

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

A LITTLE

Put yourself in the place of the boy in today's Gospel. He had five barley loaves and two fish. Probably just enough for himself and his family, or a friend who made the journey to hear Jesus with him. What must he have thought, as he heard Andrew tell the Lord about the meal he had brought with him? Did he go to Andrew to tell him about the food, and offer it, or did someone notice that he had the food and let the others know? However it came to pass, the boy's gifts were called forth, and his small meal was given to the Lord. The boy trusted that in Jesus' hands, his barley loaves and fish would be put to good use. Jesus blessed the loaves and fish and fed thousands with them.

BECOMES A LOT

In the hands of the Lord, the little the boy's food became a feast for many. Each of us has been given particular gifts and talents—the minutes, hours, and days that make up our lives, and material and financial resources. We may feel that it is barely enough for us. We might hesitate before we give anything to another, out of fear that we will not have enough, or simply because we do not let the need of the other into our mind and heart. Like the boy in the Gospel, our gifts may seem insignificant; we may feel that the little we have is not enough to truly make a difference in the life of another. Any who have given of themselves in service know that very often the opposite is true, however. We gain so much more than we give! Our gifts are called forth in community. We must trust that in giving for the sake of another, God's love will be known and shared.

Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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UN POCO

Ponte en el lugar del muchacho del Evangelio de hoy. A penas tenía cinco panes y dos pescados. Probablemente lo suficiente para él y su familia o algún amigo con quien había hecho el viaje para escuchar a Jesús. ¿Qué es lo que él debió de haber pensado, al escuchar a Andrés decirle al Señor acerca de la comida que había llevado con él? ¿Fue con Andrés a decirle lo de la comida, o a ofrecérsela, o alguien se dio cuenta que él tenía alimentos y se lo dijo a otros? Sin embargo, lo que pasó fue que esos alimentos de ese muchacho fueron solicitados y presentados al Señor. El muchacho confiaba que en la manos de Jesús, sus pequeños panes y pescados serían para un buen fin. Jesús bendijo los panes y pescados y alimentó a miles con ellos.

SE CONVIERTE EN MUCHO

En las manos del Señor, la poca comida del muchacho se convirtió en una fiesta para muchos. A cada uno de nosotros Dios nos dio talentos y dones particulares, los minutos, las horas y los días para hacer nuestras vidas, y recursos materiales y financieros. Podemos sentir que difícilmente es suficiente para nosotros. Podemos dudar antes de ofrecer cualquier cosa a alguien, por miedo a que no tengamos lo suficiente, o simplemente porque no permitimos que la necesidad del prójimo toque nuestro corazón o mente. Así como el muchacho del Evangelio, nuestros dones pueden parecer insignificantes, podemos sentir que lo poco que tenemos no es lo suficiente para hacer verdaderamente una diferencia en la vida del otro. Cualquiera que haya dado de ellos mismos al servicio sabe que frecuentemente lo opuesto también es verdad. ¡Ganamos mucho más de lo que damos! A nuestros dones se les llama en la comunidad. Debemos confiar que en dar por el bien de la otra persona, el amor de Dios será conocido y compartido.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Re 4:42-44; Sal 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Julio Ugalde, Jr.	Sofía Delgado	Henry Quintero
Armandina Flores	Brandon Rivas	Armando Urdiales
Yvonne De Leon	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	Victims and Families of
Delia Riojas	Terri Lopez	Santa Fe High School
Petra Chavez	F.J. Rodriguez	Mary S. Martinez
Enrique Cepeda	Eddie Villareal	Roland Valverde
Andrew Arizmendez, Jr.	David Diaz	Daniel Traspaña
Alethea R. Ybarra	Annmarie Vasquez	Elodia Gallegos
Norma R. Morgan	Graciela Puente	Linda Davila
David Santoyo	Sarah Contreras	Connie Tenorio
Roland Martinez, Jr.	Alfredo Cruz	Andrew Villegas
Roland Martinez, Sr.	Gina Gonzalez	Irene Perez
Sara Navarro	Celia Hernandez	Yadira Traspaña
Chris Muñoz	Delia Lopez	Baby Gracie Bernal
Roxsandra Gallardo	Alfredo Moreno	Benito A. Perales
Justin Rey Martinez	Howard Sixsmith	Francisco Angel Perales
Elizabeth Quirotero	Isidro Mata	Anselmo A. Perales
John Jimenez	Celina Herrera	Mario Andress Perales
Rosemary Ramirez	Denise Schexnayder	

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

JULY 14-15, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 895.00	(102)
8:00 AM	-\$ 487.50	(098)
10:00 AM	-\$1,147.00	(164)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,048.00	(162)
Mission Awareness Ministry	-\$1,084.07	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 152.50	
Mail In	-\$ 263.50	
TOTAL	-\$5,077.57	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

July 29, 2018 - Festival Expenses

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/21-22, 2018	\$ 152.50
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$11,677.83

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 28

5:00 p.m. † Raymond Valdivia - Campos Family
† Mary A. Hernandez - Family
† David & † Gloria Solis - Tomas & Olga

Sunday, July 29

8:00 a.m. † Mary Lou Alvarado - Family
† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Jose M. Canales - Angie Canales
† Josue Hid - Wife

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Carmen Sanchez - Daughter
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Jesse Villarreal - Leonor Rodriguez
† Maria Isabel Castro - Perez Family

12:00 p.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family

Monday, July 30

12:00

Tuesday, July 31

12:00 p.m.
For Health Eva Dominguez

Wednesday, August 1

12:00 p.m. † David Solis

Thursday, August 2

12:00 p.m. For All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 3

12:00 p.m. Richard and Olivia Santoyo

Saturday, August 4

5:00 p.m. † Felipe & Dominga Reynero - Family
† Emilio Estrada - Reynero Family
† David & Gloria Solis - Tomas & Olga

Sunday, August 5

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

10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Maria Isabel Castro - David & Mary Vela

12:00 p.m. † Jesus Villarreal - Relative
† Arturo Dominguez - Family

In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuarly Light
Our Lady of Mount Carmel



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

This week's bulletin has included as an insert a most detailed financial report. The year's financial report confirms, and proclaims, your generosity, hard work and continued support to St. John Berchmans community. Your dedicated generosity has afforded us the privilege to proclaim the good news and responsibility in paying expenses. I ask each of my parishioners to read and study the financial report and take pride in being an integral part of our success. May God bless our faithful community.

We welcome Victor and Karen Araguz as our new religious coordinators for the Religious Education Program. I invite the community to rally behind Victor and Karen for the success of the program and of our children and invite all Religion Education students to register by contacting Victor or Karen at this number 210. 286.1369. The education of our children needs to be a responsibility of the entire community. It takes a village to raise a child.

Each of my parishioners is cordially invited to join me next summer on my annual pilgrimage to Italy from June 10th thru 20th, 2019. We will be visiting Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi and Rome. Experience firsthand the opportunity to visit beautiful Basilicas, ancient roman ruins, the Vatican Museum and an audience with Pope Francis. A brochure is readily available on request at the church office.

I wish all of you students, teachers 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.

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 week ending of June 30, 2018, 34.9% 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
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm - The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading - Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel - Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17-24; Jn 6:24-35

Events of the Week ~ July 29 - August 5, 2018

Sunday, July 29

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 30

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Tuesday, July 31

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, August 1

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

Thursday, August 2

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, August 3

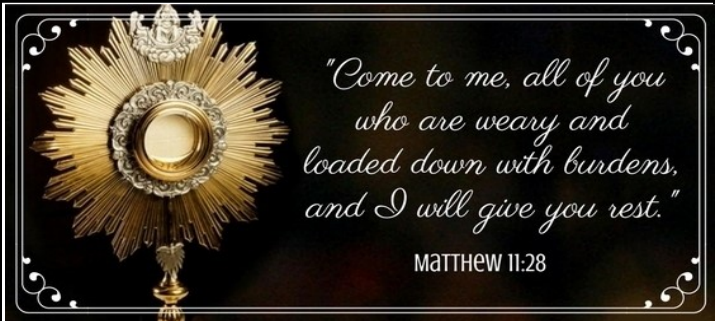
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, August 4

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

Sunday, August 5

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
2:00 p.m. Guadalupana Bingo - School Cafeteria



THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FOUR STEPS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- 1. RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD**
Place yourself in the presence of Christ.
- 2. THANKSGIVING**
Give thanks for the blessings God has given you.
- 3. PETITION**
Ask for the world, the people around you and for their conversion.
- 4. ATONEMENT**
Express your sorrow for the world's sins and Yours. (CatholicLink)

ATTENTION ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

Organizational meetings are usually conducted at St. John Berchmans School.

However, beginning **Monday, July 9 through Friday, August 3, 2018** we will be unable to schedule any meetings in the school due to their scheduled summer maintenance/cleaning. Please make other accommodations during this time period. Thank you!



CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. It takes a lot of work and assistance from many individuals to prepare our church for Mass. We thank you for your commitment to our place of worship and to our community.

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

July 28, 2018 — ACTS



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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"UNITED: WE ARE ONE" - ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL 2018

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 12 Noon - 12:00 Midnight

We are calling upon all parishioners to help make this year's fall festival a grand success!

Never too early to begin planning!

Seeking Silent Auction items...

Volunteers needed!!!

Chairpersons: Richard & Sarah Sustaita, John & Angie Diaz, Ken & Sylvia Lore, Jaime & Chayo Gomez.

Please submit your raffle tickets next Early Bird Drawing is Sunday, August 19, 2018!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
NEXT WEEKEND!!

GUADALUPANA SUMMER GIFT BASKET AND CASH BINGO

St. John Berchmans Guadalupe organization will host their Annual Summer Bingo on **Sunday, August 5, 2018** from 2pm - 5pm. Cost is \$7.00 for 15 regular games and also: Specials, Gift Baskets, Cash and other great prizes.



There will be delicious food, sweets and refreshments to choose from, please come out and support our organization.

HOLY CROSS OF SAN ANTONIO

Holy Cross of San Antonio is accepting applications for grades 6 - 12 for the 2018-19 school year. Students receive a quality education in a safe and Catholic environment.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 14, 2018

Don't wait until it's too late! Contact us at admissions@holycross-sa.org or call 210.433-9395

Holy Cross of San Antonio is a Catholic Co-Educational College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PK3 - 8th GRADES

Registration currently underway for the 2018-2019 school year

Our school focuses on the WHOLE CHILD. Enrich your 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!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, August 16, 2018

If you have any questions about any of the above information or wish to schedule a tour, please contact St. John Berchmans School at 210.433.0411. Thank you!



WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In my experience, have I seen someone's generosity (perhaps my own) provide something that went much further than could be expected? What can I entrust to Jesus to satisfy the hunger of others? How can I, as a member of the Church-the body of Christ-contribute to the multiplication of what we have been given?