

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

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THE TWELFTH APOSTLE

In our reading from Acts, occurring after the Ascension but prior to Pentecost, Jesus' community was disoriented and troubled. They were disoriented by their separation from Jesus, and troubled by the betrayal and loss of Judas. Having been told by Jesus to wait for the Holy Spirit, they believed it was first essential to replace Judas, the twelfth apostle. Why was this so important to them?

The twelve apostles represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Israel's unity in God had been shattered centuries earlier with the split of the nation, conquest, exile, and ongoing internal conflicts. Jesus' community now served as a "new Israel." They felt they could only receive the Spirit if the wound of dissolution and distrust within Israel, echoed by the wound of Judas' betrayal, was addressed. With their unity in God restored in the selection of Matthias, they became open and ready to receive the Spirit at Pentecost.

FATHER TO ALL

Jesus' prayer to his Father at the Last Supper, heard in today's Gospel from John, is a solemn yet tender expression of love for his disciples. Jesus in effect asks his Father to be father to them, as the Father is to Jesus. As father, God will protect and unify them during the difficult times ahead. As father, God will share God's joy with them, as Jesus knew.

Although asking that the disciples be protected from evil, Jesus also prays that the disciples not hide from the world, but fully engage with the world. During Jesus' ministry, although he spent much time forming a community of disciples and friends, he also regularly reached out to others, especially those at the margins of society.

Jesus' prayer extends to us, that we his followers experience the fatherhood of God. Together with this fatherhood, we experience God's family. We discover brothers and sisters in Christian community. And we serve in the world, in our common human identity as God's children.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

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LA COMUNION DE LOS SANTOS

Hace exactamente siete meses celebramos la festividad de Todos los Santos. ¡Qué maravilloso tesoro hemos heredado con la comunión de los santos! Hoy nos centramos en los primeros santos nombrados por la Iglesia: los discípulos del Señor. La elección de Matías, de la manera como es relatada en la lectura de hoy de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, es una historia maravillosa sobre cómo la naciente Iglesia respondía a las necesidades de una creciente comunidad. Las estadísticas muestran que el número de miembros en la Iglesia ha crecido sostenidamente en los últimos años. Muchos han respondido al llamado del Señor y han ingresado en el proceso de iniciación denominado el *Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos*. Uno de los grandes himnos que entonamos en la Vigilia Pascual, mientras se acercan a la fuente bautismal los que van a ser bautizados, es la Letanía de los Santos, en la que invocamos el nombre de los que ahora descansan en la presencia del Señor. En el bautismo de los candidatos la Iglesia se renueva otra vez.

CON LA MIRADA EN PENTECOSTÉS

En el curso de los siglos millones han respondido al llamado de Dios al ministerio, y muchos de ellos han sido nombrados santos por la Iglesia. Estos santos son ejemplos para nosotros, muchos de ellos llevaron vidas ordinarias pero siempre se mantuvieron firmes en el Señor Jesús. Ante el umbral de la fiesta de Pentecostés, ponemos la mirada en un nuevo Pentecostés, un tiempo de renovación de la Iglesia, en nuestras comunidades parroquiales y en el corazón de todos los fieles. Dios también nos llama a mantener nuestras acciones enfocadas en el Señor. Al prepararnos para celebrar la gran fiesta de Pentecostés, oremos por los que han respondido al llamado de Dios. Oremos también para que el Espíritu Santo continúe inspirándonos a la renovación, la reconciliación y la paz.

Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Salmo 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Juan 4:11-16; Juan 17:11b-19
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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Arleen Soliz	Frances Ramirez	Chris Muñoz
Alfredo Moreno	Evelyn Parra	Roxsandra Gallardo
Delia Lopez	Coach Lisa Robertson	Elizabeth Quirotero
Abigail Rodriguez	Angie Perez	John Jimenez
Rose Loa Gallegos	Julio Ugalde, Jr.	Rosemary Ramirez
Roxanne & Linus Joseph	Armandina Flores	Sofia Delgado
David Colbath	Yvonne De Leon	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.
Victims of First Baptist	Delia Riojas	Terri Lopez
Church of Sutherland	Petra Chavez	F.J. Rodriguez
Springs, Texas	Carmen Solis	Eddie Villareal
Lisa Marie Rodriguez	Enrique Cepeda	David Diaz
Linda Davila	Andrew Arizmendez, Jr.	Annmarie Vasquez
Justin Rey Martinez	Alethea R. Ybarra	Graciela Puente
Brandon Rivas	Norma R. Morgan	Sarah Contreras
Christine Rosales	David Santoyo	Alfredo Cruz
Yvonne Neilon	Roland Martinez, Jr.	Sarah Ramirez
Ricky Lopez	Roland Martinez, Sr.	Gina Gonzalez
Yamil Traspeña	Jacinta Weddel	Celia Hernandez
John Ruiz	Sara Navarro	Howard Sixsmith

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.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE MAY 5 - 6, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 890.00	(080)
8:00 AM	-\$ 530.20	(070)
10:00 AM	-\$1,074.35	(134)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,956.75	(695)
School Mass	-\$ 66.84	
Children's Basket	-\$ 5.00	
Capital Improvements	-\$ 871.50	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 206.97	
Mail In	-\$ 90.00	
TOTAL	-\$5,691.61	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

May 13, 2018 - Good Samaritans of SJB

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/5-6, 2018	\$ 206.97
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 9,482.09



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 12

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
 † Beatrice & Ignacio Gomez- Virginia & Lydia
 † Gloria Solis - Raquel & Socorro
 Gift of Life All Mothers - Campos Family

Sunday, May 13

8:00 a.m. † Ernestina Huerta - Husband & Children
 † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas
 † Tina Flores - Penny
 In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas
 10:00 a.m. † Joe Riley - Family
 † Estella Jaramillo - Family
 † Dominga Castro - Rosa Cortez
 † Basilisa Castro - Rosa Cortez
 † Herminia Cruz - Family
 † Nieves & Gregorio Barrientes - Family
 12:00 p.m. † Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Olivia Lopez
 † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
 † Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
 † Aline Persyn - Family
 † Antonio & Mercedes Soto - Olivia Lopez
 † Irene Tello - Olivia Lopez

Monday, May 14

Tuesday, May 15

12:00 p.m. † Arturo De La Vega

Wednesday, May 16

8:15 a.m. † Uvaldo Villarreal - Family

Thursday, May 17

12:00 p.m. † M/M Vidal M. Ruiz - Daughter

Friday, May 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family
 Gift of Life Gieselle Velasquez - Mom

Saturday, May 19

5:00 p.m. For our Parish Community

Sunday, May 20

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
 † Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
 † Aline Persyn - Family
 † Joe & Olivia Benavides - Family
 12:00 p.m. † Lorenza C. Castro - Family
 † Angel Lopez - Olivia

In Loving Memory

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

† Donald J. Borden
 † Telesforo T. Salazar

Sanctuary Light

Holy Souls in Purgatory



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

As we officially commemorate Mother's Day this Sunday, let us each honor in a very special manner our own mother for each sacrifice and diligent attention bestowed to us. Please also offer prayer if our mother is in the presence of our Lord. Congratulations to the mothers of our St. John Berchmans community for their dedication to their family and their community. May God bless you always!

Rosalinda Rodriguez, Director of Religious Education, retired last week, after 44 students received their first communion, from this role. However, Rosalinda has agreed to continue spearheading the RCIA for the adults. We congratulate Rosalinda for her twelve years of dedication and hard work to our children and community. The community of St. John Berchmans has been blessed with your leadership for the past twelve years. We wish you a restful summer.

We welcome Victor and Karen Araguz, new coordinators for the Religious Education program. I invite the community to rally behind Victor and Karan for the success of the program and of our children.

The telephone line service in the office has been restored. The temporary line number is 210.858-6920. The request for our number to be released by AT&T has already been submitted. As soon as AT&T releases the number, we will communicate with you. I apologize for the inconvenience this experience may have caused our parishioners.

We are very proud of Dominique who has accepted the role of Youth Minister. Dominique has developed into an awesome, dedicated, committed and faithful young lady and will ultimately focus on her church mission. I am confident she will do very well. Please rally behind Dominique and her new leadership committee to lead our youth in their journey. Our youth are, and will always be, the future of our church. Our youth meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in classroom #1. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to join our youth group.

Here is the leadership committee of our youth: Dominique Dominguez, Raeann Cruz, Angie Diaz, Bobby Gallegos, Liz Gallegos, Alyssa Araguz, Brandon Cruz, Marisa Dominguez, Danielle Martinez and Rebecca Dominguez.

I thank all of you who have pledged or donated money toward the Capital Campaign. St. John Berchmans community is required to raise \$352,000 with \$140,80 the equivalency being 40% being returned to our parish to address three projects that we have identified for our community. As of the weekend of May 5-6, 2018 only 22% have pledged or paid. Please consider making your pledge as soon as possible. I thank those of you have contributed toward the campaign.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Matthias was added to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:15-26).

Psalm — The Lord has set his throne in heaven (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — If God so loved us, we also must love one another (1 John 4:11-16).

Gospel — Holy Father, keep them in your name, so that they may be one just as we are one (John 17:11b-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-5-11; Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24-34; 1Cor 12:3-13

Events of the Week ~ May 13 - 20, 2018

Sunday, May 13

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, May 14

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. ACTS Team Meeting - Room 22

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

8:15 a.m. **Mass** - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
7:00 p.m. Youth Core - Room 1

Thursday, May 17

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:00 p.m. PTC Meeting - Cafeteria
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

Friday, May 18

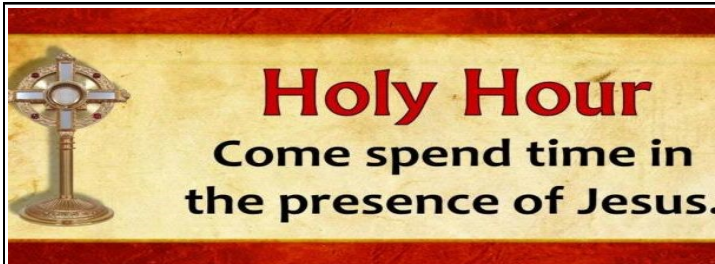
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 20

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



THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Please mark your calendar for our **St. John Berchmans Women's ACTS retreat** scheduled for **July 13 - 15, 2018** at St. Anthony Padua. Cost is \$170.00.

The retreat goals are to allow opportunities for women to focus on their faith and its application in their daily lives, to increase their presence at the liturgy and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community.

If you are interested in attending this retreat, or would like more information, please contact: Sylvia Gomez 210.215.4855, Kimberly Mata 210.995.7437 or Angie Diaz 210.919.2411.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. Thank you for your commitment to our place of worship and to our community.

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

May 19, 2018 — Vigil Team/Good Samaritans

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Communications Day
Monday: St. Matthias
Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. John I
Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset



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.

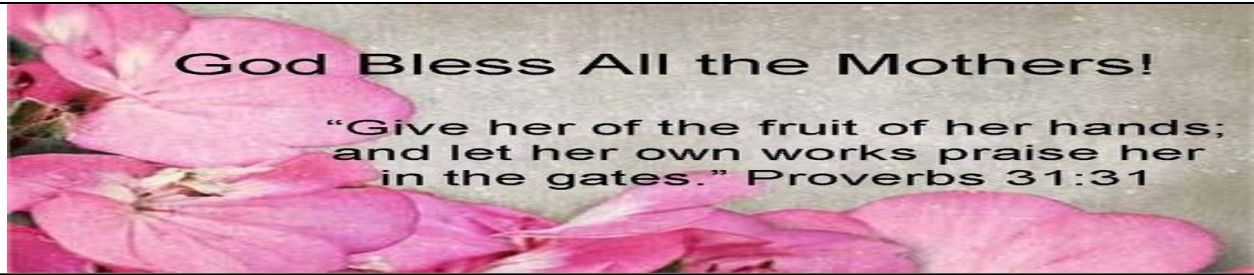



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

Announcements

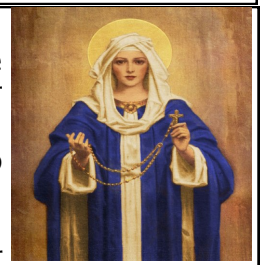
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 **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CHURCH BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER**
The purpose of this fundraiser is to help defray costs for our upcoming church festival on September 29, 2018. Thank you!
SUNDAY: MAY 20, 2018
TIME: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
COST: \$7.00 per plate
MEAL: INCLUDES CHICKEN, SAUSAGE, RICE, BEANS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
Tickets are available in the Parish office. Thank you!

RESPECT AND REVERENCE
Especially in Church we give utmost **respect and reverence** to God. With God we genuflect placing our knee on the floor **or** profound bow before we enter and when we leave the pew **or** when we cross in front of the Tabernacle. Some people due to advanced age or other infirmity may not be physically able to genuflect. Appropriate for them would be a profound bow from the waist. This shows our respect for the God who called us into being.
Other signs of respect are: our **speaking only** in whispers inside the Church (both out of respect for God and for others who are praying in church), only carrying on a conversation that is absolutely essential, **arriving on time** for the Liturgy and **not leaving early**, participating in the Liturgy to the best of our ability (including responding to the prayers and singing). **Not chewing gum or candy or drinking in Church, not wearing a cap** in Church, and **coming dressed appropriately**. Please let us help each other to respect the house of the Lord and also one another as come to pray and worship God.

REMEMBER MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY AND TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
The entire month of May is dedicated to the rosary and Mary, our Blessed Mother. As we see and reflect on our statue of Mary next to the altar, we give thanks for Mary and her commitment to be the Mother of God and our Mother also.
When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have the power of God in your hands. It will help you to find peace and serenity in your life. ***The Rosary is the weapon for these times.***
— Saint Padre Pio
The Guadalupana organization encourages all families and parishioners to attend our recitation of the Holy Rosary Monday through Friday (weather permitting) in the Grotto at 6:00 p.m.



COMMISSIONED TO LIVE IN THE WORLD
In today's scriptures we hear two different stories about commissioning. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter leads the assembly in prayer that the Lord will choose and commission the person to replace Judas among the Twelve. In the Gospel Jesus prays that his chosen disciples might be consecrated, or made holy.
Jesus does not ask his Father to keep the disciples separate from the world, but instead sends them out into the world. While we might think that holy people are set apart from the world, we cannot hear today's scriptures without realizing that God's holy, chosen people are commissioned to live in the midst of the world, where they can reveal the love of God that makes the entire world holy.
When we love one another as God loves us, then we can see God. For many of us, appropriately on this Mother's Day, our first example of this kind of self-sacrificing love was from our Mothers. This, then links the two greatest commandments. In loving our neighbor, whom we can see, we love God, whom we cannot. In this way, truly God's love is brought to perfection. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
How can I more clearly imitate the love of God has for me in the way that I treat those I love in my life? Do I see God in those I love?