

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

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## REAL LIFE

The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can we relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

## REAL FAITH

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

Today's Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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## LA VERDADERA VIDA

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son historias reales de la vida. El libro de Job es la historia de un hombre al que se le prueba durante la enfermedad, la muerte de seres queridos y, la perdida de amistades y amigos. Muchos de nosotros podemos relacionarnos con Job. Probablemente hemos tenido momentos cuando nuestras vidas se sienten como pesadas cargas o, cuando despertamos en medio de la noche y no podemos volver a dormirnos. No todos deseaban escuchar la Buena Nueva de san Pablo. Ellos cuestionaron sus motivos y no entendían su compromiso de compartir la novedad de Jesús con todos. No siempre es fácil vivir como un discípulo en el mundo de hoy. No todos entenderán nuestro compromiso de vida cristiana. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús sana a la suegra de Pedro y a muchas otras personas enfermas. Aquellas personas que tienen alguna necesidad lo buscan. Aun cuando él se retira para orar, sus discípulos van a encontrarlo. Jesús no parece tener mucho tiempo para él mismo, lo que cualquier padre, hijo, amigo o persona comprometida al servicio puede entender cuando pone las necesidades de los demás en primer lugar. ¡La verdadera vida puede ser desafiante!

## LA VERDADERA FE

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son también historias de la verdadera fe. Cuando casi esta orillado hasta sus límites, Job no se rinde y confía en Dios para estar con él todo lo que dure su enfermedad, tragedia y soledad. Job sabe que él verdaderamente no está solo. Dios está con él. De la misma manera, san Pablo actúa según discernió. No hay duda, él tuvo momentos de soledad y sintió la presión de los juicios de las personas, pero no desconfió del amor de su Señor. Como en todas las cosas, Jesús nos muestra que hay que hacer. En momentos de enfermedad, soledad y dolor, cuando se necesita un sentido en la vida, volver a Dios en la oración. Confiar en el toque sanador del Señor, ya sea una sanación física o sanación emocional para soportar el sufrimiento y el dolor. Jesús sanó a muchos que se acercaron a él y, el continúa acercándose a nosotros en nuestras necesidades. Confiar en Dios con verdadera fe para enfrentar las circunstancias a menudo complicadas de nuestras verdaderas vidas.

Lecturas de hoy: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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 Traspaña
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
Pedro Caballero	David Colbath	Carmen Solis
Eric Nave	Victims of First Baptist	Enrique Cepeda
Sofia Olivarez	Church of Sutherland	Andrew Arizmendez, Jr.
Deacon Jesus Rodriguez	Spring, Texas	Alethea R. Ybarra

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 27 - 28, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$ 679.00	(103)
8:00 AM	-\$ 535.50	(094)
10:00 AM	-\$1,484.00	(161)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,243.00	(355)
Children's Basket	-\$ 25.00	
School Mass	-\$ 80.00	
Church in Latin America	-\$ 748.19	2nd Collection
2017 Gift of Giving	-\$ 211.43	
Mail In	-\$ 411.54	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	<b>-\$5,417.66</b>	

### Second Collection

\* February 4, 2018 - Capital Improvements

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 1/27 - 28, 2018	\$ 211.43
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,445.75</b>



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 3

5:00 p.m. For St. John Berchman Parish Community

### Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
 † Daniel Traspaña, Jr. - Mom & Dad  
 † Gilberto Terrazas - Angie Canales  
 † Richard Hernandez, Jr. - Mom

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
 † Trinidad & Olivia Garcia - Maria  
 † Pedro E. Martinez - Family  
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
 † Eva Lugo - Elfida Cruz

Gift of Life Leonor Rodriguez - Children

12:00 p.m. † Yvonne Forde - Tillie Hernandez  
 † Mercedes Soto - Olivia Lopez  
 † Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Olivia Lopez  
 † Nieves Barrientes & Mary Martinez - Olivia Lopez  
 † Irene Tello - Olivia Lopez

### Monday, February 5

### Tuesday, February 6

12:00 p.m. † David Solis

### Wednesday, February 7

8:15 a.m. † Maria Belen Granados

### Thursday, February 8

12:00 p.m. † Gregory Berton

### Friday, February 9

12:00 p.m. † Luis Angel Campa

### Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family  
 † Frank Sepulveda - Becky Sepulveda

### Sunday, February 11

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

In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas  
 In Thanksgiving Joel Ayala - Family

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
 † Pedro B. & Pedro E. Martinez - Family  
 † Jimmie Rodriguez - Leonor  
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
 † Elodia Silva - Family

12:00 p.m. † Simon Ruiz - Friends  
 † Frank Sepulveda - Becky Sepulveda

## *In Loving Memory*

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

† Marcos F. Martinez  
 † Claude Antonio Cisneros



**Sanctuary Light**  
**The Ruiz Family**




## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

The sacrament of Holy Eucharist is very important to us Roman Catholics. We are asked to receive the body and precious blood of Christ regularly especially on days of obligation, Sundays and special feasts. We need also to consider the sacrament of Reconciliation before we can receive the Holy Eucharist. It is a sacrament that needs to be taken very seriously. I ask those of you who have not gotten married in the church, to seriously consider having their marriage blessed in our church; in order for you to be in communion with the church. The body and precious blood of Christ nourishes your body and spirit. I am very open to accommodating you and exploring all options to get you married in the church.

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 \$380,000 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,



Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
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# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-7).

**Psalm** - Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** - I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Cor 9:16-23).

**Gospel** - Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-11; 1 Cor 10:31; 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## Events of the Week ~ February 4 - 11, 2018

### Sunday, February 4

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, February 5

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

6:30 p.m. Women of the Bible - Cafeteria

### Tuesday, February 6

12:00 Noon **Mass** - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Guadalupe Meeting - Cafeteria

6:00 p.m. School Advisory Council - Library

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

### Wednesday, February 7

8:15 a.m. **Mass** - Church

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

7:00 p.m. ACTS Core Meeting -Teacher's Lounge

### Thursday, February 8

12:00 Noon **Mass** - Chapel

6:30 p.m. Ultreya English - Room 22

### Friday, February 9

12:00 Noon **Mass** - Chapel

### Saturday, February 10

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

### Sunday, February 11

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, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**



**Mass  
Schedule**

## REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Father Fidele would like to remind all parishioners about our weekday masses held in our chapel.

On Monday we hold a Communion Service at 12 noon. Weekday Masses are held Tuesday through Friday at 12 noon and are officiated by Fr. Fidele.

## 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. We thank you for your time and commitment in this important ministry!

### Cleaning Schedule of Ministries:

February 10, 2018 - Liturgy Council/Altar Servers  
February 17, 2018 - Knights/Ultreya

## TAX LETTERS FOR 2017

If you are a registered parishioner, and made contributions you may request your **tax letter** by contacting the Parish office. We Thank you for your generosity to our Church!

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday  
Monday: St. Agatha  
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;  
International Day of Prayer and  
Awareness against Human Trafficking  
Saturday: St. Scholastica



## 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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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

### SAY "NO" TO CORRUPTION

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

## THOMPSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Brentwood Middle School Cafeteria.

Please join us and become informed as we come together to discuss community needs, projects and other important concerns.



## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOLLOW UP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Countless lives are spiritually transformed and uplifted thanks to the generosity of individuals like you to the annual Archbishop's Appeal. Pray on how you can make a sacrificial gift which will help continue the Appeal ministries that form and educate future priests, deacons, and catechists, as well as provide food, clothing and other social service programs that aid the most vulnerable in our community. If you have already responded thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet had an opportunity, we invite you to pray and consider making a gift to this year's Appeal.

Online gifts can be made at [www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal](http://www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) or by calling the Office of Archbishop's Appeal at 210.734.1604. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May God bless you!

## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS HOSTING A SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Tickets are available for our parish fundraiser which will help us offset expenses for the prizes of raffle tickets for our 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 cooperating for this event.

## OBLATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY - UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

**ENTERING THE SOUL THROUGH STORY** - Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI  
February 5, 12, 19, 2018 Time: 7pm-9pm Whitely Theological Center

**INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER**  
FEB 17, 2018 - Vivian Nash Kirk

Register online at [www.ost.edu](http://www.ost.edu) or call 210.341.1366, ext. 212 for further information.

## TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to be a disciple? How do I serve God and serve others?