

# The Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

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## ALL IN THE FAMILY

The fact that we are God's actual children changes everything in human history. Studying ancient mythologies is fascinating, with such a variety of gods, demigods, monsters, and creatures. But nowhere in those stories does any mere mortal proclaim the intimate goodness of God who parents all of humanity with tender, unchanging love. Deuteronomy seizes on this astonishing attentiveness of God, asking, "Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?" The people of God must answer, "No, never!" God, the one and only true God, has transformed all of human history by choosing us as beloved children. And though we have broken every promise ever made, God has remained faithful to our covenant. God shows us how to keep faith with one another in deep, abiding love.

Many of us carry wounds from experiences of unfaithfulness and selfishness. As a people, we are not consistently good at loving each other in the way that God loves us. Each one of us knows the savage pain of indifference or betrayal. Many of us have inflicted pain on others. Even so, God loves us. God's faithfulness encourages us to try again, to love more selflessly.

## ONGOING SALVATION

God rejoices when we refresh ourselves in God's love and rededicate our lives to holiness. Broken as we are, the Lord wants our help to save the world. Jesus saved the world once and for all, of course, through his cross and resurrection. But the work of God's salvation continues as God provides the grace for each human person to work toward healthy relationships with God and others. This work goes on until the end of time, and the Lord wants our help. This is what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the new evangelization: We must ask for the grace to live in Jesus, refreshing others with his love.

**Today's Readings:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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## TODOS EN FAMILIA

El hecho de que seamos en verdad hijos de Dios cambia todo en la historia de la humanidad. Es fascinante estudiar las mitologías antiguas, con tantos dioses, semidioses, monstruos y otras criaturas. Pero en ningún lugar en esas historias hay un simple mortal que proclame la íntima bondad de Dios quien es el padre de toda la humanidad, con un amor tierno e inmutable. El libro del Deuteronomio considera esta situación de Dios preguntando: "¿ha pasado algo tan extraordinario alguna vez? ¿Se escuchó algo tan asombroso antes?" El pueblo de Dios debe responder: "¡No, nunca!" Dios, el único y verdadero Dios, ha transformado toda la historia humana al elegirnos como sus amados hijos. Y aunque hemos roto todas las promesas que hemos hecho, Dios ha permanecido fiel a nuestro pacto. Dios nos muestra cómo mantener la fe unos con otros con amor profundo y permanente.

Muchos de nosotros tenemos heridas marcadas por experimentar la infidelidad y el egoísmo. Como pueblo, no tenemos la consistencia de ser buenos para amarnos unos con otros de la misma manera que Dios nos ama. Cada uno de nosotros sabe el dolor salvaje de la indiferencia o la traición. Mucho de nosotros de alguna manera ha lastimado o herido a otras personas. Aun así, Dios nos ama. La fidelidad de Dios nos anima a intentar nuevamente a amar desinteresadamente.

## SALVACIÓN CONTINÚA

Dios se alegra cuando nos refrescamos con el amor de Dios y volvemos a dedicar nuestras vidas a la santidad. Hechos pedazos como estamos, el Señor quiere nuestra ayuda para salvar al mundo. Jesús salvó al mundo una vez y para todos, desde luego, por medio de su cruz y resurrección. Pero el trabajo de la creación de salvación de Dios continúa como Dios provee la gracia a cada persona para trabajar relaciones saludables con Dios y con los demás. Este es un trabajo que continuará hasta el final de los tiempos, y el Señor quiere nuestra ayuda. Esto es lo que significa ser un discípulo de Jesús en la Nueva Evangelización: Debemos pedir la gracia de vida de Jesús, refrescando a otros con su amor.

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Roxanne & Linus Joseph	Petra Chavez	Eddie Villareal
David Colbath	Carmen Solis	David Diaz
Lisa Marie Rodriguez	Enrique Cepeda	Annmarie Vasquez
Linda Davila	Andrew Arizmendez, Jr.	Graciela Puente
Justin Rey Martinez	Alethea R. Ybarra	Sarah Contreras
Brandon Rivas	Norma R. Morgan	Alfredo Cruz
Christine Rosales	David Santoyo	Sarah Ramirez
Yvonne Neilon	Roland Martinez, Jr.	Gina Gonzalez
Ricky Lopez	Roland Martinez, Sr.	Celia Hernandez
Yamil Traspeña	Sara Navarro	Delia Lopez
John Ruiz	Chris Muñoz	Alfredo Moreno
Frances Ramirez	Roxsandra Gallardo	Howard Sixsmith
Evelyn Parra	Elizabeth Quirotero	Isidro Mata
Coach Lisa Robertson	John Jimenez	Celina Herrera
Angie Perez	Rosemary Ramirez	Denise Schexnayder
Julio Ugalde, Jr.	Sofia Delgado	Henry Quintero
Armandina Flores	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	Armando Urdiales
Yvonne De Leon	Terri Lopez	Victims and Families of
Delia Riojas	F.J. Rodriguez	Santa Fe High School

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 19 - 20, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 900.00	(101)
8:00 AM	-\$ 485.50	(092)
10:00 AM	-\$1,193.00	(132)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,313.00	(143)
School Mass	-\$ 88.90	
Mother's Day Envelopes	-\$ 649.00	
Altar Flowers	-\$ 418.50	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 224.00	
Mail In	-\$ 109.32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,732.22</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

## Second Collection

May 27, 2018 - Religious Education

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/19-20, 2018	\$ 224.00
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,949.94</b>

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### 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 Veterans

### Monday, May 28 - MEMORIAL DAY

### Tuesday, May 29

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & † David Solis  
Gift of Life Reynaldo P. Martinez

### Wednesday, May 30

8:15 a.m. Annmarie & Isaiah Vasquez

### Thursday, May 31

12:00 p.m. † Mario G. Flores

### Friday, June 1

12:00 p.m. † Leroy Ruiz Torres

### Saturday, June 2

5:00 p.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
In Thanksgiving Joseph & Manny Ray Cruz - Family

### Sunday, June 3

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Juan Silva - Familia

10:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas  
† Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter  
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family  
† Aline Persyn - Family  
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

12:00 p.m. For All Graduates

## In Loving Memory

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

† Jacinta R. Weddel  
† Mary G. Carrillo

## Sanctuary Light

Victims and Families  
of Santa Fe High School



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Today Sunday, May 27th, we celebrate Holy Trinity: God, the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit. May the Holy Trinity spirit bring us together to celebrate our diversity and the gift of family of brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 also greatly appreciate all who volunteered to cook the chicken, sausage, rice, beans, serve the food, sale cakes, sell tickets and clean. We had a successful chicken plate fundraiser. Please see the insert for a financial detailed report of the sale and expenses.

We officially honor and commemorate our country's fallen heroes Sunday, May 27th. 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!

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 26.6% 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.fidèle@stjohnberchmans.com

# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Ask now of the days of old: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40).

**Psalms** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — You received a Spirit of adoption through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17).

**Gospel** — I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27  
 Tue: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31  
 Wed: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45  
 Thu: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Fri: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26  
 Sat: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-3  
 Sun: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## Events of the Week ~ May 27 - June 3, 2018

### 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 p.m. **Mass** - Church

### Monday, May 28 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, May 29

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

### Wednesday, May 30

8:15 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
 9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Core - Room 1

### Thursday, May 31

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade SJB Graduation - Church  
 6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

### Friday, June 1

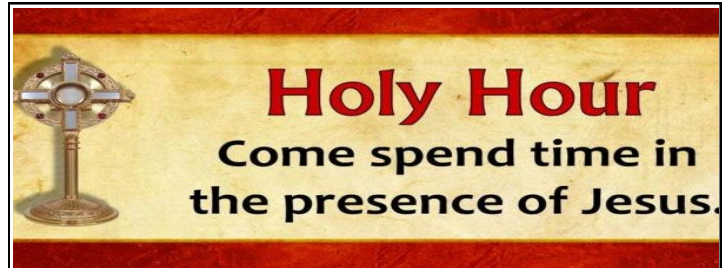
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation - Church

### Saturday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale - Parking Lot  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

### Sunday, June 3

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 31, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**



## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Scheduled for July 13 - 15, 2018 at St. Anthony Padua. Cost is \$170.00.

**A.C.T.S.**

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, please contact: Sylvia Gomez, 210.215.4855, Kimberly Mata, 210.9957437 or Angie Diaz 210.919.2411.



In observation of

## Memorial Day

**Our offices will be closed**  
**Monday, May 28, 2018**

## 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

June 2, 2018 — CYO

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity  
 Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day  
 Thursday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Friday: St. Justin; First Friday  
 Saturday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



## 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 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

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**ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2018**, we honor the sacrifices of prior generations. We honor the sacrifices of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. And we pledge never to forget the true meaning of Memorial Day. We would not have the privilege of celebrating this day and honoring so many memories without the sacrifices of those who gave their last full measure of devotion.

—Historian Walter R. Borneman



## 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.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

For your loving support during our recent successful fundraiser. We are blessed as a church community and may God Bless all of you and receive our Love and Prayers from **Our Lady of the Missions Rosary Makers.**

## NEXT CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018

COST: \$10.00 PER SPACE. TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

TO RESERVE A SPACE CALL ROSA MORENO AT 210.434.3247.



## 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.



## GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

Guadalupe Community Center, 1801 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., is hosting Summer Movie Night for families and community starting June 7, 2018. GCC is family-friendly so make a night of it and join us for good company, family-oriented entertainment, and free popcorn and refreshments.

### Movie Line Up:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. | Movie: Facing Giants |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.   | Movie: BIG           |
| Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. | Movie: COCO          |

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today's solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity—three, but One—reveals the importance of relationship. The intimate relationship between Father, Son, and the spirit is an essential part of God's identity. From the beginning of time, God has been in relationship. God has never been alone.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do, with the guidance of Holy Spirit, to transform my family, my community, the world?