

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018

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FAITH IS TO BELIEVE

Placing our faith and trust in God, whom we cannot see, is not always easy. We wonder why suffering exists and question the meaning of life and our purpose in the world. We wonder if God is really present during the most challenging of life circumstances; we sometimes experience spiritual dryness, in which God seems distant or absent. At times, we may feel strong in faith, until a situation at home or work requires us to act as a person of faith, and suddenly faith is no longer easy, convenient, or comfortable. These moments are so common that we speak of taking a "leap of faith," when we act out of faith, even when the result of doing so is uncertain. Such a leap is often a turning point in our lives, as we find strength, healing and peace in turning our burdens and anxieties over to God in trust. Saint Augustine said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The result of this faith is to see what you believe."

THE RESULT OF FAITH

As we grow in faith, we come to believe that God is always with us, through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist. We are assured of God's presence in quiet moments of prayer and experiences of the kindness, care, and compassion of others. We "see what we believe" through all of these encounters with Christ's love. These experiences lead us to praise and thank God for our many blessings, and to reach out to others so that, through us, they may also encounter Christ's undying love. Through all of this, we grow in our willingness to share our many gifts with others, especially the faith that makes such a difference in our lives.

Today's Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]

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FE ES CREER

Poner nuestra fe y confianza en Dios, a quien no podemos ver, no siempre es fácil. Nos preguntamos por qué el sufrimiento existe y preguntamos cuál es el sentido de la vida y nuestro propósito en el mundo. Nos preguntamos si Dios está realmente presente durante las circunstancias más desafiantes de nuestra vida; algunas veces experimentamos un desierto espiritual, en el que Dios parece estar distante o ausente. Otras veces, nos podemos sentir fuertes en la fe, hasta que una situación en la casa o el trabajo requiere de nosotros actuar como una persona de fe, y de repente la fe ya no es algo fácil, conveniente o cómoda. Estos momentos son tan comunes que hablamos de hacer "un salto de fe", cuando lo que hacemos lo hacemos por fe, aun cuando el resultado de hacerlo es incierto. Ese salto a menudo es un punto de inflexión a nuestras vidas, pues encontramos fortaleza, sanación y paz al poner nuestras cargas y ansiedades con confianza en Dios. San Agustín dijo "la fe es creer aquello que no ves. El resultado de esta fe es ver aquello que crees".

EL RESULTADO DE LA FE

Al ir creciendo nuestra fe, llegamos a creer que Dios siempre está con nosotros, a través de la presencia interna del Espíritu Santo y la vida sacramental de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía. Estamos seguros de la presencia de Dios en momentos tranquilos de oración y experimentamos la bondad, el cuidado y la compasión por nuestros prójimos. "Vemos lo que creemos" por medio de todos esos encuentros con el amor de Cristo. Estas experiencias nos guían a alabar y a agradecer a Dios por nuestras bendiciones, y para llegar a otras personas para que, por medio de nosotros, ellas también puedan tener un encuentro con el amor eterno de Cristo. Por medio de todo esto, crecemos en nuestra disposición para compartir nuestros muchos dones con los demás, especialmente la fe que hace una diferencia en nuestras vidas.

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29):2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| 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 | Gina Gonzalez |
| Yvonne Neilon | Roland Martinez, Jr. | Celia Hernandez |
| Ricky Lopez | Roland Martinez, Sr. | Delia Lopez |
| Yamil Traspeña | Sara Navarro | Alfredo Moreno |
| John Ruiz | Chris Muñoz | Howard Sixsmith |
| Frances Ramirez | Roxsandra Gallardo | Isidro Mata |
| Evelyn Parra | Elizabeth Quirotero | Celina Herrera |
| Coach Lisa Robertson | John Jimenez | Denise Schexnayder |
| Angie Perez | Rosemary Ramirez | Henry Quintero |
| Julio Ugalde, Jr. | Sofia Delgado | Armando Urdiales |
| Armandina Flores | Jose A. Ponce, Jr. | Victims and Families of |
| Yvonne De Leon | Terri Lopez | Santa Fe High School |
| Delia Riojas | F.J. Rodriguez | Mary S. Martinez |
| Petra Chavez | Eddie Villareal | Roland Valverde |
| Carmen Solis | David Diaz | Daniel Traspeña |
| Enrique Cepeda | Anmarie Vasquez | Elodia Gallegos |

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 23 - 24, 2018

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 5:00 PM | -\$1,349.00 | (090) |
| 8:00 AM | -\$ 615.50 | (094) |
| 10:00 AM | -\$ 986.00 | (168) |
| 12:00 NOON | -\$1,030.00 | (150) |
| St. Peter's Pence | -\$ 616.11 | 2nd Collection |
| 2018 Gift of Giving | -\$ 223.54 | |
| Mail In | -\$ 191.00 | |
| TOTAL | -\$5,011.15 | |

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

July 1, 2018 - Capital Improvements

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

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| Contributions 6/23-24, 2018 | \$ 223.54 |
| RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL | \$10,955.37 |

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, June 30

5:00 p.m. † Richard Muñoz - Muñoz Family

Sunday, July 1

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Sixto Martinez - Rose Rodriguez
† Rodolfo Niño - Rose Rodriguez
† Ramon Gonzalez - Rose Rodriguez
† Cesar Samuel Lopez - Esposa

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

12:00 p.m. † Juanita Gomez - Family

Monday, July 2

12:00

Tuesday, July 3

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

Wednesday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 5

12:00 p.m. † Fr. Eddie Bernal

Friday, July 6

12:00 p.m. † Jesus Villarreal - Relative

Saturday, July 7

5:00 p.m. † Juan Alberto Martinez - Family

Sunday, July 8

8:00 a.m. † Ernestine & Guadalupe Huerta - Children
† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas
† Juan Silva - Familia

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

12:00 p.m. † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom
† Frank Perez - Family & Wife

The Loving Memory

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

† Officer Norberto Noe Ramon

Sanctuary Light

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I have left Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and have arrived in Europe visiting with my sister in Brussels, Belgium. My sister Angelique Dikete is a nun with the sisters of the Charity of Jesus and Mary and is the current general council member. Sister Angelique is still grateful for the warm welcome she received when she visited me in the United States. We are having a wonderful time and continue to rely on your prayers.

I wish all of you students, teacher and parishioners a very restful summer. Please do not take a vacation from God. If you happen to travel outside of San Antonio, or even 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 also like 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 in the Parish office. We need to continue to support our parish even during the summer. The parish's bills need to 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 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 16 - 17, 2018, only 31.2% 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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018

*You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I
give you thanks.*

— Psalm 30:13

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm - I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tue: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29
Wed: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thu: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Am 8:4-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Sat: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sun: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Events of the Week ~ July 1 - 8, 2018

Sunday, July 1

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, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 3

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Women's ACTS Team - Room 22
6:00 p.m. Guadalupana Meeting - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday, July 4 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, July 5

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Church
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

Friday, July 6

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

Saturday, July 7

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

Sunday, July 8

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



Holy Hour
Come spend time in
the presence of Jesus.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 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 ways is to spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is called a "Holy Hour" because it is an hour spent in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Christ, Himself, the One who alone is Holy.



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

July 7, 2018 — Liturgy Committee/Altar Servers

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Thomas
Wednesday: Independence Day
Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
St. Anthony Zaccaria
Friday: St. Maria Goretti; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



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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The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4, 2018**, in observance of Independence Day. We will resume regular office hours on **Thursday, July 5, 2018**.

Have a safe holiday!

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PK3 - 8th GRADES

Registration currently underway for the 2018-2019 school year

Our school focuses on the **WHOLE CHILD**, academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally

- ◇ Pre-PK Program Cost Similar or Less than Daycare
- ◇ Flexible Afterschool Care Program
- ◇ Extra Curricular Activities & Sports
- ◇ STEM Included in Curriculum
- ◇ Big things are happening at our little school!



If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact St. John Berchmans School at 210.444.0411. Thank you!



SOUTH TEXAS BLOOD & TISSUE CENTER WILL HOLD A SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Sunday, July 8, 2018

Time: 10:15 am - 1:45 pm

Where: In the Church Parking Lot

Blood Donor Requirements:

Anyone who is 16 years old and weighs at least 120 pounds (with a parental consent form), or at least 17 years old and weighs at least 190 pounds, and in good general health can donate blood. Donors must present photo ID, last four digits of their Social Security number and their birth date.

All presenting donors will receive:

- A safe and secure donation experience
- Skilled care from our staff
- A wellness checkup and **Thank you Gift**
- Access to convenient online scheduling

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you are a Parishioner of St. John Berchmans, you must use your contribution envelopes to be considered and recorded as a registered parishioner. In addition, at the end of the year you may request a letter of your yearly contributions to the church for income tax purposes. Thank you!

Si esta registrado en nuestra parroquia de St. John Berchmans debe utilizar los sobres de la contribución para ser consideradas y regrades como un parroquiano registrado. Además, al fin del año puede pedir (solicitor) una carta de su contribución anual a la iglesia para declaración de impuesto. Gracias!



Our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, July 7th from 9am-2pm.**

Cost is \$10 per space and spaces are still available. Contact Rosa Moreno at the parish office.

O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does knowing the God is the God of life, not death, affect the way I live my life? Am I courageous enough to stand up to those who do not respect the basic human right to life?