anniversary of Ordination

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 August 8th - 14th, 2021

St. John + Dr. Sien Oey
St. Terence + Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
July 31st—August 1st, 2021

St John	\$	3795.71
St Terence	\$	866.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 7th

- 4:00PM 1. + Delores Springer
2. + Chris & Eunice Ebarb
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. + Laverne Jones
5. + Rufus Leone

Sunday August 8th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. + Christy Wriborg
3. + Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron
4. + Dr Sien Oey
11:00AM 1. + Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
2. + Steven Rodrigues
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. + Renita K. Parent
5. + Lawrence Gill
6. Waylon Malmay (SI)

Tuesday August 10th

- 5:00PM 1. + Bobbie & Billy Ezernack

Wednesday August 11th

- 8:00AM 1. + Renita K Parent

Thursday August 12th

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
2. +Dr. Sien Oey

Friday August 13th

- 8:00AM 1. + Becky Sullivan

Second Collection, August 14-15

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry. Please be generous.

Fishing Rod Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for your chance to win a custom fishing rod! The prize is a custom 7' Heavy Action MHX Rod, valued at \$298. The rod was donated by Rick's Custom Rods as part of St. John's 150th Anniversary Fundraiser. The cost of tickets is one ticket for \$3 or 2 for \$5, and may be purchased at the church office. The drawing will be held on **September 4**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Pope Benedict XVI has said *"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host."*

Adoration at St. John's will begin **September 8th. Just One Hour Can Change Our World!** A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church. Please consider giving an hour each week to Our Lord in Adoration. We need at least two individuals for each time slot. If you prefer to be an alternate, please sign and give your phone number and hours available.

If you have questions, contact Mary Beth Tarver at 318. 332.9901 or the Church Office - 318.256.5680.

CCD Program

We appreciate those who have volunteered to help with our 2020-21 CCD program which is being moved to Sunday mornings at 9AM.

If you were unable to help as a volunteer, we can still use assistance in other ways.

Since we will be providing breakfast for the children each Sunday, we welcome anyone who would like to make a monetary donation, provide or prepare breakfast, etc. We also ask for your prayers for our teachers and children as we embark on this new year.

Anniversary of Ordination Covered Dish Lunch

Everyone is invited to join us next Sunday, August 15th, after the 11AM Mass for a covered dish lunch to celebrate Father Francis's 21st Anniversary of Ordination. Please bring your favorite dish and join us.

Special Mass

Our altar servers will be attending a special Mass at St John Berchman's Cathedral this **Friday, August 13 at 5:30 pm**. The patron saint of altar servers, St John Berchmans, will be honored along with servers throughout the diocese. Everyone is invited.

KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30PM.

Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale

We still have a few 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!



Speaker Series: Tuesday, August 10th

Father Chad Partain, Chancellor and Archivist from the Diocese of Alexandria, will join us this **Tuesday, August 10th at 6PM** for our next Speaker Series. Father Partain will be speaking on the history of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church. He is the author of several books on church history, is an excellent speaker, and will be sharing some interesting information with us. We invite everyone to join us as we continue to celebrate our 150 year history!



Fishing Tournament Fundraiser: Saturday, September 4th

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, a Split the Pot and custom fishing rod raffle.

We are in need of volunteers! 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. If you are able to help, please contact the church Office, Thomas Andries or Mary Beth Tarver.

We ask for everyone's prayers and support that this will be a successful fundraiser for our church parish.

Bible Study Class Begins September 2nd

Our next Bible Study program, "The Great Adventure" begins on **Thursday, September 2nd at 6PM**. In this study program, well-known Catholic speaker Jeff Cavins untangles the complex Biblical narrative and provides a chronological guide linking together the historical characters and stories contained in God's Word.

Interested persons may sign up at the office or contact Clairiste Byles with any questions.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, August 14th, 4PM (Saint John)	Masen Starks	TBD	Dale Porche	TBD
Sunday, August 15th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Steve Miller	Chris Blanchard		TBD
Sunday, August 15th, 11AM (Saint John)	Emma McElwee & Kaley Koss	TBD	Marion Koss Jacob Ryan	TBD