

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

CALLED TO MISSION

As baptized Christians, each of us is called to mission. When Catholics hear the word “mission,” most usually think of those who go to foreign countries to serve and share their faith. Some might also think of a parish mission, a time of focused reflection, usually led by a visiting speaker. Remember the often-quoted line from *Mission Impossible*, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it”? Sometimes we use the word mission to describe our purpose or goal, what we have been charged to do. Thinking of mission in this way makes our call as Christians clearer. Our mission is to live as Christian people, to share our faith, to be people of service, and to show Christ’s love to others in the ways that we live our daily lives. The choice to live as people of mission is ours. How do you, or will you, live as a person of mission?

CALLED TOGETHER

Notice that the disciples in today’s Gospel were sent out two by two. This was not only a practical thing for Jesus to do as he sent the disciples out to preach, teach, and heal. It was also very spiritual, for being sent on mission together with another engenders mutual support. We live and grow in faith in deeper and more lasting ways when we are in community with others. Not only is our relationship with Jesus personal, it is also communal—we are drawn into communion with Christ, through and with the community of faith. Being part of a community offers us the strength and perspective found in relationship with others. We find support, encouragement, and consolation in trying times; we more readily challenge one another to live the gospel call to follow Jesus with our lives. What is your mission? With whom are you called?

Today’s Readings: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

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LLAMADO A LA MISIÓN

Como cristianos bautizados, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a la misión. Cuando los católicos escuchamos la palabra “misión”, por lo regular muchos pensamos de quienes van a países lejanos para servir y compartir su fe. Algunos podrían también pensar de una misión parroquial, un tiempo de gracia dedicado a reflexionar, por lo regular guiado por un predicador invitado. Recuerdas una de las frases muchas veces citada de la película *Misión imposible*: “Tu misión, si decides aceptarla . . .” Algunas veces usamos la palabra misión para describir nuestro propósito o meta, lo que se nos ha encomendado hacer. Pensar de misión de esta manera hace nuestra llamada como cristianos más clara. Nuestra misión es vivir como un pueblo cristiano, compartir nuestra fe, ser un pueblo de servicio y mostrar el amor de Cristo a los demás en las formas como vivimos nuestras vidas todos los días. La elección de vivir como un pueblo de misión es nuestra. ¿Cómo vives o vivirás como una persona de misión?

LLAMADOS JUNTOS

Observa que los discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy fueron enviados de dos en dos. Esto no solo fue algo práctico para que Jesús hiciera al enviar a los discípulos a predicar, enseñar y a sanar. También era algo muy espiritual, porque ser enviado en misión junto con otra persona engendra apoyo mutuo. Vivimos y crecemos en la fe en formas más profundas y duraderas cuando estamos en comunidad con los demás. No solamente es nuestra relación con Jesús es persona, sino también comunitaria, nos sentimos atraídos por la comunión con Cristo, por medio y con la comunidad de fe. Ser parte de una comunidad nos ofrece la fortaleza y perspectiva encontrada en la relación con los demás. Encontramos apoyo, aliento y consuelo en tiempos difíciles; nos desafiamos más rápido uno a otro para vivir la llamada del Evangelio para seguir a Jesús en nuestras vidas. ¿Cuál es tu misión? ¿Con quién estás llamado?

Lecturas de hoy: Am 7:12-15; Sal 85 (84):9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Ef 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mc 6:7-13

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



John Ruiz	Chris Muñoz	Delia Lopez
Frances Ramirez	Roxsandra Gallardo	Alfredo Moreno
Evelyn Parra	Justin Rey Martinez	Howard Sixsmith
Coach Lisa Robertson	Elizabeth Quirotero	Isidro Mata
Angie Perez	John Jimenez	Celina Herrera
Julio Ugalde, Jr.	Rosemary Ramirez	Denise Schexnayder
Armandina Flores	Sofia Delgado	Henry Quintero
Yvonne De Leon	Brandon Rivas	Armando Urdiales
Delia Riojas	Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	Victims and Families of
Petra Chavez	Terri Lopez	Santa Fe High School
Carmen Solis	F.J. Rodriguez	Mary S. Martinez
Enrique Cepeda	Eddie Villareal	Roland Valverde
Andrew Arizmendez, Jr.	David Diaz	Daniel Traspaña
Alethea R. Ybarra	Annamarie 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

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 7 - 8, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$1,021.88	(102)
8:00 AM	-\$ 585.10	(089)
10:00 AM	-\$ 955.61	(142)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 636.78	(102)
Good Samaritans	-\$ 382.17	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 165.05	
Mail In	-\$ 740.50	
TOTAL	-\$4,487.09	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

July 15, 2018 - Altar Flowers

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/7-7/8, 2018	\$ 165.05
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$11,319.88

Announcements

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 14

5:00 p.m. † Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez - Virginia Valdez
 Gift of Life Mary S. Martinez

Sunday, July 15

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Camilo O. Juarez - Angie Canales
 Gift of Life Fela Silva - Familia
 10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
 † Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
 † Aline Persyn - Family
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Antonio Camas - Maria Arzola
 12:00 p.m. † Jose & Paula Estrada - Reynero Family
 † Jose Jr. & Olivia Estrada - Reynero Family
 Gift of Life Gumecindo Sr. & Gumecindo Jr. - Reynero Family
 Gift of Life Alyssa Castillo - Family

Monday, July 16

12:00

Tuesday, July 17

12:00 p.m. Linda Davila
 For Health

Wednesday, July 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

Thursday, July 19

12:00 p.m. † Saman Gunan

Friday, July 20

12:00 p.m. † Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas

Saturday, July 21

5:00 p.m.
 Gift of Life Juanita Elizabeth Vasquez - Reynero Family
 In Thanksgiving Erika Nicole Garcia - Reynero Family
 In Thanksgiving Dora Arocha - Family

Sunday, July 22

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Agustina Garcia - Willie Garcia
 † Norberto Vargas - Oralia L. Vargas
 10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
 † Trinidad & Olivia Garcia - Family
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 12:00 p.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
 † Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
 † Aline Persyn - Family
 † Sandra Davis - Daughters & Family
 † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom
 † Jose Morales - Family

The Loving Memory

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

† Eva G. Castillo

Sanctuary Light

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 † Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez
 Alyssa Castillo



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I have returned safely home to San Antonio, Texas! The time spent with my family and friends was wholly wonderful and refreshing. This special time away from the parish has allowed me the opportunity to rest. I now feel energized and ready to commence another academic year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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.

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 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
 fr.fidèle@stjohnberchmans.com



Happy Birthday and many more to Mr. Enrique Cepeda on his special day - Sunday, July 15, 2018.

We thank you for your dedicated service to our parish and community, and pray for God's blessings upon you always!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading - The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3-14).

Gospel - Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tue: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sun: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Events of the Week ~ July 15 - 22, 2018

Sunday, July 15

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **ACTS Women's Retreat Mass** - Church

Monday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 17

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

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

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

Friday, July 20

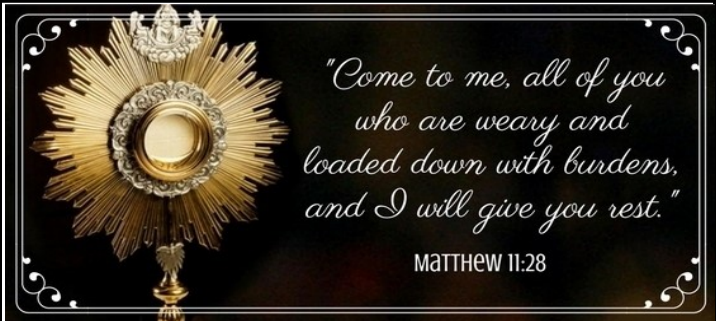
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, July 21

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

Sunday, July 22

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



*"Come to me, all of you
who are weary and
loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Father Fidèle from a much needed rest!

You have been greatly missed and we're grateful that you are home safe and sound!

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!



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Friday: St. Apollinaris
Saturday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi;
Blessed Virgin Mary

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 14, 2018 — Knights/Ultreya



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!!!

Next Festival Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

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

Also reminder to submit your raffle tickets! Next Early Bird Drawing Sunday, July 15th!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BACK TO SCHOOL WELLNESS & COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 21ST FROM 9 AM to 1 PM

Free fun for the whole family!

Free Services Provided Include:

Children's Immunizations

General Health Screening

Ask-A - Dentist

Medication Review

Kidney Health Screening

Pedi Mobile Bus & Services

Ask-A-Doctor & Ask-A-Nurse

Free School Supplies

Free Haircuts and Free Refreshments

For more information contact, Guadalupe Community Center at 210.226.6178.

FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES are offered at the Bazan Branch Library (2200 W. Commerce Street - 78207) Classes are every Friday beginning July 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Classes run for 16 weeks, and textbooks will be provided.

For more information contact Mrs. Emily Flores at 210.207.9168.

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!

If you have any questions about any of the above information or wish to schedule a tour, please contact St. John Berchmans School at 210.444.0411. Thank you!



CALLED BY GOD

Today's scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the LORD to the prophet Amos, the "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out "two by two" (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God "destined us for adoption" (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say yes to the call we hear once again through God's living word.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When I feel ill-equipped for the journey, do I trust that God will provide what I need?