

Bible Quiz # 53 The Book of Judges (Chapters 11-15)

1. How does Jephthah try to resolve the conflict with the Ammonites at first?
2. What vow does Jephthah make to the Lord?
3. How long did Jephthah judge Israel?
4. What was unique about Samson's birth?
5. What does it mean that Samson was a Nazirite from birth?
6. What is the significance of the angel ascending in the flame of the altar?
7. What does it mean that Samson's desire was "from the Lord"?
8. How does Samson kill the lion?
9. Samson destroyed the Philistines' crops by using:
 - A. A torch in foxes' tails
 - B. A flaming chariot
 - C. Locusts
 - D. An earthquake
10. Samson was allowed to cut his hair because he was a Nazirite only temporarily. True or False?

DUE: January 20th

FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday, the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah is about God's servant. The passage says that the servant was called from the womb. This means God had a plan for him before he was even born. We, too, were all chosen by God before birth to do his work. That means that our lives have a meaning from the very beginning. Each of us were known and loved by God before we were even born. We are all a part of God's plan.

Being a part of God's plan doesn't mean that our lives won't have difficulties. Even the prophets struggled at times. Try offering it all up to God. Whether you are busy, in pain, or confused, start your day with **"Jesus, I trust in you. Use me today."** Even small actions done in love can be a part of God's plan.

God Bless! BWM, DRE

Here's a daily prayer for discerning God's will for you.

Lord Jesus,
You know my heart, my struggles, my desires.
Speak to me clearly, quietly.
Let me not be led by fear, pride, or confusing.
Show me what You want me to do today
And give me the grace to do it.
Amen.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Bayou Vista January 18, 2026



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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



**I Come To Do
Your Will.**

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Secretary/DRE: Becky W. Meranta
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Melinda Frederick
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays
20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:
Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:
Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:
NO Weekday Masses until Father returns.

St. Bernadette Church Offerings
January 10-11, 2025
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Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Sat. Jan. 24	4:00 pm	Paul/Michelle	Michelle Tholen	Paul Tholen	
Sun. Jan. 25	7:30 am	Frances Bergeron	Frances Bergeron	—	
	10:30 am	Renee Garriss	FF Students	Kim Meranta	Parker L. Elijah Luke J.

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**Weekday Masses will resume
when Father returns.**



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MASS Intentions

**Saturday, January 24th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm**

†Beulah Pete Borel †NJ Hebert †Trey Smith
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr, †Jim Aloisio
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Louis & Girlie Berthelot †Murphy L. LeBlanc
†Miranda Pennison †Kim Ordogne †Curtis & Althea Verret
†Velma & Eldridge Williams †Whalen Kiffe
†Gene Bosworth †Harold Roy †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

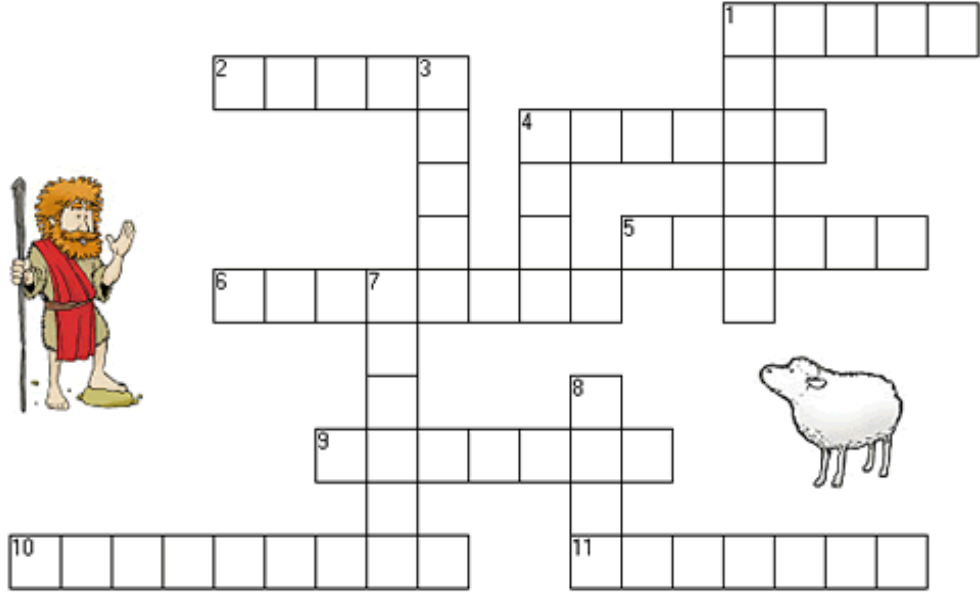
**Sunday, January 18th
7:30 am**

†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell †Perry & Helen Landry.

10:30 am

†Father Bill Rogalla †Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins
†Terry Wiggins †Carlo Strega, Sr †John Messersmith, Jr.
†Don Lasseigne Family - Living & Deceased
†Canty & Thibodeaux Family - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29

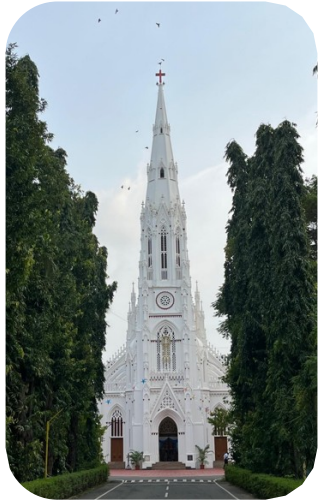


ACROSS

1. The Son of God.
2. John baptized with ____.
4. A dry, barren plain.
5. The place where God lives.
6. A strict observer of Jewish law.
9. The promised one; the Christ.
10. The mother of John the Baptist.
11. To immerse by water or fire.

DOWN

1. The river where John baptized.
3. A Jewish title of respect for a teacher.
4. The Spirit came down in the form of a ____.
7. To turn away from sin.
8. Behold, the ____ of God that takes away the sins of the world.



Church at Loyola college
in Chennai.



Fr. Jared Suire & Fr. Clint Trahan
were both welcomed in
Sacred Heart Seminary by
the rector.

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**Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

At the beginning of the Ordinary Season, we are introduced to Jesus as the Lamb of God who came to die for the atonement of our sins. John the Baptist's declaration of Jesus as the Lamb of God would have evoked several images in the minds of his Jewish listeners:

1. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest symbolically placed all the sins of the people upon a lamb, which was then sent into the wilderness to die (Lev 16:20–22).
2. Every morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the Temple to atone for the sins of the people (Ex 29:38–42).
3. The blood of the lambs saved the firstborn of the Israelites in Egypt, reminding them of the Passover Lamb whose sacrifice marked their liberation (Ex 12:11).'

Just as the blood of the original Paschal Lamb delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel, so too does Jesus bring liberation to all humanity through His intercession and sacrifice.

*Go to thaisprings.org to read more about:

The Uniqueness of the
Lamb of God
&
The Lamb as a
Symbol of Sacrifice

Enjoy some pictures from Father's time in India.



**St. Thomas Cathedral
Basilica
Chennai, India**

This magnificent church
was built over the tomb of
St Thomas the Apostle,
who was the first to
introduce Christianity in
India.



Father Thainese, with
Father Jared Suire and
Father Clint Trahan from
the Diocese of Lafayette,
celebrated Mass at the
tomb of St. Thomas the
Apostle on Wed., Jan. 7th.



**Our Lady of Light Shrine
Chennai, India**

Built in 1516, Our Lady of Light Shrine is one of the oldest churches in Chennai. Legends state that in 1500 A.D. eight Franciscan Portuguese priests on their way to India from Lisbon got lost in the sea. They worshipped Virgin Mary for help and were guided by a bright light that led them safely to a forest area.

Father Pedro da Atougia, the Franciscan friar then built a church in honor of Mother Mary at the same spot where the miraculous light led the priests to safety and called it as Nossa Senhora Da Luz. Nossa Senhora means Our Lady and Luz means light. Henceforth it was renowned as the Church of Our Lady of Light.



St. Thomas brought this picture
of Our Lady in 54 A.D.