

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 11, 2018

### OUT AND IN

The leper who had been cast out was healed. He was suddenly free to interact with others, to dwell with family, to rejoice in the company of friends. He encountered the healing, merciful love of Christ and found new life. The one who healed him, Jesus, was made to stay outside of the towns and villages to which he went, surrounded by people who needed his healing touch. Jesus' love is greater than whatever might trouble us. He looks with compassion on those who are broken, breaking himself open for the sake of others. Jesus puts himself in the place of those who are in need. Those who are on the margins of life or of the faith community are held closely in the loving gaze of the Lord. Those who are ill are assured of God's care and compassion. Those who are weak find strength in Christ, who is ever ready to attend to the needs of the hurting, lost, and broken.

### ACT IN FAITH, ACT ON FAITH

In what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life? The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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### AFUERA Y ADENTRO

El leproso que había sido marginado fue sanado. Él de pronto ya era libre para interactuar con otras personas, para vivir con su familia, para regocijarse en la compañía de amigos. Él encontró la sanación, el amor misericordioso de Cristo y descubrió una nueva vida. Ese que lo sanó, Jesús, fue hecho para quedarse fuera de los pueblos y aldeas a los que iba, rodeado por personas que necesitaban esa caricia de sanación. El amor de Jesús es más grande que cualquier cosa que nos moleste. Él mira con compasión a aquellos que estás quebrantados, partiéndose a sí mismos por el bien de los demás. Jesús se pone a sí mismo en el lugar de aquellas personas necesitadas. Aquellas que están marginadas de la vida o de la comunidad de fe están estrechamente unidas a la mirada del Señor. Aquellas personas que están enfermas se les asegura el cuidado de Dios y su compasión. Aquellas que están débiles encuentran fuerzas en Cristo, quien está listo para atender las necesidades de las personas heridas, perdidas y cuyas vidas están hechas pedazos.

### ACTÚA EN FE, ACTÚA CON FE

¿De que maneras estás aislado, herido o quebrantado? ¿Alguien te juzga injustamente? ¿Hay circunstancias que están fuera de tu control o que te indiquen de qué manera debes llevar tu vida? El Señor espera que lo llames, que clames con fe. ¿Conoces el cuidado compasivo, sanador y amoroso de Dios que te tiene, en la oración, los sacramentos, o la atención a los demás? Da testimonio del poderoso amor de Dios por medio de las actitudes y palabras, tus acciones e interacciones con los demás. Imita a Cristo. Se misericordioso con las demás personas. Se una presencia sanadora cuando las relaciones se rompan. ¿Has encontrado el amor de Dios en tu vida? Da testimonio de este amor en el hogar, trabajo, parroquia y el mundo. Da gloria a Dios como tu acto de fe.

Lecturas de hoy: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mc 1:40-45

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### Please Pray for the Sick

#### Prayer List Updates



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

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

**FEBRUARY 3 - 4, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$1,392.00	(103)
8:00 AM	-\$ 377.00	(098)
10:00 AM	-\$1,132.00	(136)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,283.50	(236)
Children's Basket	-\$ 10.00	
School Mass	-\$ 57.00	
Capital Improvements	-\$1,099.99	2nd Collection
2017 Gift of Giving	-\$ 224.60	
Mail In	-\$ 203.00	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	<b>-\$5,417.66</b>	

#### Second Collection

\* February 11, 2018 - Good Samaritans of SJB

### 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 2/3-4, 2018	\$ 224.60
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,670.35</b>



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 10 - HEALING SERVICE

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

### Sunday, February 11 - HEALING SERVICE

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

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  
 † Rosalinda Hernandez  
 12:00 p.m. † Simon Ruiz - Friends  
 † Frank Sepulveda - Becky Sepulveda  
 † Silvia Rios - Family

### Monday, February 12

### Tuesday, February 13

12:00 p.m. † Adriana Amber Lopez - Lupe Rodriguez

### Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 a.m. † Yvonne Forde - Michael Forde  
 7:00 p.m. † Alicia Flores - Frank & Lupe Rodriguez  
 † Rosalinda Luna - Frank & Lupe Rodriguez  
 † Mary & Carlos Sanchez - Daniel & Delia

### Thursday, February 15

12:00 p.m. †

### Friday, February 16

12:00 p.m. † Luis Angel Campa

### Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m. † Manuel Campos - Family  
 † Beatrice & Ignacio Gomez - Virginia & Lydia  
 † Oscar Lopez - Castillo Family

### Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
 † Felicitas Juarez - Angie Canales  
 † Catarina Garcia - Daughter  
 10:00 a.m. † Lucy M. Valdez - Ponce Family  
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
 † Pedro B. Martinez - Family  
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
 † Martin Burrell - G. Lloyd  
 12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family  
 † Simon Ruiz - Friends

## In Loving Memory

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

† Antonio Perez  
 † Alfredo G. Garcia

### Sanctuary Light

† Frank Herrera




## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

The beginning of the Lenten Season will officially commence on February 14th - Ash Wednesday. We have six services scheduled for that day to accommodate each one of you in complying with the tradition of the imposition of ashes. This year, I am fully aware that, Ash Wednesday falls also on Valentine's Day. Questions may be raised as to how to celebrate Valentine's Day and also maintain our Lenten tradition. I ask you to observe the discipline of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday and perhaps celebrate Valentine's Day on Mardi Gras. The imposition of ashes does not define Lent, but it emerges us into the fever of the season and also allows to contemplate on the importance of the season.

Lent helps to reflect on the mysteries of our Salvation which are: suffering, death and the resurrection of our Lord. The passion of Christ challenges us to make some sacrifices in order for us to have a tiny taste of what Our Lord endured in order for us to be saved. I invite you to focus on prayer, fasting and action of charities. May our prayers increase our faith, strengthen our resolute fast and translate our sacrifices into deed of charity and love.

The leadership of St. John Berchmans met this past Thursday, February 8th, with the purpose to discuss some important topics pertinent to our community. Foremost was the Formation House known as Convent and also the Capital Campaign. The rental for our Formation House has come to its end. After many years of hosting ACE students (students from Notre Dame University) who are in a two year program as they work toward their master degree, ended this past Saturday, February 3rd. The tenants have already vacated the house. We looked at many options of how the house may be utilized to profit the community. I will be communicating with you in the near future the plans for the Formation House and how it can be used to serve our community.

Discussed also was the topic of the Capital Campaign and 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. Parishioners are being contacted by you or 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  
 fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** - I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** - Do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

**Gospel** - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sa: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Events of the Week ~ February 11 - 18, 2018

### 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 p.m. Mass - Church

### Monday, February 12

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

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

### Tuesday, February 13

12:00 Noon Mass - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

### Wednesday, February 14

8:15 a.m. Mass - Church

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

7:00 p.m. ACTS Core Meeting - Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Church

### Thursday, February 15

12:00 Noon Mass - Chapel

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

### Friday, February 16

12:00 Noon Mass - Chapel

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

### Saturday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Altar Serving Training - Church

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, February 18

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 15, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

## REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Father Fidele would like to remind all parishioners that there will be no Marriages or Baptisms conducted during the Lenten season. Lent is from Wednesday, February 14, 2018 through Sunday, April 1, 2018. Thank you!



Shout out to our **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS STUDENT BODY** for their weekly donations of canned good/perishables for our church food pantry. This wonderful ministry has been taking place for many years, and it is because of these giving students and families that our parish has been able to feed the needy of our parish community. God bless 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 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 17, 2018 - Knights/Ultreya

February 24, 2018 - CYO

## 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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick  
Monday: Lincoln's Birthday  
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence  
Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716  
Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order



## 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.

# Announcements

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO STELLA RICO OUR 2017 LUMEN GENTIUM AWARD RECIPIENT!**

This award is presented to members of parishes throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio who have worked to personify the spirit and love of Christ for others.

Ms. Stella Rico has been generous with the gifts that God has given her. You have touched the hearts of many people with God's love, and through your labor of love and for the unselfish service you provide our parish community every single week. You are a shining example of the New Evangelization. Thank you for being a light of faith! May God continue to bless you and your family.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY , FEBUARY 14 SERVICES**

8:15 a.m. - School Mass - Ashes  
10:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word - Ashes  
12:00 Noon - Liturgy of the Word - Ashes  
12:00 Noon - Liturgy of the Word - Ashes (Cisneros Apartments)  
4:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word - Ashes  
7:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass - Ashes

### **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS VIGIL TEAM MINISTRY**

Our parish is looking for individuals to serve on our church vigil team. This ministry offers a rosary service which takes place before a Catholic funeral, and is usually held in the evening. At this time, we have very few individuals serving in this important ministry and we are appealing to our parish community to assist us. If you are interested, please contact Rosie Gallegos at 210.269.5330 or email at rosie1320@yahoo.com

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

A required training will be offered to anyone interested in altar serving at St. John Berchmans' Catholic Church. It's highly encouraged that interested individuals have their First Communion. Altar server training will be held in the Church on **Saturday, February 17, from 10a.m. to 12** noon followed by a lunch from 12 noon - 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Both child and a parent must attend this training.

### **CYO TRACK AND SPRING TBALL/BASEBALL/SOFTBALL are currently open for registration.**

Track Fee \$25.00 (includes Tshirt)  
TBALL/Baseball/Softball Fee \$70 plus \$25 Opt out of service hours fee. (Fee does not include uniform)  
Please click on the link below to register your children. <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106373>

**Collection of Registration Fees** will be held on Sundays, February 18th and 25th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. John Berchmans School in either the school cafeteria, foyer or front porch of school.

If you have any questions, please email: Andrew Dominguez armed05@gmail.com or Elizabeth Hernandez betsy2056@yahoo.com

### **GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can our compassion lead us to break barriers and bring healing to others, thereby giving glory to God?