

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

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LEAVE BEHIND

Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. The nets were their livelihood, the most important tools for their work as fishermen. For these first disciples, their nets represented all they knew life to be about, and all it could be. Yet they put the nets aside, risking an unknown future in order to “catch people” as Jesus promised. What do you need to leave behind? Most people will not be asked to give up their livelihood in order to answer Christ’s call. Yet we certainly must abandon everything that prevents us from living our lives authentically as followers of Jesus. Sometimes we must let go of the life we know in order to embrace a living, compelling, meaningful life of faith in Christ. Prayerfully examine your faith and life. Is there attachment to material possessions? Are there relationships or feelings that prevent you from living and growing in faith? Is there a negative habit that gets in the way? Let go of what stands between you and the Lord. Invite God’s healing presence, forgiveness, and mercy to transform the nets—all that holds you back—and risk answering Christ’s call to discipleship.

WALK TOWARD

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult.” Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn’t only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.

Today’s Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

DEJAR ATRÁS

Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan abandonaron sus redes y siguieron a Jesús. Las redes eran su estilo de vida, la herramienta más importante de su trabajo como pescadores. Para estos primeros discípulos, sus redes representaban todo lo que sabían de la vida y de lo que podría ser. Aun así, ellos las hicieron a un lado, arriesgándose a un futuro desconocido para “pescar a personas” como Jesús lo había prometido. ¿Qué es lo que tú necesitas dejar atrás? A muchas personas no se les va a pedir dejar sus trabajos para poder seguir a Cristo. Sin embargo, ciertamente debemos abandonar aquello que nos previene de vivir nuestras vidas auténticamente como seguidores de Jesús. Algunas veces debemos de dejar la vida que conocemos para poder abrazar una vida con sentido y significado de fe en Cristo. Con un espíritu de oración examina tu fe y vida. ¿Hay algo que te amarre a las posesiones materiales? ¿Hay relaciones o sentimientos que te previenen de vivir y crecer en la fe? ¿Hay un hábito negativo que se interponga en el camino? Suelta aquello que se interponga entre ti y el Señor. Invita a la presencia sanadora de Dios, el perdón y la misericordia que transforma las redes, todo lo que te mantiene inmovilizado, y arriégate a responder la llamada de Cristo al discipulado.

CAMINAR HACIA

Jonás no simplemente se alejó de su anterior estilo de vida. Él caminó hacia Nínive. Los discípulos no solo abandonaron sus redes. Ellos caminaron hacia Jesús y a una vida de discipulado. G. K. Chesterson se le cita diciendo: “El cristianismo no ha intentado y encontrado anhelo; ha estado intentado y encontrado dificultad”. Aun así, la vida cristiana tiene un profundo significado. ¿Qué pasaría si verdaderamente tomaras con el corazón el llamado de Jesús? No solo se trata de alejarse de aquellas cosas que son contrarias a la vida cristiana. Como lo fue para Jonás, los discípulos en la orilla del mar, y san Pablo, una verdadera vida de fe también es caminar hacia Dios, amando a Dios y al prójimo, arriesgándose a un futuro desconocido lleno con vida de bondad, santidad y gracia.

Lecturas de hoy: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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	Estella 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
Elisa Casanova	Rose Loa Gallegos	Delia Riojas
Alexander Hernandez	Roxanne & Linus Joseph	Petra Chavez

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 13 - 14, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$1,136.00	(125)
8:00 AM	-\$ 578.50	(091)
10:00 AM	-\$1,330.00	(144)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,046.00	(200)
School Mass	-\$ 106.18	
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 426.16	2nd Collection
2017 Gift of Giving	-\$ 218.54	
Mail In	-\$ 746.50	
TOTAL COLLECTED	-\$5,587.88	

Second Collections

*January 21, 2018 - Altar Flowers

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 1/13-14, 2018	\$ 218.54
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 6,041.09



Mass Intentions for the Week

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
 † Maria J. Terrazas - Angie Canales

10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 † Eddie Lopez - Family
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Manuela Hinojosa - Maria
 † Jimmie Rodriguez - Leonor

12:00 p.m. † Louis Guerrero - Wife & Family

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

8:15 a.m. † Robert Mata

Thursday, January 25

12:00 p.m. † Mary F. Berlanga

Friday, January 26

12:00 p.m. † Sofia Cruz

Saturday, January 27

5:00 p.m. † M/M Pablo M. Gonzales - Olga Cuellar
 † Raul Gonzales - Olga Cuellar
 † Beatrice & Ignacio Gomez - Virginia & Lydia

Sunday, January 28

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Tere Oseguera - G. Lloyd

Gift of Life Joe Ramirez - Frances Ramirez

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Jimmie Rodriguez - Leonor
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 † Andres/Concepcion Solis - Family
 † Leticia Solis - Family

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

In Loving Memory

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

† Mary Helen Garcia
 † Martin A. Burrell
 † Florencio Flores Perez



Sanctuary Light
Frances Ramirez




From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I will be attending, along with my fellow San Antonio Archdiocesan priests, our annual Priest Retreat from Monday, January 22nd thru Friday, January 26th at the Oblate Retreat Center. Please maintain us in your prayers as we take some time to reflect on our self and our ministry. We will also rekindle our commitment to the Lord and to you, God's people.

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.

May God bless you always,



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm - Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - The world in its present form is passing away (1 Cor 7:29-31).

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thu: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Events of the Week ~ January 21 - 28, 2018

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 p.m. Mass - Church

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

12:00 Noon Communion Service - Chapel

Saturday, January 27

10:00 a.m. Reconciliation School & CCD
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
11:00 a.m. SJB 8th GRADE BBQ FUNDRAISER
12:00 noon Mass - Church



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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.

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 27 - Vigil Team/Good Samaritan
February 3 - Guadalupanas

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

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*The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— Mark 1:15*



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to 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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NEW LITURGICAL SEASON

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Pope Francis recently said: "Baptism is called 'illumination'; because faith illuminates the heart and allows us to see things in a different light."

We now enter **Ordinary Time**—which reminds the baptized members of the Church that we are called by God to actively practice the faith we have received. Ordinary time calls us to be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

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 and New York

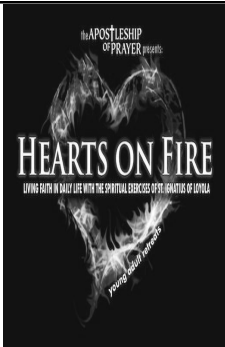
TAX LETTERS

If you are a parishioner who made contributions to our parish during the course of the year, you may request your tax letter by calling the parish office at 210.434.3247, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS

"HEARTS ON FIRE"

LIVING FAITH IN DAILY LIFE WITH THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



A Young Adults (18 - 40) Retreat has been scheduled for Friday - Saturday, February 2 - 3, 2018 and will be hosted at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, 1321 El Paso Street, 78207, in the Brother Gus Hall.

Hearts on Fire is facilitated by the Jesuit Apostleship of Prayer and is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of San Antonio and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. The retreat is rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

The cost is \$20.00 to register, and for more information, go to: POPESPRAYERUSA.NET/HEARTSONFILE
If you have any questions or concerns, call Lee Thielan at 210.371.3701.

REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS

- All 2018 Offertory envelopes are available for pick up at the parish office. If you currently do not receive envelopes, and wish to request a box please call our office at 210.434.3247.
- Also reminder to come by for your poinsettias that were ordered and paid for. Thank you!

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus? Do I share the good news through my words and actions?