

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

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## BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD

John's introduction was a simple declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples immediately responded. Jesus sensed their willing hearts and invited them to follow him. Do you sometimes wish that recognizing the Lord would be so straightforward in your own life? Would it not be wonderful if a friend could point to Christ with certainty? While we do not always have such a clear sense of God's presence with and within us, we do have a regular opportunity to encounter Christ, in the celebration of the Mass. Like the disciples, we too hear, "Behold the Lamb of God." After the consecration, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." It is like having a friend point the way to the Lord for us. Here is Christ, ready for us to receive his Body and his Blood, to enter into deep communion with him, and to live our lives as his disciples. Nourished in word and sacrament, we are called to point the way to the Lord as witnesses to Christ's love.

## HERE I AM. SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

The Lord does not only call people like Samuel and the two disciples. God calls each of us. We must be attentive to God's presence in prayer, sacred scripture, the sacraments, interactions with others, the beauty of creation. We are to grow in willingness to respond, to live as God's people in the daily circumstances of our lives. Eli's guidance to Samuel is for us as well: with an open heart and mind, we do well to say to God, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Like the two disciples in today's Gospel, we must be ready to set aside whatever might stand in the way of our relationship with Christ and our Christian living. It was more than Simon's name that changed. The disciples discovered in Jesus a new way of life, and they shared the good news of this life with all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## ESTE ES EL CORDERO DE DIOS

La introducción de Juan fue una declaración sencilla: "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Los dos discípulos inmediatamente respondieron. Jesús sintió las voluntades de sus corazones y los invitó a seguirlo. ¿Algunas veces deseas que reconocer a Dios fuera algo directo en tu propia vida? ¿Acaso no sería maravilloso que un amigo pudiera señalar con exactitud a Cristo? Aunque no siempre tenemos un sentido claro de la presencia de Dios con y dentro de nosotros, tenemos una oportunidad regular de encontrarnos con Cristo, en la celebración de la Misa. Como los discípulos, también escuchamos, "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Después de la consagración, justo antes de que recibamos la sagrada comunión, el sacerdote eleva la hostia y dice: "Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. Dichosos los invitados a la cena del Señor". Es como tener un amigo que nos está señalando al Señor. Aquí esta Cristo, listo para que nosotros recibamos su Cuerpo y su Sangre, para entrar a una profunda comunión con él y vivir nuestras vidas como sus discípulos. Alimentados en palabra y sacramento, estamos llamados para señalar el camino hacia el Señor como testigo del amor de Cristo.

## AQUÍ ESTOY. HABLA, SEÑOR; TU SIERVO TE ESCUCHA

El Señor no solo llama a personas como Samuel o los dos discípulos. Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros. Debemos estar atentos a la presencia de Dios en la oración, las Sagradas Escrituras, los sacramentos, nuestras relaciones con las demás personas, la belleza de la creación. Debemos crecer en voluntad para responder, para vivir como el pueblo de Dios en las circunstancias diarias de nuestras vidas. La orientación que Elías dio a Samuel también es para nosotros, con mente y corazón abiertos, hacemos bien en decir a Dios "Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha". Como los discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy, debemos estar listos para hacer a un lado lo que sea que podría ponerse en nuestro camino de nuestra relación con Cristo y nuestra vida cristiana. Fue más que el cambio del nombre de Simón. Los discípulos descubrieron en Jesús una nueva vida, y ellos compartieron con todos la Buena Nueva de esta vida.

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Joe & Cecilia Espinosa	Elisa Casanova	Rose Loa Gallegos
Pablo Rodriguez	Alexander Hernandez	Roxanne & Linus Joseph
Dolores Gonzalez	Pedro Caballero	David Colbath
Joe Moreno	Eric Nave	Victims of First Baptist
Clara Perez	Sofia Olivarez	Church of Sutherland
Rick Contreras	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez	Springs, Texas
Brandon Rivas	Rosalinda Rodriguez	Lisa Marie Rodriguez
Liz Quintero	Connie Cardenas	Linda Davila
Justin Rey Martinez	Rosalinda Esparza	Christine Rosales
Antonio Aguero	Cynthia Sandoval	Yvonne Neilon
Elvia Diaz	Ismael Montañez	Ricky Lopez
M/M Margarito Compean	Estrella De La Vega	Yamil Traspeña
Roberta Bobbie Garza	Diana Calderon	John Ruiz
Frances Ramirez	Susan Perez	Evelyn Parra
Alex Tapia	Guadalupe Huerta	Coach Lisa Robertson
Norma Morgan	Arleen Soliz	Angie Perez
Laura Reyes Gutierrez	Alfredo Moreno	Julio Ugalde, Jr.
Mary Garza	Delia Lopez	Armandina Flores
Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	Abigail Rodriguez	Yvonne De Leon

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.

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT THIS WEEK

**JANUARY 6 - 7, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$1,752.50	(136)
8:00 AM	-\$ 560.00	(120)
10:00 AM	-\$1,059.00	(143)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 736.00	(225)
Children's Basket	-\$ 11.31	
Capital Improvements	-\$ 874.10	2nd Collection
2017 Gift of Giving	-\$ 192.00	
Mail In	-\$ 235.00	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	<b>-\$5,419.91</b>	

## Second Collections

**\*January 14, 2018 - Good Samaritans of SJB**

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 1/6 -7, 2018	\$ 192.00
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,822.55</b>



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, January 13

5:00 p.m. For All Names on our Parish Prayer List

### Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. † Ernestina Huerta - Husband & Children

† Cesar S. Lopez - Wife & Family

† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas

10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

† Guadalupe Lopez - Family

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

† Maria Elena Martinez - Family

† Juan Pascual Torres - Family

12:00 p.m. † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom

### Monday, January 15

### Tuesday, January 16

12:00 p.m. † Martin A. Burrell

### Wednesday, January 17

8:15 a.m.

For Health Coach Lisa Robertson

### Thursday, January 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

### Friday, January 19

12:00 p.m. † Jeannie Ybarra

### Saturday, January 20

5:00 p.m. † Aurora Campos - Family

† Edward Martinez - Gloria Martinez & Family

† George Hernandez - Wife & Family

† Johnny Arocha - Wife & Family

### Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

† Eddie Lopez - Family

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

† Manuela Hinojosa - Maria

† Jimmie Rodriguez - Leonor Rodriguez

12:00 p.m. † For our Parish Community

## In Loving Memory

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

† Mary F. Berlanga

† Robert B. Mata

### Sanctuary Light

Justin Rey Martinez



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

This past Tuesday, January 9th, a meeting was held with the lectors, Extraordinary ministers and leaders of the community for the purpose of discussing important issues. We all agreed that the body of Christ is extremely important, consequently, everyone should make an effort to come to the Extraordinary ministers in order to receive the body and the precious blood of Christ. This policy applies also to all choir members and musicians. All are required to approach the Extraordinary ministers and to make themselves available to receive Christ in the Eucharist. However, any person not able to approach the Extraordinary ministers because of physical challenges and/or handicaps, the body and precious blood of Christ will be taken to them. We are a very compassionate and understanding community. All Extraordinary ministers are asked to abide by this policy. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

We also discussed the Capital Campaign, how it would affect our community and the importance of each parishioner participating actively to the Capital Campaign. As you may recall, the Capital Campaign was initiated by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller to fund a diverse balance of critical pastoral and financial needs. The goal is to reach \$60 million and to address the following challenges: strengthen our parishes, establish new parishes; fund Catholic Charities Outreach projects; build a pilgrimage center at Mission Conception; support lay ministry formation; modernize Assumption Seminary; strengthen campus ministry and renovate Catholic Schools.

Our community of St. John Berchmans is required to raise \$380,00 with \$152,000 the equivalency being 40% being returned to our parish to address three projects that we have identified for our community; put a new floor in the church, put a part of a new roof for the school building and modernize the technology of our school. You will be contacted soon by your fellow parishioners and myself to pledge for your contribution. Your contribution is based on your weekly donation for the past three years. Those who are not registered are also asked to participate as well to meet our goal. The capital campaign will be extended for a three year period. I invite you to be generous and sacrifice for our archdiocese, our parish community and school.

I invite all of you to join me in the Best of Greece Pilgrimage to walk "In the Footsteps of St. Paul." We will visit Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Thessaloniki and Philippi. Please sign for a 9 day pilgrimage to Greece from April 9th to 17th, 2018 for \$3,229 per person which includes round trip air from San Antonio, first class/select hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, comprehensive sightseeing and much more. Join us for this trip of a lifetime!

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
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# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Sam 3:3-10)

**Psalm** - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40)

**Second Reading** - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Cor 6:13-20).

**Gospel** - Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## Events of the Week ~ January 14 - 21, 2018

### Sunday, January 14

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church  
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church

### ACTS TACO FUNDRAISER AFTER ALL MASSES

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Monday, January 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Women of the Bible - Cafeteria

### Tuesday, January 16

12:00 Noon Communion Service - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

### Wednesday, January 17

8:15 a.m. Communion Service - Chapel  
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

### Thursday, January 18

12:00 Noon Communion Service - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Ultreya English - Room 22

### Friday, January 19

12:00 Noon Communion Service - Chapel

### Saturday, January 20

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, January 21

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



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2018



Offertory envelopes are available for pick up at the entrance table of the church after all masses. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Office at 210.434.3247.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

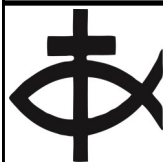
Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
Wednesday: St. Anthony  
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

## 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 also want to remind individual group ministries that are assigned, to fulfill your commitment on Saturdays. The past several months we have had only a couple of individuals show up on their assigned weekend and in some instances **NO ONE AT ALL!** We thank you for your time and commitment in this important ministry!

### Cleaning Schedule of Ministries:

January 20 - CCD  
January 27 - Vigil Team/Good Samaritan



## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

ACTS Core will be seeking new CORE members.

**Qualifications:** Must be an active parishioner and have served on two ACTS teams. **Term will begin in February 2018.**

If interested, please contact Richard Sustaita, ACTS Core Facilitator at 210.413.0065.



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for 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 210434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

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**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17th. Have a safe holiday!

## **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL HOSTING ANNUAL 8TH GRADE BBQ PLATE SALE**

The 8th Grade class of St. John Berchmans School will be hosting their Annual BBQ Fundraiser

**DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

**PLATE PICK UP TIME: 11 AM - 3PM**

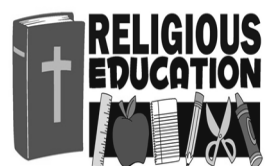
**LOCATION: 1147 Cupples Road, San Antonio, TX 78226**

**COST: \$7.00 PER PLATE (Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans and trimmings)**

All proceeds go towards their 8th grade field trip to Boston, Massachusetts

Tickets are available for purchase at the school and at the Parish Office

Thank you for your support of our School!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY 2018**

• **First Communion Retreat cancelled for January 27 and will be re-scheduled for April 2018. Future date forthcoming.**

• **Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Reconciliation Day in the Church

For information pertaining to these events, please contact Mrs. Rosalinda Rodriguez on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the parish office 210.434.3247.

## **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CHURCH IS HOSTING A SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

This fundraiser is to offset the expenses for the prizes of the raffle tickets for the 2018 Fall Festival,

**DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

**TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**COST: \$7.00 PER PLATE (Spaghetti with meatballs, bread and salad)**

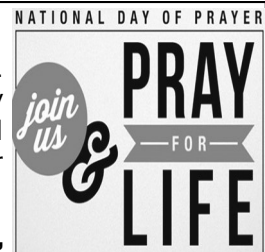
We appreciate your support and cooperation for the event.

## **JANUARY 22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

There are over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

**Join Archbishop Gustavo for a LIFE Prayer Vigil, Procession and Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at St. Mary's Church - Downtown at 4:00 p.m. There will be a prayer procession (10-12 minute walk) to San Fernando Cathedral for a Mass presided by Archbishop Gustavo Siller.**

**Free Parking at the Frost Bank Parking Lot—121 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205**  
For additional information contact Nicky Mata at 210.734.1651.



## **THE LAMB OF GOD**

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do I respond to God's call? Am I willing to change my life to follow Christ?