

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others



who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before

or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14-16
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 50:4c-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of “faith alone” to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ✦ How are these works fortified by faith?

*Demonstrate your faith
to me without works,
and I will demonstrate
my faith to you from
my works.*

JAMES 2:18

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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.

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 September 11th

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday September 12th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Monday September 13th

1:00 PM Altar Society Meets

Tuesday September 14th

1:00 PM KC's Meet

Wednesday September 15th

8:30 AM—6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 PM RCIA

Thursday September 16th

6:00 PM Bible Study

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 11th

- 4:00PM
- + Lawrence Gill
 - + Laverne Jones
 - + Delores Springer
 - Waylon Malmay (SI)
 - + Father Ken Williams

Sunday September 12th

- 8:00AM
- The Parish Family
 - + Christy Wriborg
 - + Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron
 - + Dr Sien Oey
 - + Bradley Domingue
- 11:00AM
- + Deacon Mike Sullivan
 - + Kyndel Gillie
 - + Dr Sien Oey
 - + Ernest & Shirley Rodrigues
 - + William Sepulvado, Jr.
 - + Terry Rivers

Mass Notes

There will be no daily Mass this week. Mass will resume on Saturday at 4PM.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

September 4th-5th, 2021

St John	\$	5010.76
St Terence	\$	2848.25



The Sanctuary Candle Week of Sept. 12th—Sept 18, 2021

St. John Rains and Koss Families
 St Terence + Bradley Domingue

Note: Please call the church office to request the Sanctuary Lamp or Mass Intention in memory of or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, contact the parish office.

Catechetical Sunday: September 19th

The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 19**. The theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Those who have volunteered to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. We ask that our catechists attend the IIAM Mass for a special blessing and to be commissioned for this ministry. Please continue to pray for our students and CCD teachers.

CCD Classes Have Begun

Our Parish School of Religion classes are held each Sunday, from 9:00 - 10:45AM. A light breakfast will be provided. You may still register your child by contacting Jean Rains.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our RCIA class has begun for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or have a desire to join the Catholic Church. The class meets each **Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.** If you or someone you know is interested, contact Yvonne Busby, RCIA Director at 318-256-2645

Altar Society Meeting

The first meeting of the Altar Society will be held on Monday, September 13th at IPM. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and learn more about this important ministry.

Bible Study

The Bible Study Class is held at **6:00 PM each Thursday evening.** The *Bible Timeline*® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Anyone interested in the program is invited to attend. Pre-registration is not required.

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.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic University of America. Your contribution will enable the University to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, for our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

Saint John School Reunion Planned

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, we will be hosting a reunion of former teachers and students of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School. More details will be forthcoming. Please help us by spreading the word so that we are able to contact as many as possible.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love. Thank you for your contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Resumes

Adoration takes place at St John the Baptist each Wednesday from **8:30AM to 6PM.** If you have not committed to a designated hour, please feel free to drop by when you can and spend some time with our Lord.

Thank You

We appreciate the overwhelming help and support of everyone with our fishing tournament fundraiser last weekend. We are still in the process of tallying our proceeds and expenses and hope to have a financial report soon.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, September 18th, 4PM (Saint John)	Masen Starks	TBD	Paul McCormic	TBD
Sunday, September 19th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Andy Tarver	Chris Blanchard		TBD
Sunday, September 19th, 11AM (Saint John)	Emma McElwee Kaley Koss	TBD	Adrianna Payne Allie Payne	TBD