

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

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LOVE GOD

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God's sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made.

Today's Readings: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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AMA A DIOS

"Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente" (Mateo 22:37). En este extraordinario y primer mandamiento, Jesús describe el profundo e intencional amor de Dios. Como los tesalonicenses a quien san Pablo escribió, debemos rechazar aquello que pudiera convertirse en ídolo, cualquier cosa que tome el primer lugar en nuestras vidas por delante de Dios. Amar a Dios completamente nos llama a poner nuestras vidas en el corazón de Dios, asegurados que cuando lo hacemos, todo estará bien. Cuando amamos a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, alma y mente, poco a poco aprendemos a ver al mundo y a las personas por medio de los ojos de Dios, quien es amor.

AMA A TU PRÓJIMO

Cuando Dios hizo la alianza con Moisés, los mandamientos de amor a Dios y al prójimo fueron claros, incluyendo lo que amar al prójimo significa. Por ejemplo: "no hagas sufrir ni oprimas al extranjero, porque ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto" (Éxodo 22:20). En otras palabras, cuida a los más necesitados; sus preocupaciones no son diferentes a las tuyas. Y recuerda que ellos son hermanos a la vista de Dios, así como tú. Todos celebran con amor por nuestro bien y gracia de Dios. Jesús es el último signo del amor de Dios, y el perfecto modelo de lo que significa amar a Dios. Jesús nos enseña lo que requiere el verdadero amor y sacrificio. Hay momentos que cuando amamos a nuestro prójimo nos exige poner a la otra persona primero. Ya no solo es necesario ser atento ayudar a otra persona porque es pobre, está enferma, sola, en prisión, es una persona sin techo, desamparada o está sufriendo. Es necesario. Sus necesidades son más grandes que las nuestras. Ignorar encontrarse con otras personas en su necesidad o preocupación es ignorarse uno mismo. Amara a Dios es amar al prójimo, amar a los demás es amar a Dios, en quien estamos hechos a imagen y semejanza.

Lecturas de hoy: Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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	Alfredo Moreno
Delia Riojas	Mary Garza	Belen Granados
Petra Chavez	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	Delia Lopez
Joe & Cecilia Espinosa	Elisa Casanova	Abigail Rodriguez
Pablo Rodriguez	Alexander Hernandez	

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 21 - 22, 2017

5:00 PM	-\$ 902.00	(103)
8:00 AM	-\$ 492.00	(090)
10:00 AM	-\$1,078.00	(143)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,060.50	(233)
Children's Basket	-\$ 23.00	
World Mission	-\$ 675.44	2nd Collection
2016 Gift of Giving	-\$ 201.98	
School Mass	-\$ 81.36	
Mail In	-\$ 215.94	
TOTAL COLLECTED	-\$4,730.22	

Second Collection Oct. 29 - Religious Education

2017 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/21-22, 2017	\$ 215.94
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,470.18



Mass Intentions for the Week

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. & Eneledia De La Cruz - Family
 † Itza & Mark Anthony De La Cruz - Family
 † Christopher R. Pachecano - Family
 † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom
 † Nieves Barrientes - Sisters

Monday, October 30

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saint's

8:15 a.m. † Juana & † Jose Z. Castillo - Family
 † Jesus & † Victor Castillo - Family
 † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughters
 † Richard Schiebel - Castillo Family

7:00 p.m. † Esther Lopez - Family
 † Larry Blancas - Family

Thursday, November 2 - All Soul's Day

12:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family
 † Pedro B. & Pedro E. Martinez - Family

7:00 p.m. † Aurelia Garai - Family
 † Daniel Traspaña, Jr. - Mom & Dad
 † Nieves Barrientes - Sisters

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

5:00 p.m. † Raymundo Cruz - Cruz Family
 † Irma Randolph - Victoria Sanchez

Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Juan Silva - Family
 † Eloy Alvarado - Friend
 † Micaela Vargas - Hernandez Family

10:00 a.m. † Alfonso Grothues - M/M Jimmie Rodriguez
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Trinidad & Olivia Garcia - Family
 † Esther Lopez - Family
 † Larry Blancas - Family

12:00 p.m. † Yvonne Ford - Tillie Hernandez

In Loving Memory

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

† Ninfa T. Cordova

Sanctuary Light

Our Lady of the Rosary



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

It is with immense pride that I announce that our school and St. John Berchmans community has risen to the challenge by exceeding the goal of 300 registrants for the 5K run organized by Hope for the Future. As of today, the number of individuals registered for the competition is 390. We are leading the chart followed by St James with 371 registrants and St. Mary Magdalena in third position with 236 registrants. I thank all of you who participated in this campaign and for supporting our Catholic school of St. John Berchmans. This campaign is a great learning experience that proves what we are capable of achieving if we unite and determined to succeed. I hope and pray we continue to work harder to increase the enrollments because the survival of our school depends on this.

As Veteran's Day is approaching, Saturday, November 11th is designated as the official time to honor and commemorate our heroes at St. John Berchmans Church. It is rightful that we each appreciate the valor exhibited by our brothers and sisters who have bravely chosen to defend our country and the liberties we enjoy daily. Please take the time to thank our veterans for their sacrifices as well as their families who support them.

Our school, St. John Berchmans, has organized three BINGOS for the remainder of the year that commenced Sunday, October 15th and are held 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 improving the infrastructure and betterment of our school in order to compete at a higher level.

I thank Mr. Javier Saucedo who has agreed to lead the Saturday 5:00 p.m. choir. We thank Mrs. Beverly Abbott, former Choir director, for her many years of dedication and commitment to St. John Berchmans. We welcome Mr. Javier Saucedo in our community and invite choir members to join him in praise to our Lord at our 5 pm mass on Saturday.

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.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm - I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading - You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel - You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:34-40). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation, reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
 Tue: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wed: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Thu: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; n 6:37-40
 Fri: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
 Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sun: Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7-13; Mt 23:1-12

Events of the Week ~ Oct. 29 - Nov. 5, 2017

Sunday, October 29

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
 8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
 CCD Taco Sale after all Masses
 10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
 1:30 p.m. Men's ACTS -Room 1

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church
 9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
 7:00 p.m. All Saint's Day - Bilingual Mass

Thursday, November 2

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Ultreya English - School
 7:00 p.m. All Soul's Day Memorial Mass

Friday, November 3

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Night Vigil - Church

Saturday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 5

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, NOVEMBER 2, 2017
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL EVENTS:



⇒ **HOSTING BINGOS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

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. **We are kindly reminding Ministries assigned for cleaning to please show up.** Stella Rico leads our parish in this important ministry and we meet at 8:00 am in the church foyer on Saturday mornings. Thank you!

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

November 4, 2017 - Liturgy Council/Altar Servers



RUMMAGE SALE

Our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4, 2017** from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per space

Time to clean our your closets from that summer clutter. Please contact Rosa Moreno at the parish office at 434-3247.



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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The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** in observance of All Saint's Day. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, November 2.

Please attend **All Saint's Day Bilingual Mass** on November 1st as it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Souls Day Mass - Will be celebrated on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTATION OFFERED THROUGH PORTER LORING FAMILY CARE SERVICES

The holidays are an especially hard time when grieving the loss of a loved one. The season renews memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our special loved one is no longer present. This is often difficult for families. The pain of the loss is confused with the spirit of the season.

"Grief and the Holidays" is a workshop designed to help those who are grieving and their families to better understand the grief process, how it affects us during the holidays and how we can use this special time to continue to heal.

Porter Loring Mortuaries offers these workshops throughout the community and you are invited to attend the session on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. John Berchmans Church.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. One other thing to do is to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The change is automatic for most smartphones, computers, tablets and other digital devices.

GET READY FOR THE ELECTION!

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - Constitutional Amendment Election. Questions or want to see a sample ballot visit: elections.bexar.org

Don't forget to exercise your civic duty and remember to vote!



ANNUAL CHURCH TURKEY BINGO coming up on Sunday, November 19, 2017 starting at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. Please make plans to attend we will have great prizes and delicious food.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

Your attendance is required at our special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We need everyone's assistance as we prepare for our special All Soul's Day Mass on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you, Ignacio Mesa (210) 884-9279.



NIGHT VIGIL...A TRINITATIRAN NIGHT OF MIRACLES...FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

RECONCILIATION/ROSARY/PRAISE AND WORSHIP/TALK/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, St. John Berchmans Catholic Church.

Sponsored by Shalom media USA, Inc., Edinburg, Texas.

HOMILY HELPS

Jesus declares love of God as "the greatest and first commandment." But because that love engages the *whole* person -heart, soul, and mind-it requires a practical, visible expression not simply equal to the first commandment but identical to it: love of neighbor. The Torah's two hundred forty-eight positive and three hundred sixty-five negative prescriptions depend as a coherent, convincing, seamlessly holy way of life on this two-fold love.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Because we can only love God as much as the neighbor we love the least, whom do I need to look at differently this week if I hope to look more like God?