

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018

FORGIVENESS

These days, we find ourselves in a bitterly divided nation and a divided Church. We may see ourselves as both right and righteous, but we need to take a closer look at both ourselves and others before we make judgments. It is certainly possible that we are right and the other side quite wrong, but we must be aware, with humility, that we may be the ones who are wrong about many things. Even if we are in the right, Saint Paul reminds us that "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice." To be right is of no consequence if we are constantly condemning and ridiculing our "opponents" in the world and in the Church. "And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ," says Saint Paul. So "do not grieve the Holy Spirit."

FOOD OF LIFE

"Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God." Jesus speaks of himself as the "bread of life." He teaches that those who come to him are called by God, and that he himself is the only one who has seen God; if we believe, we will be raised on the last day. If we think we are right only because we believe we are right, based on our own knowledge, we kid ourselves. If we believe we are right because we follow the writings of others who boast of their knowledge of God but do not show it in kindness and love for others, we are fools. If we condemn others because they do not believe as we do, we condemn ourselves for not following the humble and gentle Jesus. We must be kind, and always remember that "They shall all be taught by God." Judge not, for as Jesus tells us, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever . . . whoever believes has eternal life."

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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EL PERDÓN

Durante estos días, podemos darnos cuenta que estamos tanto en una nación amargamente dividida como en una Iglesia dividida. Podemos vernos a nosotros mismos tanto justos como correctos, pero necesitamos tomar una mirada más atenta tanto a nosotros y a otros antes de hacer un juicio. Es ciertamente posible que estemos en lo correcto y que la otra persona esté totalmente equivocada, pero debemos estar atentos, con humildad, que quizá nosotros somos lo que estamos equivocados en muchas cosas. Aún si estuviéramos en lo correcto, san Pablo nos recuerda que "la aspereza, la ira, la indignación, los insultos, la maledicencia y toda clase de maldad" debe ser desterrada. Tener la razón no tiene importancia si constantemente estamos condenando y ridiculizando a nuestros "oponentes" en el mundo y en la Iglesia. "Imitar y vivir como Cristo, que nos amó y se entregó por nosotros", san Pablo dice: "No le causen tristeza al Espíritu Santo".

ALIMENTOS PARA LA VIDA

"Cristo nos amó y se entregó por nosotros, como ofrenda y víctima de fragancia agradable a Dios". Jesús habla de él mismo como el "pan de vida". Él nos enseña que aquellos que vienen a él están llamados por Dios, y que él mismo es el único que ha visto a Dios; si creemos, resucitaremos el último día. Si pensamos que tenemos la razón solo porque creemos que estamos en lo correcto, basados en nuestro conocimiento, nos estamos engañando. Si creemos que tenemos la razón porque seguimos los escritos de otros que se jactan de su conocimiento de Dios, pero no muestran bondad y amor por los demás, somos unos tontos. Si condenamos a otros porque no creen lo que creemos nosotros, nos condenamos nosotros mismos por no seguir a Jesús humilde y gentil. Debemos ser humildes, y siempre recordar que "les instruiré en el temor del Señor". No juzgues, pues Jesús dice: "yo soy el pan de vida que ha bajado del cielo, quien coma de este pan vivirá por siempre, . . . quien crea tendrá la vida eterna".

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Re 19:4-8; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Ef 4:30 - 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Roland Martinez, Jr. Roland Martinez, Sr. Sara Navarro Chris Muñoz Roxsandra Gallardo Justin Rey Martinez Elizabeth Quirotero John Jimenez Rosemary Ramirez Sofia Delgado Brandon Rivas Jose A. Ponce, Jr. Terri Lopez F.J. Rodriguez Eddie Villareal David Diaz Annmarie Vasquez Graciela Puente Sarah Contreras	Alfredo Cruz Gina Gonzalez Celia Hernandez Delia Lopez Alfredo Moreno Howard Sixsmith Isidro Mata Celina Herrera Denise Schexnayder Henry Quintero Armando Urdiales David Santoyo Mary S. Martinez Roland Valverde Daniel Traspaña Elodia Gallegos Linda Davila Connie Tenorio Andrew Villegas	Irene Perez Yadira Traspaña Baby Gracie Bernal Benito A. Perales Francisco Angel Perales Anselmo A. Perales Mario Andres Perales Martha Lucy Vega & Children Jesse Vega Jesse Mario Vega Orlando L. Vega & Children Paul Sifuentes Lucy Clare Treviño Lupita Gomez Irene Perez Kaylan Rae Ramirez Louie & Estefana Reyes
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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	-\$1,288.00	(114)
8:00 AM	-\$ 614.50	(068)
10:00 AM	-\$1,165.00	(125)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 728.00	(165)
Capital Improvements	-\$ 850.01	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 199.74	
Mail In	-\$ 195.00	
TOTAL	-\$5,040.25	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

August 13, 2018 - Good Samaritans of SJB

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 8/4-5, 2018	\$ 199.74
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$12,047.77

Announcements

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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 8 AM & 10 AM MASSES ONLY

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 Persyn - Family

Monday, August 13

12:00

Tuesday, August 14

12:00 p.m. † Jeannie Ybarra

Wednesday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:00 p.m. Isaias de Ecuador

Thursday, August 16

12:00 p.m. For Faculty and Students of
St. John Berchmans School

Friday, August 17

12:00 p.m. † Aurelio Casas, Jr.

Saturday, August 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family
† Roman Gabriel Garcia - Mom
† Deacon Cena & Natalie - Cena Family
In Thanksgiving Raymundo Cruz, Jr. & Bernard Cruz- Family

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
10:00 a.m. † Pedro E. Martinez - Family
† George, Vidal, Albert, Arturo Ruiz - Sister
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Maria Isabel Castro - Mary Lou Perez
† Sister Paula - Ms. Cena
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:

† Aurelio Casas, Jr.

Sanctuary Light

† Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez
Norma Castillo

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Our beloved school, St. John Berchmans Catholic School, will officially open its 2018-2019 academic year on Thursday, August 16, 2018. We welcome our students and faculty. New students and faculty members are welcomed as they become members of our familial community. We celebrate your presence among us and hope you find joy and fulfillment in our school. Your input will benefit our children and school family. May God bless us with a very prayerful and successful academic year and may we work together to better the future of our children. It takes a village to raise a child. Please consider registering your children, and grandchildren, in 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 which glow in the dark. Each T-shirt costs \$10.00 (for children's sizes and adults) Sizes available are Small, Medium, Large and XL (add \$2 for 2XL, \$4 for 3XL, \$6 for 4XL). 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."

The tickets for our annual Fall Festival 2018 raffle are still 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 requested to sell 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, 35.2% 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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psa 34).

Second Reading - Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2).

Gospel - Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tue: Ez 2:8 - 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-14; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thu: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12--19; Mt 19:13-15

Sun: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Events of the Week ~ August 12 - 19, 2018

Sunday, August 12- HEALING SERVICE 8 am & 10 am ONLY

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, August 13

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Tuesday, August 14

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

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

Wednesday, August 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Church

Thursday, August 16

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

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

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

Friday, August 17

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, August 18

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, August 19

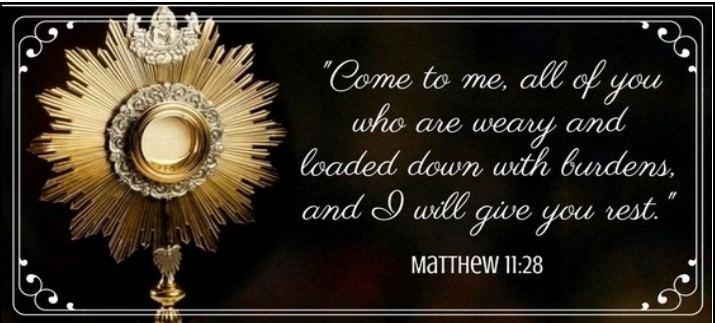
7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

ACTS TACO SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church

12:00 noon Mass - Church



THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018** in observance of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, August 16. Thank you!

2018 FALL FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS - "BE THE LIGHT"

Will be sold after all masses beginning this weekend. Available in 2 colors: Navy Blue and Purple with Glow In the Dark Ink!!!

Cost is \$10.00 per shirt. Available in Adult and Youth sizes. For Adult T-Shirts add \$2 for 2XL, \$4 for 3XL, \$6 for 4XL.

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

fAugust 18, 2018 — Santoyo & Martinez Families

Thank You

THE GUADALUPANA ORGANIZATION would like to thank everyone who came out this past Sunday to support our Bingo fundraiser - it was a great success!!



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!!!

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!!

*******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT Chayo Gomez at (210) 219-2153. THANK YOU!!!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE NEWS

*The future of our church depends on the faith of our children. It takes a village to raise a child.
Live it, teach it, proclaim it.*

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

Registration for Religious Education for the year 2018-2019 will be on Sunday, August 19, 2018 after all the morning Masses in the school cafeteria. We will continue to register on August 26, September 2 and on September 9, 2017. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

When registering, please bring your child's Baptismal certificate if the child is baptized, or your child's birth certificate if your child is not baptized. Cost is \$30.00 per child. If you are registering more than one child, cost will be \$25 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Victor or Karen Aragus at (210) 286-1369.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATECHIST???

We will conduct an information meeting on Monday, August 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Formation House. All are welcome!!

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, please contact St. John Berchmans School at 210.433.0411. Thank you!

Berchmans School at

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews' ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this "reward" is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I identify times in which Jesus has sustained me in difficult situations? How can what I receive today sustain me throughout the week ahead?