

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

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ENCOUNTERING CULTURE

We listen today, in Acts, of how very diverse individuals, all Jewish, heard the proclamation of Jesus in their own languages. These were likely diaspora Jews who had lived in other lands and had learned different languages and cultures. Throughout the book, the author of Acts is hinting at what will happen later.

The Good News will be received by different peoples and cultures. There will be dialogue between Jesus' message and each culture, and the message will take root within the culture. Many persons will reject Jesus, but those who accept him will learn to proclaim Jesus, and join in the Spirit's work of transforming the culture.

We too are invited to join God's mission in our own culture, approaching with both humility and boldness. We are to be servants, companions, and sometimes prophets, always with charity and openness. The Spirit calls us both to engage in dialogue with others and to proclaim Jesus with our lives.

GIFTS TO BE SHARED

Through Paul's ministry in Corinth, the Christian community there had sprung up quickly. A variety of spiritual gifts were enthusiastically shared. But that variety led to arguments among them. Some believed that some gifts, such as speaking in tongues, were more important. Those with certain gifts gained honor and status in the community.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul challenged this. He wrote that all are gifted, and all gifts come from the Holy Spirit. The gifts, though quite varied, are fundamentally equal in importance. They have one shared purpose, to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus.

Each of us is invited to consider how the Spirit has given us gifts within the Church to participate in God's mission in the world. Our gifts are valuable and distinctly ours. But they are no better or worse than the gifts of others. All are given to serve our common purpose. With both humility and boldness, let us share our gifts.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ENCUENTRO CON LA CULTURA

Hoy escuchamos en el libro de los Hechos como personas de diferentes lugares, todos judíos, escucharon la proclamación acerca de Jesús en sus propios idiomas. Muy probablemente ellos eran judíos de la diáspora por lo que habían vivido en otras tierras y aprendido otros idiomas y culturas. A lo largo del libro, el autor de los Hechos insinúa lo que sucederá después.

La Buena Nueva va a ser recibida por diferentes pueblos y culturas. Habrá un diálogo entre el mensaje de Jesús y cada cultura, y el mensaje se enraizará dentro de cada cultura. Muchas personas rechazarán a Jesús, pero aquellas que lo acepten aprenderán a proclamar a Jesús y se unirán a la labor del Espíritu de transformar la cultura.

Nosotros también estamos invitados a unirnos a la misión de Dios en nuestra propia cultura, acercándonos con humildad y audacia. Debemos ser servidores, compañeros y a veces profetas, siempre con caridad y apertura. El Espíritu nos llama tanto a entablar un diálogo con otras personas como a proclamar a Jesús con nuestras vidas.

DONES PARA COMPARTIR

Durante el ministerio de Pablo en Corinto, la comunidad cristiana ahí surgió rápidamente. Una variedad de dones espirituales fue compartida con entusiasmo. Pero esa variedad los llevó a tener discusiones entre ellos. Algunos creían que algunos dones, como el hablar en lenguas era el más importante. Aquellas personas con dones particulares obtuvieron honores y estatus social en la comunidad.

En su carta a los corintios, Pablo desafió esto. Él escribió que todas aquellas personas con dones, y todos los dones venían del Espíritu Santo. Los dones, aunque muy diferentes, son fundamentalmente iguales en importancia. Tienen un propósito compartido, proclamar y vivir la Buena Nueva de Jesús.

Cada uno de nosotros está invitado a considerar cómo el Espíritu nos ha dado dones dentro de la Iglesia para participar en la misión de Dios en el mundo. Nuestros dones son valiosos y distintivamente nuestros. Pero no son ni mejores ni peores que los dones de los demás. Todos fueron dados para servir nuestro propósito común tanto con humildad y entusiasmo, compartamos nuestros dones.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Abigail Rodriguez	Yvonne De Leon	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.
Rose Loa Gallegos	Delia Riojas	Terri Lopez
Roxanne & Linus Joseph	Petra Chavez	F.J. Rodriguez
David Colbath	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 Traspaña	Jacinta Weddel	Celia Hernandez
John Ruiz	Sara Navarro	Delia Lopez
Frances Ramirez	Chris Muñoz	Alfredo Moreno
Evelyn Parra	Roxsandra Gallardo	Howard Sixsmith
Coach Lisa Robertson	Elizabeth Quirotero	Isidro Mata
Angie Perez	John Jimenez	Celina Herrera
Julio Ugalde, Jr.	Rosemary Ramirez	Denise Schexnayder
Armandina Flores	Sofia Delgado	

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 13 - 14, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$1,229.00	(122)
8:00 AM	-\$1,427.50	(208)
10:00 AM	-\$1,348.00	(341)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 792.00	(146)
School Mass	-\$ 108.00	
Mother's Day Envelopes	-\$ 649.00	
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 495.52	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 243.85	
Mail In	-\$ 533.00	
TOTAL	-\$6,825.87	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

May 20, 2018 - Altar Flowers

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/12-13, 2018	\$ 243.85
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 9,725.94



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 19

5:00 p.m. For our Parish Community
† Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Sunday, May 20

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family
† Joe & Olivia Benavides - Family

Special Intention Joshua Perez - Grandmother

12:00 p.m. † Lorenza C. Castro - Family
† Angel Lopez - Olivia

Monday, May 21

† Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Tuesday, May 22

12:00 p.m. † Rita Estrada
† Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Wednesday, May 23

8:15 a.m. † Baby Schexnayder - Mom & Dad
† Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Thursday, May 24

12:00 p.m. † Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Friday, May 25

12:00 p.m. † Jacinta Weddel - Brother & Wife

Saturday, May 26

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
Gift of Life Marcus Treviño - Frances Ramirez

Sunday, May 27

8:00 a.m. † Henry Estrada - Traspaña Family
† Jesse & Juan Garcia - Willie Garcia

Gift of Life Marcus Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † L/CPL Fernando Camarillo, Jr. - Family
† Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

12:00 p.m. For All On Our Parish Prayer List

In Loving Memory

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

† Leroy Ruiz Torres

Sanctuary Light

Rudy A. Moreno



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I thank each one of you who generously donated \$20.00 with the purpose of purchasing an entire box of chicken. We proudly raised \$1,960, the equivalency of 98 boxes of chicken. Our community has again proven to be the greatest! I was confident that my community would demonstrate their commitment and loyalty to your parish community and to the Risen Lord. I now challenge you also to buy and sell as many tickets as possible to support our chicken plate fundraiser scheduled for this Sunday, May 20th.

We officially honor and commemorate our country's fallen heroes next Sunday, May 27th. I invite each of my parishioners to attend our 12:00 noon mass for our Memorial Day Mass. Please take time to remember the ultimate sacrifice our service men and women, and their families, have taken so that each one of us may celebrate our daily freedoms. May God bless our service men and women!

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. Both temporary line number **210.858-6920** and the **original number 210.434.3247** are operational. The new temporary number will be disconnected as soon as the features for the original number have been installed. 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 \$140,800 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 19-20, 2018 only 26% have pledged or paid. Please consider making your pledge as soon as possible. I thank those of you who have contributed toward the campaign.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalms — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tue: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thu: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sun: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Events of the Week ~ May 20 - 27, 2018

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 p.m. **ACTS Commissioning Mass** - Church

Monday, May 21

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

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

8:15 a.m. **Mass** - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

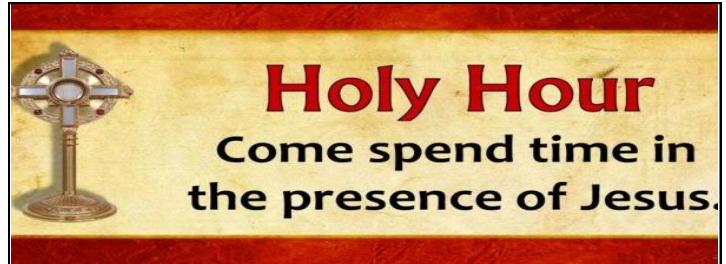
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, May 26

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

Sunday, May 27

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, MAY 24, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

"So you could not stay awake with Me for even one hour? Be on guard and pray that you may not undergo the test." - Matthew 26:40-41

There are different ways to "watch one hour" with the Lord. One of the most powerful and fruitful ways to spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is called a "Holy Hour" because it is an hour spend in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.

Which is Christ, himself, the One who alone is Holy. You can pray alone or with others, before Jesus in the Tabernacle in our Adoration Chapel.



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 26, 2018 — St. John Berchmans School

NEXT CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018. COST: \$10.00 PER SPACE

TO RESERVE A SPOT CALL ROSA MORENO AT 210.434.3247.



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.

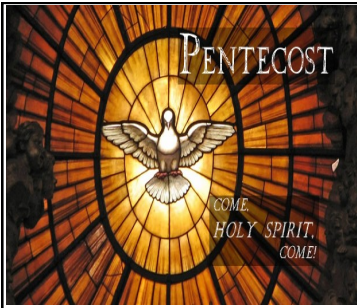


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY is the great feast of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the Apostles and they were granted the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called, "the birthday of the Church." Pentecost is also the last and greatest feast of Easter's 50 days. Jesus reassures us, He will satisfy our thirst, lead us beyond our fear, and strengthen us to live our baptismal mission of evangelization.

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.

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

**THIS
WEEK
END**

MEMORIAL DAY MASS - SAN FERNANDO CEMETERY III - 1735 CUPPLES ROAD

We are inviting the St. John Berchmans community to attend Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in our Mausoleum Chapel.

Celebrant for the Mass will be Most Reverent Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M. Sp. S.



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GET OUT AND VOTE!
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 - JOINT PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

GETTING READY FOR VACATION? DON'T FORGET ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH!

If you are traveling and would like to find a Catholic Church near your vacation destination visit www.discovermass.com. Our doors are open to greet any parish family and visitors from near or far. Also, please remember, that your church does not take a vacation. If you are out of town, we ask that you please mail your contribution envelope. Thank you for your continued support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The next Baptismal preparation class will be held on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 22 of St. John Berchmans School.

Individuals interested in baptizing their child must do the following:

- ⇒ Come to the parish office and register for the class.
- ⇒ Both parents and Godparents are required to attend the session.
- ⇒ Godparents, if married, must be married through the Catholic church and must bring proof of marriage certificate. If not married, must bring proof of confirmation certificate.

Questions? Please contact Rosa Moreno at 210.434.3247— Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm.

ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I sense the movement of the Holy spirit in my life right now? Does it feel more like a gentle breath or a strong driving wind?