

Twentifirst Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon's new name is told differently in other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew's account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter's experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: "What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?"

Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter's character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him *rock* and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

CALLED BY NAME

Jesus never revokes Peter's keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus' call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is "What name do you give your child?" As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God's call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God's personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

Today's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
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¿QUÉ HAY EN UN NOMBRE?

En un momento impresionante, Jesús da a Simón un nuevo nombre: Pedro, que significa piedra. La historia del nuevo nombre de Simón se cuenta de manera diferente en otros evangelios. En Juan y Marcos, Jesús da el nuevo nombre a Simón después de su primer encuentro e invitándolo para ser uno de los Doce. Sin embargo, aquí en la historia de Mateo, Jesús cambia el nombre de Simón a Pedro solo después que Simón profesa su fe en Jesús como el Mesías. La experiencia de Pedro nos ayuda a reflexionar en momentos impresionantes de nuestra propia vida: "¿Qué momento personal me afectó radicalmente que parecía que me convertía en una nueva persona? ¿Qué experiencia transformadora cambió mi nombre, ya sea literal o figurativamente?"

Algunas veces un cambio de nombre sucede en momentos importantes, naturalmente después del nacimiento, adopción, Confirmación, profesión de votos religiosos, o el matrimonio. Pero imagina si alguien te dio algún nombre, sin ningún aviso o sin consultártelo. Renombrar a alguien es un acto extraordinario. Jesús seguramente sabía esto, y renombra solo a uno de sus discípulos. Simón es el único discípulo al que Jesús le hace esto. Al tiempo que vamos leyendo los evangelios, podemos notar varias de las debilidades y defectos de Pedro, y también constantemente recordamos el día que Jesús lo llamó "piedra" y le confió el camino de la salvación.

LLAMADO POR NOMBRE

Jesús nunca le quita a Pedro las llaves del Reino de los Cielos, aún después que Pedro lo negó durante su Pasión. La llamada de Jesús es inmutable, como una piedra. Y así es con cada uno de nosotros. En el Bautismo, una de las preguntas que el sacerdote o celebrante hace es: "¿qué nombre quieren darle al niño?" Al renacer de las aguas del Bautismo, en el nombre de Jesús, recibimos la llamada de Dios para vivir en la luz de Cristo. Nuestra llamada es irrevocable. No podemos hacer nada para borrar la llamada personal de Dios. Aun cuando debamos negar a Cristo mismo, como Pedro lo hizo, el Señor continúa amándonos y deseando nuestro amor a cambio.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 22:19-23; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Diana Calderon	Paul and Grace Salinas	Frances Ramirez
David Ortiz	Baby Alexander Gonzalez	Alex Tapia
Minerva Estrada	Alejandro De Leon	Norma Morgan
Jesse Mario Vega	Jimmie Rodriguez	Laura Reyes Gutierrez
Martha L. Vega & Children	Delia Riojas	Mary Garza
Maria Treviño	Petra Chavez	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.
Isabella Julianna Vega	Joe & Cecilia Espinosa	Elisa Casanova
Alfonso Ibarra, Jr.	Pablo Rodriguez	Alexander Hernandez
Melissa Rodriguez	Dolores Gonzalez	Pedro Caballero
Armando Rodriguez	Joe Moreno	Eric Nave
Norma Morgan	Clara Perez	Sofia Olivarez
Margaret Perez	Rick Contreras	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez
Angie Lopez	Brandon Rivas	Rosalinda Rodriguez
Maria Zapata	Liz Quintero	Connie Cardenas
Ruben Tey	Justin Rey Martinez	Rosalinda Esparza
Terri Lopez	Antonio Aguero	Cynthia Sandoval
San Juanita Sanchez	Elvia Diaz	Ismael Montañez
Jessica Diaz	M/M Margarito Compean	Estella De La Vega
Jesse Diaz	Roberta Bobbie Garza	Gary Stanko

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

AUGUST 19 - 20, 2017

5:00 PM	-\$ 861.50	(113)
8:00 AM	-\$ 392.90	(095)
10:00 AM	-\$1,265.36	(159)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,099.62	(163)
Altar Flowers	-\$ 433.56	Second Collection
Assumption of Mary	-\$ 409.00	(096)
2016 Gift of Giving	-\$ 186.12	
Mail In	-\$ 210.00	
TOTAL COLLECTED	-\$4,848.06	

Second Collection

* August 27, 2017 - Religious Education

2017 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions Aug. 19 - 20, 2017	\$ 186.12
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$11,598.11

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 26

5:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family
† Jose M. Morales - Family
† Virginia Puga - Family
† Aurelia Garai - Family
† Stella Proscelle - Family
Gift of Life Ginny Cruz - Cruz Family

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Albert Esteves - Friend

Gift of Life Naomi Garza - Mom & Dad

10:00 a.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Manuela Hinojosa - Maria

Gift of Life Amanda Gomez - Mom & Dad

12:00 p.m. † Anita V. Garza - Family
† Ana Moreno - Elvia Moreno
† Mercedes & Candelario Lopez - Olivia Lopez

Monday, August 28

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29

12:00 p.m.

Health Estella De La Vega

Wednesday, August 30

8:15 a.m. † Henry Estrada - Traspaña Family

Thursday, August 31

12:00 p.m. † Raymond Valdez, Jr.

Friday, September 1

12:00 p.m. For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 2

5:00 p.m. Gene Toscano - Family

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Juan Silva - Family
† Mary Lou Alvarado - Family
† Roland Cuellar - Mom & Dad
† Micaela Vargas - Hernandez Family

10:00 a.m. † Deacon Cena - Wife & Family
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Trinidad & Olivia Garcia - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

Gift of Life Amanda Gomez - Mom & Dad

12:00 p.m. † Teofilo De Los Santos - Family

In Loving Memory

We pray for the souls of our dearly departed who have passed from our parish community:

† Raymond Valdez, Jr.

Sanctuary Light

Estella De La Vega



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I am very pleased and proud to announce our annual pilgrimage scheduled for next year on April 9 - 17, 2018 (9 days) entitled "Following in the Footsteps of St. Paul." We will have the opportunity to visit the sites where St. Paul preached, lived and was imprisoned such as Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Kavala and Philippi. Join your fellow parishioners on this unique and memorable pilgrimage. Total cost of the trip \$3,229.00 per person.

We welcome back our students from St. John Berchmans Catholic School. I pray that God blesses us with a very successful academic and spiritual year and highly encourage you to continue registering your children. At this time, we have 200 students enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic year and we are blessed to have earned your trust and vow to provide the best education for our children. We have made necessary adjustments to equip our school and teachers with the tools required in order to compete and provide the best education to our children.

I declare Sunday, August 20th, "Six Pack Sundays"! Each parishioner is asked to bring a six pack of soda according to the selected mass you attend for the following next 6 weekends. Parishioners who attend Saturday 5:00 afternoon mass are invited to bring Diet Coke and Sprite; the 8:00 Sunday morning mass will bring case of water; 10:00 Sunday morning mass will be asked to bring regular Coke; and the 12:00 noon mass will bring Dr. Pepper and Big Red. Please be generous, as we intend to make our Fall Festival very successful thanks to everyone's participation.

I am very pleased and excited to again announce that a contract has been finalized in obtaining three bands to entertain us for our Fall Festival 2017. The bands will be: Home Town Boys, Los EnVivo Kings, and La Tropa F. Please remember that our Festival is two short months away and everyone is requested to sell as many tickets as possible for our Fall Festival which is scheduled on Saturday, September 30th from 12:00 noon until midnight. The success of our festival depends on the participation of each one of us.

We welcome Mrs. Nora Garcia, as interim Principal for the academic school year 2017-2018. Mrs. Garcia is a dedicated, hard working, religious, and intelligent person with an extensive experience in Catholic School Education. She has been a vice principal in our school for over 15 years. We are excited and blessed to have Mrs. Garcia accept the opportunity to lead our school. We wish her a successful ministry in our school.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME!

We ask that you please visit our Parish office and complete a form to register as a new parishioner. We would like to tell you all about St. John Berchmans.

Please call our office at 434-3247 or visit us at our website: www.stjohnberchmans.com

Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm - Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading - How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel - Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Events of the Week ~ Aug. 27 - Sept. 3, 2017

Sunday, August 27

CCD REGISTRATIONS AFTER ALL MASSES

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

Monday, August 28

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

Tuesday, August 29

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday, August 30

8:15 a.m. Children's Mass - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

Thursday, August 31

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:00 p.m. PTC Meeting - Cafeteria
6:30 p.m. Ultreya English - School

Friday, September 1

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, September 2

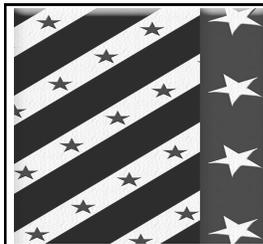
5:00 p.m. **ACTS Mass** - Church

Sunday, September 3 - CCD REGISTRATION

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church



THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



In observation of
Labor Day
Our offices will be closed
Monday, September 4, 2017

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Support your parish by picking up your raffle tickets. Tickets may be picked up in the parish office and also important to submit monies for tickets sold. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket!

Grand prize: \$5,000 VISA Gift Card

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

We are always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. Your assistance is greatly appreciated, and one does not realize that it takes a lojt of work and assistance from many individuals to prepare for Mass. Contact Stella Rico at 464-0207 or join us at 8:00 am in the church foyer on Saturday.

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries
Saturday, September 2, 2017 - Hospitality



FALL FESTIVAL BINGO

Will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2017 during our church festival from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Additional details forthcoming.

However, we are in desperate need of prizes for the Bingo. We ask that prizes be new and of a \$10.00 and up value. Thank you!



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com for final approval by Father Fidele. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 434-3247 to fill out a registration form. Thank you!

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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Heavenly Father: We pray for all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts and help us mature as parents and caregivers. We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep. In the name of the greatest son of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

2017 FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

Festival T-Shirts will be sold after all masses beginning this weekend. Cost is \$10.00 per shirt (add \$2 per X after XL) and are available in several different colors (Red, Purple, Hot Pink and Bright Yellow) and sizes (Small - 4X).

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL: LEAVING MASS IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

By Father Lawrence P. Adamczyk

While not as bad as missing Mass, leaving mass immediately after receiving Holy Communion is still very disrespectful to your spouse. Again, let's use the analogy of Jesus as the Bridegroom and the Church as his spouse. Leaving immediately after receiving Holy Communion, screams that you really do not understand what has just happened.

You have just received the God of the Universe, the One who created you, the One who died on the cross for you, the Eternal, the Almighty God into your heart and soul and you don't even stop to say "thank you" to your spouse. You cannot have a deep personal intimate relationship with the one who loves you more than you'll ever know, if you leave as soon as YOU get what YOU want.

I have been a priest for about 9 years. You know what breaks my heart? For more than 9 years I've been standing in the back of the church greeting people as they leave Mass. It breaks my heart when people leave Mass right after receiving Holy Communion; it is not because as St. Paul says that "we must render an account." Maybe it's because I am a priest, that I feel heart broken that people DO NOT REVERENCE THE BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF CHRIST. ***Do they not know that after Holy Communion, they are a walking tabernacle?*** What can be so important that one would not spend a few moments in thanksgiving for receiving the Almighty God into your very being?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NEWS

The future of our Church depends on the faith of our children. Live it, teach it, proclaim it.

CCD REGISTRATIONS - CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Registrations will take place after all the morning Masses. When registering, please bring your child's Baptism certificate if the child is baptized, or your child's birth certificate if your child is not baptized.

ADULT EDUCATION (RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION)

Our parish community understand that we as individuals, and together as a community, are responsible for creating the kind of parish that is supportive of a Community of the Faithful.

The RCIA Team, under the guidance of Fr. Fidèle, directs this critical ministry on behalf of the total parish community of faithful. RCIA classes are held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 22 of the School Building.

Inquiry Classes' for all persons, unbaptized or baptized, who are considering joining the Catholic Church or for baptized Catholics who never completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Communion, Confirmation) **will begin on Monday, September 18.** Any question(s) regarding any aspect of the Catholic Faith is encouraged and answered by members of the RCIA Team in a very friendly environment.

Please bring your baptism certificate if your are baptized, or your birth certificate if you are not baptized. You may register at any time in August and September. Please bring your Baptism certificate if you are baptized or your birth certificate if you are not baptized.

For more information regarding the RCIA Programs please contact Rosalinda Rodriguez, the Faith Formation Coordinator at 434-3247 on Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays.

SIX PACK SUNDAYS

Please make note of Father's Fidele's pastor message regarding "**SIX PACK SUNDAYS**" project in support of our Fall Festival. We're humbly asking for our parish community's assistance in the following manner:

Saturday, 5 p.m. Mass - Diet Coke and Sprite

Sunday, 8 a.m. Mass - Case of bottled water

Sunday, 10 a.m. Mass - Regular Coke

Sunday, 12 Noon Mass - Dr. Pepper and Big Red

