

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

SABBATH REST

Sabbath. We hear the word, and many think of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Today, we hear Jesus say to the disciples, "Come away to a deserted place and rest a while." This is the true spirit of sabbath—to take time away, to worship God, participate in Eucharist, to be refreshed in body, mind, and spirit. Thought of in this way, sabbath is not an obligation but a privilege, a gift rather than a burden. Making sabbath begins with a commitment to put God first. That is what the shepherds that Jeremiah called for were to do, to lead the people to be people of and for God. This is what Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leads us to do, and he shows us how to do this. Not only does Jesus take time away for prayer and to "rest a while," he also spends time with the people who need him. In sabbath, we spend time with God, family, our faith community, and friends. And this spending time "with" helps us to re-orient our lives toward what is most important.

FROM SABBATH TO THE REST OF THE WEEK

Taking sabbath to heart has a significant impact on the way in which we live our lives, practically and spiritually. The practical part is evident on the surface. Setting aside time for Sunday Mass, quiet, and time with others requires planning and commitment. There is a practical dimension to the physical and emotional benefits of such time away from the stress and busyness of our daily lives as well. The spiritual impact of sabbath may take a little while to begin to perceive. When we put God first in our lives, everything else falls into place in a different, holier way. We begin to see God's grace in the daily circumstances of our lives, and to grow in understanding of what we are to do and how we are called to act. We know who we are in God's sight, and whose we are, as children of God.

Today's Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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EL DESCANSO SABATINO

El descanso sabatino. Escuchamos esas palabras y muchas personas piensan en la obligación de ir a la Misa dominical. Hoy, escuchamos a Jesús que dice a sus discípulos: "Vengan a un lugar solitario a descansar por un rato". Este es el verdadero espíritu del descanso sabatino, dedicar un tiempo para alabar a Dios, participar en la Eucaristía, para refrescar el cuerpo, la mente y el espíritu. Pensando de esta manera, el descanso sabatino no es una obligación sino un privilegio, un don en lugar de una carga. Hacer el descanso sabatino comienza con un compromiso puesto primero en Dios. Eso es lo que los pastores que Jeremías llamó fueron a hacer, guiar al pueblo para ser el pueblo de y para Dios. Esto es lo que Jesús, el Buen Pastor, nos guía a hacer, y él nos muestra cómo hacerlo. No solamente Jesús dedica un tiempo para la oración y "descanso por un rato", él también dedica tiempo a las personas que lo necesitan. En el día de descanso, dedicamos tiempo con Dios, la familia, nuestra comunidad de fe y amigos. Y este tiempo dedicado "con" nos ayuda a reorientar nuestras vidas hacia lo que es más importante.

DEL DIA DE DESCANSO AL RESTO DE LA SEMANA

Tomar el día de descanso de corazón tiene un significado importante en la forma en la cual vivimos nuestras vidas, práctica y espiritualmente. La parte práctica es evidente superficialmente. Dedicar un tiempo para la Misa dominical, tranquilo y el tiempo para estar con otras personas requiere planificación y compromiso. Hay una dimensión práctica de los beneficios físicos y emocionales de ese tiempo puesto aparte y alejado del estrés y la ocupación de nuestras vidas del diario también. El impacto espiritual del día de descanso puede tomarse algo de tiempo para empezar a percibirse. Cuando ponemos a Dios en primer lugar en nuestras vidas, todo lo demás se acomoda de una manera más santa. Empezamos a ver la gracia de Dios en las circunstancias diarias de nuestras vidas, y a crecer en entendimiento de lo que estamos haciendo y cómo estamos llamados a actuar. Sabemos quiénes somos ante la vista de Dios, y quienes somos como hijos de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Jer 23:1-6; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Ef 2:13-18; Mc 6:30-34

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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 Traspeña
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 Traspeña
Chris Muñoz	Delia Lopez	Baby Gracie Bernal

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	-\$1,498.00	(123)
8:00 AM	-\$ 305.00	(089)
10:00 AM	-\$1,258.50	(126)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,273.00	(265)
Altar Flowers	-\$ 472.70	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 205.65	
Mail In	-\$ 224.11	
TOTAL	-\$5,236.96	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

July 22, 2018 - Religious Education

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/14-15, 2018	\$ 224.11
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$11,525.33

Announcements

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

† Maria Castro - Mage Castro Family

12:00 p.m.

† Benito & Lorenza Castro - Mage Castillo Family

† Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter

† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family

† Aline Persyn - Family

† Sandra Davis - Daughters & Family

† Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom

† Jose Morales - Family

Monday, July 23

12:00

Tuesday, July 24

12:00 p.m.

For Health of Mary & Justin Rey Martinez

Wednesday, July 25

12:00 p.m.

† Jeannie Ybarra

Thursday, July 26

12:00 p.m.

† Rita Estrada - Traspaña Family

Gift of Life

John R. Escobedo - Mom

Friday, July 27

12:00 p.m.

† Eva G. Castillo

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

12:00 p.m.

† 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:

Sanctuarly Light

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

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.

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
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jer 23:1-6).

Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading - In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:13-18).

Gospel - When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-23; Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wed: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Thu: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Events of the Week ~ July 22 - 29, 2018

Sunday, July 22

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

Monday, July 23

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

Tuesday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 25

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. Festival Meeting - Church

Thursday, July 26

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

Friday, July 27

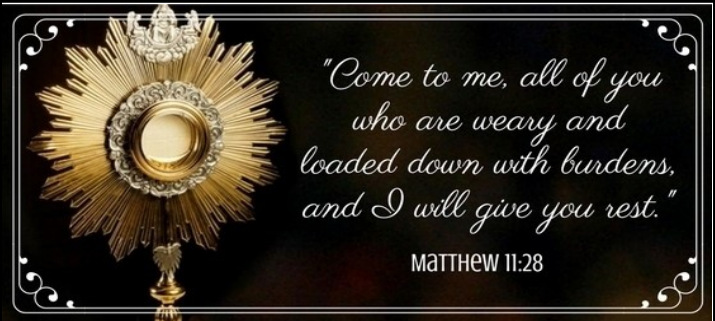
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, July 28

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

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 noon **Mass** - Church



THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

GUADALUPANA SUMMER
GIFT BASKET AND
CASH BINGO



SJB Guadalupana 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 us. Thank you!

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. Thank you for your commitment to our place of worship and to our community.

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

July 21, 2018 — All Choirs



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.

Announcements

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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.



WE ARE HELPING FAMILIES REUNITE!!

Please consider a monetary donation to support food, clothing and shelter expenses associated with welcoming newly reunited families and supporting their needs until they reach their new home.

Physical donations are also being requested. Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 202 W. French Place, Monday - Wednesday from 8am - 8 pm.

At this time, we are only accepting: Restaurant gift cards, NEW children's clothing - all sizes. New adult small and medium clothing. Let us help feed them and clothe them.

CALLED IN SERVICE TO ASSIST

Altar Servers are present at every Mass, carrying the cross in the procession, assisting the priest at the altar, being attentive to help keep the Mass running smoothly.

An altar server has many duties: Carrying the Cross (leading the procession), the washing of the hands, ringing of the bells (symbolizes calling the angels to the consecration of the bread and wine), listening to the Gospel, serve as candle bearers and many other important duties.

Have you ever thought about becoming one? If the Holy Spirit is calling you to become one, call our parish Office and, answer the call!

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 210.433.0411. Thank you!



REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, ***"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile"*** (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is it that moves me to feel a visceral form of compassion toward others? What, then do I do?