

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

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WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

God creates all that is. Each of us is a marvelous creation of God. All that we have is created through the grace of God and the ways in which we humans use the gifts that have been given to use by God. Thinking about Jesus' question from this perspective leads us to ask ourselves what belongs to God. As the Lord tells Cyrus in today's first reading, each of us is called by name. We belong to God. If we are truly honest in our reflection, the conclusion we will reach is that everything is God's. We are to be good stewards of it all. Jesus' instruction to give "to God what belongs to God" calls us to take seriously the realization that all we are, have, and will be is a gift from God, given to us in trust, that we might use it to further God's kingdom on earth.

THERE IS NO GOD BESIDES ME

Most of us can admit that we do not readily think of our lives and possessions as belonging to God. Doing so calls us to think much more deeply about how we use our time, material goods, talents, and gifts in our daily lives. When we take to heart that everything that we are and have belongs to God, we learn to put God first. No longer can materialism or worldly success be our god, nor the unbounded activity that fills much of our lives. Each of us has been "loved and chosen" by God to bring Christ's presence to the world, through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Thessalonians 1:4). We do this by giving what belongs to God back to God through the proper use of our lives, gifts, and resources.

Today's Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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¿QUÉ PERTENECE A DIOS?

Dios crea todo lo que existe. Cada uno de nosotros es una creación maravillosa de Dios. Todo lo que tenemos es creado por la gracia de Dios y las formas en la cual nosotros usamos los dones que hemos recibido por Dios. Piensa en la pregunta de Jesús desde esta perspectiva que nos guía a preguntarnos qué es lo que pertenece a Dios. Así como el Señor le dice a Ciro en la primera lectura de hoy, a cada uno de nosotros se nos llama por nuestro nombre. Pertenece a Dios. Si verdaderamente somos honestos a nuestra reflexión, a la conclusión que podemos llegar es que todo es de Dios. Debemos ser corresponsables de todo esto. La instrucción de Jesús de "dar a Dios lo que es de Dios" nos llama a tomar seriamente la comprensión de que todo lo que somos, tenemos, y seremos es un don de Dios, confiado a nosotros para que podamos usarlo en el reino de Dios en la Tierra.

NO HAY OTRO DIOS FUERA DE MÍ

Muchos de nosotros podemos admitir que no estamos listos para pensar en nuestras vidas como propiedad de Dios. Si lo hacemos, pensamos muy profundamente acerca de cómo usamos nuestro tiempo, bienes materiales, talentos y dones en nuestras vidas diarias. Cuando nos tomamos en serio que todo lo que somos y tenemos pertenece a Dios, aprendemos a poner a Dios en primer lugar. Ya no puede más el materialismo o sucesos mundanos ser nuestro bien, ni las actividades limitadas que llenan nuestras vidas. Cada uno de nosotros ha sido "llamado y escogido" por Dios para traer la presencia de Cristo al mundo, por la fuerza de inspiración del Espíritu Santo (ver 1 Tesalonios 1:4). Hacemos esto al dar lo que pertenece a Dios de regreso a Dios por medio del uso de nuestras vidas, dones y recursos.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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

OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2017

5:00 PM	-\$1,221.00	(103)
8:00 AM	-\$ 695.50	(058)
10:00 AM	-\$1,063.00	(141)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 986.00	(245)
Altar Flowers	-\$ 349.49	2nd Collection
2016 Gift of Giving	-\$ 209.44	
School Mass	-\$ 83.48	
Mail In	-\$ 303.57	
TOTAL COLLECTED	-\$4,911.48	
Coin donation	-\$ 71.77	
TOTAL	-\$4,983.25	

Second Collection Oct. 22 - World Mission Sunday

2017 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/14 - 15, 2017	\$ 209.44
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,254.24



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 21

5:00 p.m. † George Mendiola - Family
 † Gonzalo Mendiola - Family
 † Rebecca Bernal - Family
 † Sylvia Gallegos - Family

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Manuel L. Galan - Wife
 10:00 a.m. † Ruben Reyes - Wife
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 12:00 p.m. For the People of our Parish Community

Monday, October 23

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24

12:00 p.m. †

Wednesday, October 25

8:15 a.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family

Thursday, October 26

12:00 p.m. † Domingo Elizondo - Olga Perez
 † Alberto Elizondo - Olga Perez
 † Oscar Elizondo - Olga Perez
 † Margarita Elizondo - Olga Perez

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

5:00 p.m. For All Military Personnel Serving Our Country

Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Manuel L. Galan - Wife
 † Rogelio Tobias - Friend
 10:00 a.m. † Natalie Cena - Mom & Family
 † Larry Blancas - Family
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Esther Lopez - Family
 † Ernest Muñoz - Ponce Family
 12:00 p.m. † Luis Ramos - Family
 † Refugio E. & Enedelia De La Cruz - Family
 † Itza & Mark Anthony De La Cruz - Family
 † Christopher R. Pachecano - Family
 † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom

In Loving Memory

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

† **Micaela Aguirre**

Sanctuary Light

Our Lady of the Rosary




From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Our school, St. John Berchmans, has organized four BINGOS for the remainder of the year that commenced last Sunday, October 15th from 2:00 to 6:00 in the afternoon. Everyone is highly encouraged to be most supportive of our school by attending each BINGO session. Convey an invitation to your friends and family so as to offer support and thus improving the infrastructure and betterment of our school in order to compete at a higher level.

I would also like to introduce and welcome Mr. Philip Saldaña as the new manager of our hall. Our hall is available for all celebratory rentals at a very reasonable price. The rental money will help enhance our school and its infrastructure. Please consider our hall for all fellowship occasions and spread the word regarding its rental availability.

I welcome our new chairpersons for our Fall Festival 2018: Rosario and Jaime Gomez, Sarah and Richard Sustaita, Sylvia and Ken Lore, Angie and John Diaz. We pray for our new co-chairpersons to be successful in their endeavors.

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has launched an "Andale Capital Campaign" with the purpose of focusing on the needs of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, in particular, our parish community. We hope to focus on the construction of a gymnasium, that will benefit both the church and the school. Your full collaboration will assure the success of the project.

I invite all of you to continue praying and assisting the victims of the earthquake in Mexico City, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria, in any capacity possible. Much appreciation is given to those of you who have contributed monetary donations and items needed to alleviate the pain and the suffering of the victims. May God bless the great state of Texas and all those affected by this tragedy.

May God bless you always,

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

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalms - Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading - Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel - Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
 Tue: Rom 5:12, 15-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
 Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
 Thu: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
 Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
 Sat: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Sun: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4,47-51; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34

Events of the Week ~ October 22 - 29, 2017

Sunday, October 22

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
 1:30 p.m. Men's ACTS -Room 1
 2:00 p.m. School Bingo - School Cafeteria

Monday, October 23

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service**
 6:30 p.m. Women in the Bible - Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church
 9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus - School

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

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

Sunday, October 29

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, OCTOBER 26, 2017
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL EVENTS:



⇒ HOSTING BINGOS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

COST: \$6.00 per card from 2:00

p.m. - 6:00 p.m. LOCATION: SJB school cafeteria.

⇒ 11th ANNUAL RUN WITH A MISSION 5K FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 at Mission County Park #1.

Please support our efforts and for more information call the school @ 210.433.0411. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. And ministries assigned please make note of your day and mark your calendars. If interested, please contact Stella Rico at 464-0207 or join us at 8:00 am in the church foyer on Saturday mornings. Spread the word!

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

October 28, 2017 - Guadalupanas

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Day
 Monday: St. John of Capistrano
 Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
 Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

FAITH

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. —Ralph Waldo Emerson



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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MISSION AT THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

"The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ"
-Pope Francis



MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer", who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the *mission at the heart of the Christian faith*.

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church as the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, and for young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, and as areas devastated by war or natural disasters are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed are opening up to hear the message of Christ and the Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics around the world are so urgently needed. Offering from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday are coming with offering to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Because you can... On Saturday, October 21st, you can join hundreds of participants for the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS at Woodlawn Lake park.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Eventually, people with ALS lose the ability to control muscle movement, which often leads to total paralysis and death. Come walk because you can and help the ALS Association raise money for a cure; or log in to alstexas.org to make a donation.



DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2017

WALK STARTS: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Woodlawn Lake Park

SAVE The DATE

ANNUAL CHURCH TURKEY BINGO coming up so please make plans to attend it will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 in the school cafeteria. Details forthcoming in future bulletins...Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE ASSEMBLY 2017 Saturday, November 4, 2017

Come to hear the call of the Spirit to become Missionary Disciples.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio will hold its 2017 assembly on November 4th in the Greehey Arena at St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The conference themed, "**Sent by the Spirit**", in its third year, is expected to draw many faithful from throughout the archdiocese and will have various speakers giving talks on topics dealing with life and love, faith and holiness, catholic worldview, and missionary discipleship. You will also have the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and attend Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo.

Seating is limited so please register early. For information or questions regarding registration, call (210) 734-1911. Due to very limited parking space on campus we encourage attendees to please carpool with at least three persons. Thank you!

HOMILY HELPS

Caesar must be given what is Caesar's, says Jesus. But what is Caesar's? "The coin that pays the census tax. (Matthew 22:19) What is God's? Everything else—our heart, soul, values, moral judgements, our ultimate allegiance.

For someone who belongs wholly to God, no part of life is strictly "sacred" or "secular." Everything, everyone is God's, who calls even the pagan King Cyrus "my anointed...though you know me not." (Isaiah 45:1,4). A nation's most loyal citizens are those who, enlightened by Jesus' gospel, are at once loving critics of the political system in which they live and critical lovers—affirming the good wherever it is found, calling evil by its name, witnessing prophetically and when necessary, heroically.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I already exercising faithful, responsible citizenship? Is it time for me to join or initiate a concrete outreach to identify and address specific needs in my community!