

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

1. How does Jephthah try to resolve the conflict with the Ammonites at first? - **He sends messengers to reason with the king of Ammon, attempting a peaceful diplomatic solution**
2. What vow does Jephthah make to the Lord? - **He vows that if God grants victory, he will offer as a burnt offering whatever comes out of his house to meet him when he returns.**
3. How long did Jephthah judge Israel? - **Six years.**
4. What was unique about Samson's birth? - **His mother was barren until an angel of the Lord announced she would bear a special child.**
5. What does it mean that Samson was a Nazirite from birth? - **He was set apart to God, and three restrictions applied: 1. No cutting his hair. 2. No drinking wine of strong drink. 3. No touching anything unclean.**
6. What is the significance of the angel ascending in the flame of the altar? - **It revealed that the messenger was no ordinary man but a divine being, leading Manoah to fear they had seen God.**
7. What does it mean that Samson's desire was "from the Lord"? - **God intended to use the situation to create conflict with the Philistines and begin Israel's deliverance.**
8. How does Samson kill the lion? - **The Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands.**
9. Samson destroyed the Philistines' crops by using: - **A torch in foxes' tails**
10. Samson was allowed to cut his hair because he was a Nazirite only temporarily. - **False—He was a Nazirite from birth.**

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 **FAITH FORMATION**

The Gospel this Sunday takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, where he spent his time teaching, proclaiming God's Kingdom, and healing the sick. Galilee is situated between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee, and many people who lived there were fishermen. Jesus invited his new friends to leave their nets and follow him. He promised them that they would now be fishing for people instead of fish.

Jesus still invites us all to follow Him today — to be "Fishers of Men." Take some time this week to share how Jesus calls your family. What are some ways your family answers Jesus' call to follow him? How can you help each other be better followers of Jesus?

God Bless! BWM, DRE

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Bayou Vista

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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:

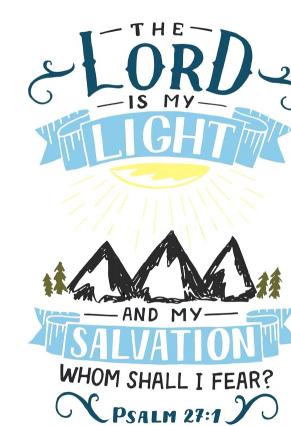
Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

NO Weekday Masses until Father returns.

St. Bernadette Church Offerings January 17-18, 2025

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Altar Society

Meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 27th
at 6:00 pm.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Sat. Jan. 31	4:00 pm	Rachel Torres	Linda Russo	Linda Russo	
Sun. Feb. 1	7:30 am	Kim Meranta	Becky Meranta	—	
	10:30 am	Carlo Streva, Jr.	Madeline Guillot	Renee Garris	Christian Rickey Connor

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LAKE	DARKNESS	PETER	HEALING

MASS Intentions

Saturday, January 31st Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

† NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jim Aloisio †Thomas Rivet, Jr
†Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr,
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Louis & Gail Berthelot †Whalen Kiffe †Gene Bosworth
†Alberta LeBlanc †Velma & Eldridge Williams
†David Stansbury †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, February 1st

7:30 am

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

10:30 am

†2026 Confirmation Class - Chloe, Isabelle, Miles, Parker, & Colin †Holy Souls in Purgatory †Rose Lipari
†Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins †Carlo Streva, Sr.
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

The Light of our Journey

(Pulpit to Pews—Cycle A:
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

St. Teresa of Calcutta told a beautiful story of a man who was brought out of darkness into the light. One day, in Melbourne, Australia, she visited a poor man whom nobody knew existed. The room in which he lived was terribly unclean. The doors and windows were never opened to let in the light. She began cleaning the room. At first, the man protested, saying, "Leave it alone. It's all right as it is." But she continued cleaning anyway.

Under a pile of rubbish, she found a beautiful oil lamp covered with dirt. She cleaned and polished it, then asked him, "How come you never light the lamp?" "Why should I light it?" he replied. "No one ever comes to see me." "Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to visit you?" she asked. "Yes," he replied. "If I hear a human voice, I'll light the lamp." Two of Mother Teresa's nuns began to visit him regularly. Gradually, things improved. Then one day he said to the nuns, "Sisters, I'll be able to manage on my own from now on, but please do me a favor: tell that first sister who came to see me that the light she lit in my life is still burning."

God is light, and He dispels all darkness. He invites us to live enlightened lives, bringing light into the darkened lives of others. The liturgical readings call us to know and accept Jesus as the light for our journey.

*Go to thaisprings.info to read more about:

- The Gift of Light
- The Hours of Darkness
- Living in Illusory Light

Enjoy more pictures from Father's time in India.



St. George Basilica Kochi, Kerala

St. George's Forane Church is a Catholic pilgrimage church in Edapally, Kochi, India. Being Asia's largest shrine to Saint George, about five million people visit it every year. The church is believed to have been founded in 593 AD. It is regarded as one of the oldest churches in Kerala, after the seven churches founded by Thomas the Apostle in the first century AD.



Father Thainese, with Father Jared Suire and Father Clint Trahan from the Diocese of Lafayette, with the pastor of Sacred Heart Shrine.

The beautiful church was built in 1894 AD by a French missionary Fr. Ferdinand Celle SJ. It is a replica of the Rheims Cathedral in France.

Tomb of Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Sanctuary of Our
Lady of Thainese
near Father's
home village.

Sacred Heart Shrine built in Fr. Thainese's family property.