

# Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## August 5, 2018

### ARE YOU HUNGRY OR THIRSTY?

If you have ever been on a diet or if you have fasted, you know the feeling of being hungry. Reducing our consumption of food leaves us with hunger pangs that are hard to ignore. Of course, this type of hunger pales in comparison with those who truly lack the nourishment they need. Some lack drinkable water. Their thirst is unimaginable to people who simply turn on a tap from which fresh water flows. There is another kind of hunger and thirst that is part of the human experience. Many of us hunger for a deep relationship with God. This spiritual hunger is sometimes not conscious, until we are attentive to it. The Israelites in the desert and the people who followed Jesus across the sea experienced a flash of insight that changed them. Suddenly, their hunger was about more than food for their physical sustenance. They became aware of their spiritual thirst, which only God can quench. What spiritual hunger do you recognize?

### THIRST QUENCHED, WE BECOME THIRSTY

Once we become attuned to our great longing for God, we grow in trust that Jesus is the bread of life who fills us with God's goodness. Assured that we need never hunger again, our faith leads us to thirst—for justice, mercy, or care for those who are on the peripheries, and for an ever-greater relationship with God and within the Christian community. With this spiritual growth, we recognize that we must act in order to meet the needs of those who are physically hungry or thirsty, and that we may have the opportunity to lead others to Jesus, the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. In what ways is Jesus your bread of life? How are you called to provide bread, physical or spiritual, to others?

**Today's Readings:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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### TIENES HAMBRE O SED?

Si alguna vez te has puesto a dieta o has ayunado, sabes cómo se siente tener hambre. Cuando reducimos el consumo de alimentos nos provoca dolores de hambre que son difíciles de ignorar. Desde luego, este tipo de hambre palidece en comparación con aquel tipo de hambre que sufren otras personas por falta de nutrientes que necesitan. A algunas personas les falta agua potable. Su sed no puede ser imaginada por las personas que simplemente abren la llave de sus cocinas por las que sale el agua. Hay otro tipo de hambre que es parte de la experiencia humana. Muchos de nosotros tenemos hambre de una relación profunda con Dios. Esta hambre espiritual a veces no es consciente, sino hasta que ponemos atención. Los israelitas en el desierto y las personas que siguieron a Jesús por el mar tuvieron la experiencia de un parpadeo luminoso que los cambió. De pronto su hambre no era de hambre sino de sustento espiritual. Ellos fueron conscientes de su sed espiritual, la cual solo Dios puede saciar. ¿Qué hambre espiritual reconoces?

### SED SACIADA, NOS HACEMOS SED

Una vez que estamos en la misma sintonía con nuestro gran anhelo por Dios, crecemos en la confianza que Jesús es el pan de vida que nos sacia con la bondad de Dios. Con la seguridad que no necesitamos el hambre otra vez, nuestra fe nos guía con sed, por justicia, misericordia o cuidado por aquellas personas que están en las periferias y por una relación más grande con Dios y dentro de la comunidad cristiana. Con este espíritu de crecimiento, reconocemos que debemos actuar para atender las necesidades de aquellas personas que tienen hambre o sed literalmente, y para que ellas tengan la oportunidad de guiar a otras personas hacia Jesús, el pan bajado de cielo que da vida al mundo. ¿En cuáles maneras es Jesús tu pan de vida? ¿Cómo se te está llamando a proveer pan, material o espiritual, a otras personas?

**Lecturas de hoy:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Sal 78 (77):3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Ef 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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### Please Pray for the Sick

#### Prayer List Updates



Roland Martinez, Jr.	Alfredo Cruz	Irene Perez
Roland Martinez, Sr.	Gina Gonzalez	Yadira Traspaña
Sara Navarro	Celia Hernandez	Baby Gracie Bernal
Chris Muñoz	Delia Lopez	Benito A. Perales
Roxsandra Gallardo	Alfredo Moreno	Francisco Angel Perales
Justin Rey Martinez	Howard Sixsmith	Anselmo A. Perales
Elizabeth Quirotero	Isidro Mata	Mario Andres Perales
John Jimenez	Celina Herrera	Martha Lucy Vega & Children
Rosemary Ramirez	Denise Schexnayder	Jesse Vega
Sofia Delgado	Henry Quintero	Jesse Mario Vega
Brandon Rivas	Armando Urdiales	Orlando L. Vega & Children
Jose A. Ponce, Jr.	David Santoyo	Paul Sifuentes
Terri Lopez	Mary S. Martinez	Lucy Clare Treviño
F.J. Rodriguez	Roland Valverde	Lupita Gomez
Eddie Villareal	Daniel Traspaña	Irene Perez
David Diaz	Elodia Gallegos	Kaylan Rae Ramirez
Annamarie Vasquez	Linda Davila	Louie & Estefana Reyes
Graciela Puente	Connie Tenorio	
Sarah Contreras	Andrew Villegas	

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 28-29, 2018**

5:00 PM	-\$ 638.00	(102)
8:00 AM	-\$ 476.92	(098)
10:00 AM	-\$1,281.19	(164)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,076.81	(162)
Festival Expenses	-\$ 539.68	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 180.20	
Mail In	-\$ 131.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,323.80</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

### Second Collection

**August 5, 2018 - Capital Improvements**

### 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/28-29, 2018	\$ 180.20
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,858.03</b>

# Announcements

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### 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  
† Jose Herrera - Family

### Monday, August 6

12:00

### Tuesday, August 7

12:00 p.m. † Consuelo R. Saucedo

### Wednesday, August 8

12:00 p.m. † Deacon Librado Cena

### Thursday, August 9

12:00 p.m. † Lucy Villarreal

### Friday, August 10

12:00 p.m. † Lorenza C. Castro - Family

### Saturday, August 11 \*\*HEALING SERVICE AFTER MASS

5:00 p.m. † Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom  
† Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez - Virginia Valdez  
† David & Gloria Solis - Tomas & Olga  
† Mary Orosco - Share the Word

Gift of Life Ignacio Angel Mesa - Family

### Sunday, August 12 \*\*HEALING SERVICE AFTER ALL MASSES

8:00 a.m. † Ernestina & Guadalupe Huerta - Children  
† Juanita Salinas - Grace Salinas

Gift of Life Kristin Treviño - Nora Treviño  
In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas

10:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
† Maria Isabel Castro - Mage Castro Family  
† Luciano Rodriguez, Jr. - Cena Family

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

## In Loving Memory

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

† Annie Jiminez

### Sanctuarly Light

† Lorenza C. Castro  
† Arturo Dominguez

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

All parents are highly invited to register your children as soon as possible for St. John Berchmans Catholic School. The academic year 2018-2019 is scheduled to commence on Monday, August 14, 2018. Please consider registering your children, your grandchildren, to our beautiful school. Our faith foundation is vital to our lives. We are offering both academic and faith education. Our children need God in their lives.

Our new Fall Festival 2018 T-shirts are currently on sale! They are available in two colors, navy and purple, with all sizes available for order. Each T-shirt costs \$10.00 (for children's sizes and adults) Sizes available are Small, Medium, Large and XL (add \$2 for additional X). Please become part of the celebration by placing your order as soon as possible and support our Fall Festival. You can order your T-shirt after each Mass this weekend or you may order in the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.

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  
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalm** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psa 78)

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tue: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thu: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Fri: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sat: Hb 1:12 - 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 - 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

## Events of the Week ~ August 5 - 12, 2018

### 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 p.m. **Mass** - Church

2:00 p.m. Guadaluana Bingo - Cafeteria

### Monday, August 6

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

### Tuesday, August 7

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

6:00 p.m. Guadaluana Meeting - Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

### Wednesday, August 8

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

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

7:00 p.m. ACTS Core Meeting - Cafeteria

### Thursday, August 9

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

6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

### Friday, August 10

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

### Saturday, August 11 - HEALING SERVICE AFTER MASS

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

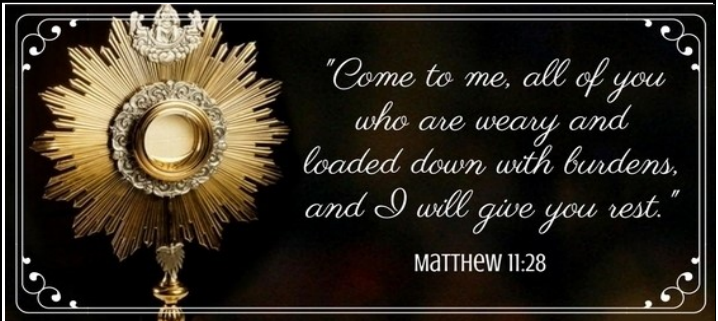
### Sunday, August 12- HEALING SERVICE AFTER ALL MASSES

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church

10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church

12:00 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, AUGUST 9, 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)



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2018

### AUGUST 2018 THE TREASURE OF FAMILIES

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

## 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

**August 4, 2018 — Vigil Team/Good Samaritans**



## 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.

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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!!

## GUADALUPANA SUMMER GIFT BASKET AND CASH BINGO

**THIS  
WEEKEND**

St. John Berchmans 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 our organization.



## 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!

## FALL FESTIVAL BINGO

Will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2018 during our church festival. Additional details forthcoming.

However, we are in desperate need of prizes for the Bingo. We ask that prizes be new and of a \$10.00 value. Thank you as always for your support!

## 2018 FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

Will be sold after all masses beginning this weekend. Cost is \$10.00 per shirt (add \$2 per any additional X) and are available in 2 colors (Navy and Deep purple).

## GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What nourishment have I received in the Eucharist today? How will that sustain me as I "put on" my new self this week?