

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 3, 2018

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## AS REAL AS IT GETS

The "new covenant" described in Hebrews is every bit as real as the dramatic blood-splashed covenant of Exodus. Jesus transformed the covenantal experience for us, putting an end to bloody animal sacrifices. The author of Hebrews explains: "he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption." Jesus died, once for all, offering his own blood in atonement for our sins. On the last night of his life, Jesus commanded us to offer bread and wine—which he transforms into his own Body and Blood—in remembrance of his perfect sacrifice. Although pouring wine from a bottle is in a different category from killing a bull and sprinkling its blood, we must never forget that the wine we offer truly becomes the actual Blood of Christ.

## ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

Jesus' free choice to die for us on the cross perfected the long tradition of priests offering bloody sacrifices on the altar. As our reading from Hebrews tells us, "Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be." In his death, Jesus served as both the priest and the victim, "once for all." Jesus died for us. For all of us. He knows us each by name and raises us all to undivided, unprejudiced dignity. In doing this, Jesus makes us part of a "royal priesthood." Under the new covenant, we are baptized into the common priesthood of Jesus and invited to make a sacrifice of our very selves. God still calls ordained priests to offer the sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood every day on our altars. This is a great gift, and the focus of our solemn feast today. Our common baptismal priesthood also reminds us that each one of us participates in the great sacrifice of Jesus when we offer our love and deeds on the altar of our hearts.

**Today's Readings:** Ex 24:38; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16; 22-26 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TAN REAL COMO PARECE

La "nueva alianza" descrita en la carta a los hebreos es tan real como el dramático convenio sangriento del que habla el libro del Éxodo. Jesús transformó la experiencia de la alianza para nosotros, poniendo un fin a los sacrificios de animales. El autor de la carta a los hebreos explica que "él entró de una vez por todas al santuario, no con la sangre de corderos y becerros sino con su propia sangre, obteniendo la redención eterna". Jesús murió, una vez por todos, ofreciendo su propia sangre en expiación de nuestros pecados. En la última noche de su vida, Jesús nos ordenó ofrecer pan y vino, que él transforma en su Cuerpo y Sangre, en recuerdo de su sacrificio perfecto. Aunque poniendo vino de una botella es una categoría diferente de la de matar a un toro y rociar su sangre, nosotros nunca debemos olvidar que el vino que ofrecemos verdaderamente se convierte en la Sangre de Cristo.

## SACERDOCIO REAL

La elección libre de Jesús de morir por nosotros en la cruz perfeccionó la larga tradición de sacerdotes que ofrecían sangrientos sacrificios de animales en el altar. Así como nuestra lectura de la carta a los hebreos nos dice: "Cristo se presentó como sumo sacerdote que nos obtiene los bienes definitivos". En su muerte, Jesús fue tanto sacerdote como la víctima "una sola vez y para siempre". Jesús murió por nosotros. Por todos nosotros. Él conoce a cada uno de nosotros por nombre y nos eleva a una dignidad indivisible y sin prejuicios. Al hacer esto, Jesús nos hace partícipes de su "sacerdocio real". Bajo la nueva alianza, somos bautizados en el sacerdocio común de Jesús e invitados a hacer un sacrificio de nosotros mismos. Dios todavía llama a sacerdotes ordenados a ofrecer el sacrificio del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo todos los días en nuestros altares. Este es un gran don, y el centro de nuestra solemne festividad hoy. Nuestro sacerdocio bautismal común también nos recuerda que cada uno de nosotros participa en el gran sacrificio de Jesús cuando ofrecemos nuestro amor y obras en el altar de nuestros corazones.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Ex 24:38; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mc 14:12-16; 22-26

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Lisa Marie Rodriguez	Enrique Cepeda	Annamarie 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 Traspaña	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
Petra Chavez	Eddie Villareal	Mary S. Martinez
Carmen Solis	David Diaz	Roland Valverde

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 26 - 27, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$ 831.00	(104)
8:00 AM	-\$ 533.34	(090)
10:00 AM	-\$ 1,191.09	(143)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 941.75	(122)
School Mass	-\$ 63.21	
Religious Education	-\$ 420.01	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 172.78	
Mail In	-\$ 185.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,338.18</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

### Second Collection

June 3, 2018 - Capital Improvements & Priests Pension

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/26-27, 2018	\$ 172.78
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,122.72</b>

# Announcements

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### 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 Every Academic level

### Monday, June 4

† Efrain Lee Davis  
† Janie Flores

### Tuesday, June 5

12:00 p.m. † Jeannie Ybarra

### Wednesday, June 6

8:15 a.m. † Jesus Villarreal - Relative

### Thursday, June 7

12:00 p.m. † Sylvester Vasquez, Sr.

### Friday, June 8

12:00 p.m. For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

### Saturday, June 9

5:00 p.m. † Mary Jane Felan - Rosemary & Lupe  
† George Hernandez - Wife & Family  
† Joe & Olivia Benavides - Family

### Sunday, June 10

8:00 a.m. † Ernestina Huerta - Husband & Children  
† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Jose M. Canales - Angie Canales  
† Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas

In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas

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

In Thanksgiving Marie Sanchez - Mom & Brothers

12:00 p.m. For the Needs of our St. John Berchmans community

## *In Loving Memory*

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

## Sanctuary Light

Holy Souls in Purgatory



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

This Friday, June 1, 2018, I celebrated my 16th anniversary as a Priest. My Priestly ordination took place in this same parish on Saturday, June 1, 2002, during the 5:00 afternoon mass. I am very blessed and fortunate to have been chosen to the priestly calling. God has met my desire by entrusting so much in me. Priesthood has been fulfilling, joyful and challenging. God has blessed me with the wonderful community of St. John Berchmans...great friends and families to journey with me. I humbly thank God for the opportunity to serve families and friends and for their trust, love and prayers. Please keep me in your daily prayers so that God will accomplish in me what He has started. I conclude with the Magnificat, as Mary Mother of God said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant"...Lk 1:46-55

I will be taking my annual vacation from June 11th through July 10th. Keep me in your prayers as I travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend time with my family.

Our chicken plate sale on May 20th was very successful in raising a profit of \$7,321.50. I greatly appreciate all of you who volunteered to cook the chicken, sausage, rice, beans, serve the food, cake sale, ticket sales, and those who donated the boxes of chicken and assisted in cleaning. We also made a profit of \$3,000.07 from our Spaghetti plate sale in February of this year. Both profits combined with the chicken plate sale and Spaghetti plate sale was \$10,321.57. Thank you for your hard work and generosity. Last week's bulletin had a detailed financial report.

The tickets for our annual Fall Festival raffle are now available. We have 10 wonderful prizes with \$5,000 being the first prize. I invite each family to sell at least 100 tickets for \$1.00 per ticket. We have ordered 50,000 tickets and I have personally taken 1,000 tickets. My expectation is that everyone sell as many tickets as possible. Remember the profit from our annual Festival will help us pay bills and eventually purchase an electronic marquee. I have trust and confidence in each one of you to rise to the occasion.

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.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

**Psalm** - I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** - Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**Gospel** - This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12  
Tue: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17  
Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27  
Thu: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34  
Fri: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12-19; Jn 19:31-37  
Sat: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 2:41-5  
Sun: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 - 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

## Events of the Week ~ June 3 - 10, 2018

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

### Monday, June 4

6:30 p.m. ACTS Team Meeting - Cafeteria

### Tuesday, June 5

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Guadalupana Meeting - Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m. School Advisory Council - Room 22  
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

### Wednesday, June 6

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite  
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

### Thursday, June 7 - LAST DAY OF SJB SCHOOL

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church  
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22  
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

### Friday, June 8

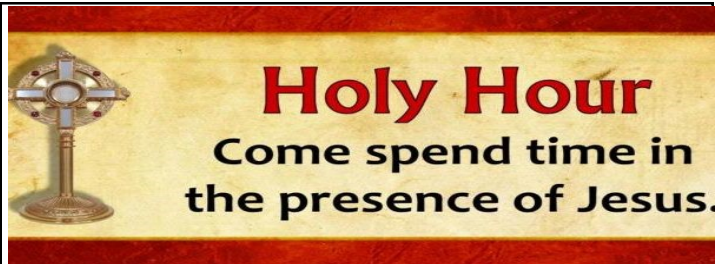
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

### Saturday, June 9

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

### Sunday, June 10

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church  
**HEALING AFTER ALL MASSES**  
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church  
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
12:00 noon **Mass** - Church



**THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 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.

## 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 9, 2018 — Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2018

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.



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“The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.”

— Psalm 116:13



## 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.

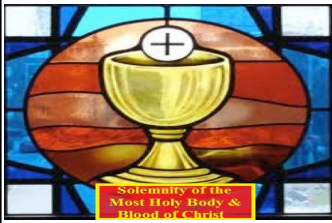


## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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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**THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** is a Latin rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the tradition and belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest gift.



Please be informed that while Father Fidele is out on vacation, from June 11 through July 10, 2018, there will be NO baptism classes or baptisms conducted in our parish.

Thank you for your understanding and keep Father Fidele in your prayers!

## **THOMPSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

A monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Brentwood Middle School, 1626 W. Thompson Place.**

Please join your neighbors as they discuss community needs, projects, and neighborhood clean ups and concerns. Stay informed!

## **PEACE**

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we have the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants." (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy: on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.



## **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:**

<b>Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie: Facing Giants</b>
<b>Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie: BIG</b>
<b>Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Movie: COCO</b>

## **PRECIOUS BLOOD**

On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Do I feel different after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist? How can I take the body and Blood of Christ that I receive in the Eucharist and make a difference in what I say and do? How can I help build up the kingdom of God in the world?