

# 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 10, 2018

### MAMA GRIZZLY BEAR

More than any mama grizzly bear, God is ferociously protective of us. Certainly Adam and Eve must accept the consequences for their bad behavior, but God lashes out first and foremost at the serpent, the one who caused them to sin. God is fair, and God is tender. "As a mother comforts her child," says the Lord, "so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Knowing God's protective love for us, we can echo today's Psalm 130 whenever we confront distress: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!" Even if, like Adam and Eve, we cause our own suffering, we believe God will always show both might and mercy if we turn to the Lord for help and comfort.

### PROPHETIC LIVING

The Corinthians knew what it was like to experience distress and suffering, much of which they caused themselves. Their Christian community, founded not twenty years after Jesus' death, faced heart-wrenching disagreements and scandalous behavior. To encourage them, Saint Paul wrote that their "momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." Saint Paul does not deny their suffering. He does not pretend being a Christian is easy. Instead, he invites the Corinthians to accept their difficulties and put them in perspective: the heaviest burden on earth weighs nothing compared to the mighty glory God has prepared for us in heaven. Living with this perspective makes us prophets. A prophet speaks God's truth to the world and points God's people back to the Lord. When we live in prophetic hope, believing in God's eternal glory, we remind the world of God's mighty, merciful plans for humanity. Like Saint Paul, we can encourage others to endure suffering bravely and not to grow weary doing God's will. Jesus promises that if we do the will of God, we are his "brother and sister and mother." We are his family. And he always protects his family.

**Today's Readings:** Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

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### MAMÁ OSA

Más que cualquier mamá osa, Dios es ferozmente protector con nosotros. Ciertamente Adán y Eva deben aceptar las consecuencias por sus acciones contrarias a la voluntad de Dios, pero Dios ataca en primer lugar y sobre todo a la serpiente que los indujo a pecar. Dios es justo y tierno. "Así como una madre conforta a sus hijos" dice el Señor, "así te confortare" (Isaías 66:13). Conociendo el amor protector de Dios por nosotros, podemos hacer eco al Salmo 130 cuando nos enfrentamos a la angustia "Desde las profundidades te suplico, oh Señor; Señor, escucha mi voz". Aún si, como Adán y Eva, nosotros mismos nos causamos nuestro propio sufrimiento, creemos que Dios siempre nos mostrará tanto su poder como su misericordia si nos volvemos al Señor por ayuda y consuelo.

### VIVIENDO PROFETICAMENTE

Los corintios sabían lo que era experimentar sufrimiento y angustia, mucho de lo cual ellos mismos se causaban. Su comunidad cristiana, fundada no veinte años después de la muerte de Jesús, enfrentaron comportamientos escandalosos y desacuerdos desgarradores. Para animarlos, san Pablo escribió que la "momentánea luz de mortificación produce para nosotros un peso eterno de gloria más allá de toda comparación". San Pablo no niega el sufrimiento de ellos. Él no pretende que el ser cristiano es algo fácil. Al contrario, él invita a los corintios a aceptar sus dificultades y ponerlas en perspectiva: la carga más pesada en la tierra no pesa nada comparada con la poderosa Gloria preparada por Dios para nosotros en el cielo. Viviendo con esta perspectiva nos hace profetas. Un profeta habla de la verdad de Dios al mundo, e indica al Pueblo de Dios que regresen al Señor. Cuando vivimos en la esperanza profética, creyendo en la gloria eterna de Dios, recordamos al mundo los planes poderosos y misericordiosos de Dios para la humanidad. Al igual que san Pablo, podemos animar a otras personas a enfrentar el sufrimiento valientemente y a no cansarse de hacer la voluntad de Dios. Jesús promete que, si hacemos la voluntad de Dios, somos "sus hermanos, hermanas y madre". Somos su familia. Y él siempre protege a su familia.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Gn 3:9-15; Sal 130 (129):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mc 3:20-35

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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

**JUNE 2 - 3, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$1,080.00	(120)
8:00 AM	-\$ 472.50	(081)
10:00 AM	-\$2,058.00	(150)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,104.00	(134)
School Mass	-\$ 87.44	
Capital Expenditure	-\$ 797.58	2nd Collection
Priest Pension Special Collection	-\$ 524.00	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 208.58	
Mail In	-\$ 629.62	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$6,961.72</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

#### Second Collection

June 10, 2018 - Good Samaritans of SJB

### 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 6/2-3, 2018	\$ 208.58
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,331.30</b>

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

### 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 & Guadalupe Huerta - Husband & Children  
† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Jose M. Canales - Angie Canales  
† Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas

In Thanksgiving

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

In Thanksgiving

12:00 p.m. Marie Sanchez - Mom & Brothers  
For the Needs of our St. John Berchmans community

### Monday, June 11

### Tuesday, June 12

12:00 p.m. † Daniel Traspesa, Jr. - Mom & Dad  
† Herminia Cruz - Family  
Gift of Life Marie Sanchez - Virginia Ponce

### Wednesday, June 13

8:15 a.m. † Guadalupe O. Huerta

### Thursday, June 14

12:00 p.m.  
Gift of Life Richard Santoyo ...

### Friday, June 15

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, June 16

5:00 p.m. † Beatrice & Ignacio Gomez - Virginia & Lydia  
† Rudy A. Moreno - Family  
† Richard Muñoz - Muñoz Family  
Gift of Life All Fathers - Campos Family

### Sunday, June 17

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Eddie Vasquez - Wife  
† Frank Cortez - Rosa Cortez  
† Rudy Cortez - Rosa Cortez  
Gift of Life Daniel Traspesa, Sr. - Wife  
10:00 a.m. † Frank Cortez - Rosa Cortez  
† Rudy Cortez - Rosa Cortez  
† Miguel Castro - Rosa Cortez  
† Edward Cruz - Family  
12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr.—Family  
† Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter  
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family  
† Aline Persyn - Family

## *In Loving Memory*

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

† Shirley Ann Jennings  
† Rudy Aguilar

## Sanctuary Light

† Beatrice & Ignacio Gomez

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I congratulate each graduate for their dedicated academic effort and hard work. As you either move into work task force, high school, college, university or doctorate, we wish you a very successful career and studies. May you translate into actions the knowledge you have acquired in school into your work place by allowing our Christian values to guide and inspire you.

My desire is that each of our students, teachers and parishioners experience a very restful summer. Please do not take a vacation from God. If you happen to travel outside of San Antonio, or perhaps outside of Texas or the United States of America, please remember to attend mass on Sunday or everyday if possible. God blesses us with life, health, families, friends, great country, and we need to be grateful every single day. Let us worship Him as much as we can. I would like also to remind you that if you do not attend mass at St. John Berchmans during the summer time, please remember to either mail us your weekly monetary contribution or drop off your envelopes, or monetary contribution, to the office. It is extremely important to continue your support to our parish especially during the summer. The parish's bills necessitate they be paid even during vacation time. Thank you for your collaboration and generosity. May God guide you and protect you during the summer time.

The telephone line service in the office has been restored. Our original telephone number 210.434.3247 has been reinstalled. I apologize for the inconvenience this experience may have caused.

I will be leaving for my annual vacation from Monday, June 11th through Tuesday, July 10th. Please maintain me in your constant prayers as I travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend time visiting with my family.

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 June 9 - 10, 2018 only 28% 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** - After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the LORD God puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Gen 3:9-15).

**Psalm** - With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** - We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Cor 4:13 - 5:1).

**Gospel** - "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:20-35). 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: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12  
Tue: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
Wed: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19  
Thu: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
Fri: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
Sat: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37  
Sun: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34  
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## Events of the Week ~ June 10 - 17, 2018

### Sunday, June 10 - HEALING AFTER ALL MASSES

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 11

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

### Tuesday, June 12

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

### Wednesday, June 13

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite  
12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. ACTS Core Meeting - Cafeteria

### Thursday, June 14

8:15 a.m. Communion Service - Church  
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22  
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

### Friday, June 15

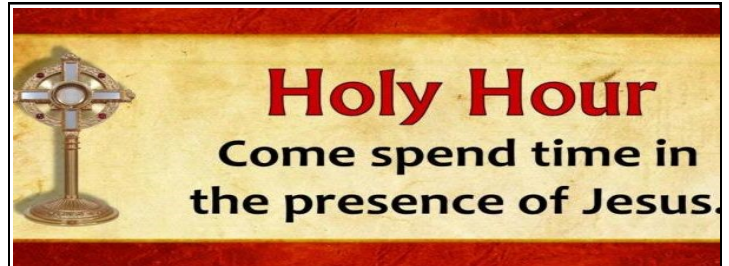
12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

### Saturday, June 16

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, June 17

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, JUNE 14, 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.

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 16, 2018 — Young Adults/Youth

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Barnabas  
Wednesday: St. Anthony of Padua  
Thursday: Flag Day  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please mark your calendars for the next Baptismal Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, July 4, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. in room 22.

Baptisms will resume once Father Fidele returns from his vacation in July.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosa Moreno at the Parish office 210.434.3247.



## 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.

# Announcements

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FREE EVENT



All are invited to **JOIN** this **HEALING MASS** and **EXPERIENCE JESUS'** healing touch for the body, mind and soul! Presented by Shalom World. Rev. Dr. Roy Palatty CMI (Spiritual Director, Shalom Media) Web: [www.ShalomMedia.org](http://www.ShalomMedia.org)

**DATE: Friday, June 22, 2018**

**TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

**LOCATION: St. John Berchmans Catholic Church**

## TO ALL THOSE VISITING ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CHURCH TODAY

We welcome you to our church family. We're honored to share this Mass with you as we worship God's risen Son during this Easter season. We hope that God touches your life as we worship together and that you leave us today with the peace of God in your mind and heart.



**FLAG DAY** is a holiday in the United States which celebrates the adoption of the American flag. It is celebrated around the country with parade and memorial services for those who have died in defense of the United States. Like Memorial Day, Flag Day is considered a patriotic holiday, and is particularly celebrated by the Armed Forces and those veterans who have served abroad. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 every year.

## 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](http://www.discovermass.com). Our doors are open to greet any parish family and visitors from near or far. Also, 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!

## FALL CHURCH FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 - "UNITED WE ARE ONE"

- If you have sold any raffle tickets for the fall festival, please submit them to the parish office. The first **Early Bird Drawing is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, 2018.**
- Also if there are parishioners who are interested in assisting our committee or would like to assist or donate for the Silent Auction. Please contact the Parish Office. Let's make this another successful event!

## 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

**Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Movie: BIG**

**Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Movie: COCO**



## PROMISES

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will makes us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I resist temptation? Does it help to focus on the effects of allowing the Spirit to work through me?