

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

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TASTE AND SEE

Wisdom is often identified with Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Both are present in today's readings, one as a metaphor, the other as a doctrine. "To the one who lacks understanding, [Wisdom] says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" She urges us, "Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Jesus urges us to be united with him in an intimate way in his flesh and blood in the Eucharist. We are blessed with the quality of wisdom, if only we recognize this and welcome our Lord into our hearts.

WELCOME ME AND LIVE

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In those days, before our understanding of the Eucharist, before the Last Supper when Jesus offered himself to his disciples in the bread and wine, this may have been a reasonable theological question, as well as a logical one. They did not understand. They did not have the wisdom to see the metaphor, or to know that further understanding would be forthcoming.

But to those who were open to Jesus' words, the bread of life was offered and accepted as the way to life eternal. They may not have understood that Jesus was speaking of eternal life, not our physical life on Earth, that would be given forever, but they were captivated by the metaphor and believed. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." It is possible to be puzzled and still believe.

So what does this mean for us today? Wisdom is something we sorely need in our world, and it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord is to gain wisdom as well as eternal life, to participate in the life of God, the Trinity, and of each other in love and caring. We must abandon our foolish ways and believe.

Today's Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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PRUEBA Y VE

La sabiduría a menudo se le identifica con Cristo y con el Espíritu Santo. Ambos están presentes en las lecturas de hoy, uno como metáfora y otro como doctrina. "Aquel que le falte juicio (sabiduría), vengan, aliméntense con mi comida, y beban del vino que he preparado". Ella nos recuerda, "Abandona la insensatez para que vivas, avanza en el camino de la sabiduría".

Jesús nos recuerda a estar unidos con él de una forma íntima con su Cuerpo y Sangre en la Eucaristía. Estamos bendecidos con el don de la sabiduría, si solo reconocemos esto y aceptamos a nuestro Señor en nuestro corazón.

RECIBEME Y VIVE

"¿Cómo puede este hombre darnos de comer de su carne? En aquellos días, antes de comprender el significado de la Eucaristía, antes de la Última Cena cuando Jesús se ofreció él mismo a sus discípulos en el pan y el vino, esto pudo haber sido una pregunta teológica razonable, y también lógica. Ellos no entendieron. Ellos no tenían la sabiduría para ver la metáfora, o para entender el conocimiento que estaba por venir.

Pero aquellas personas que estaban abiertas a las palabras de Jesús, el pan de vida estaba ofrecido y aceptado como el camino a la vida eterna. Quizá ellos no entendieron que Jesús estaba hablando de la vida eterna, no nuestra vida terrenal, que sería dada por la eternidad, sino que estaban cautivos por la metáfora y creyeron. "Aquel que coma mi carne y beba mi sangre tendrá vida eterna". Es posible estar confundido y aun así creer.

¿Entonces, qué significa esto para nosotros hoy? La sabiduría es algo que realmente necesitamos en nuestro mundo, y es uno de los dones del Espíritu Santo. Al participar del Cuerpo y Sangre de nuestro Señor obtenemos tanto sabiduría como la vida eterna, y participamos de la vida de Dios, la Santísima Trinidad y de la otra persona con amor y cariño. Debemos dejar nuestras tonterías y creer.

Lecturas de hoy: Prov 9:1-6; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Efe 5:15-20; Juan 6:51-58

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Roland Martínez, Sr.	Gina Gonzalez	Yadira Traspeña
Sara Navarro	Celia Hernandez	Baby Gracie Bernal
Chris Muñoz	Delia Lopez	Benito A. Perales
Roxsandra Gallardo	Alfredo Moreno	Francisco Angel Perales
Justin Rey Martínez	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 Traspeña	Irene Perez
David Diaz	Elodia Gallegos	Kaylan Rae Ramirez
Annmarie Vasquez	Linda Davila	Louie & Stefana Reyes
Graciela Puente	Connie Tenorio	Connie Tenorio
Sarah Contreras	Andrew Villegas	
Alfredo Cruz	Irene Perez	

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 AUGUST 11-12, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 711.00	(093)
8:00 AM	-\$ 732.72	(128)
10:00 AM	-\$1,281.99	(129)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 863.05	(148)
Good Samaritans	-\$ 400.42	2nd Collection
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 201.81	
Mail In	-\$ 689.09	
TOTAL	-\$4,880.08	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

August 19, 2018 - Festival Expenses

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 8/11-12, 2018	\$ 199.74
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$12,047.77

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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
In Thanksgiving For Health - Elva & Jose Benavides
In Thanksgiving 57th Wedding Anniversary -
Elva & Jose Benavides

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

Monday, August 20

12:00

Tuesday, August 21

12:00 p.m. † Pedro E. Martinez - Family
† Cynthia De La Cruz - Aunt

Wednesday, August 22

8:15 a.m. For the Leaders of our Country

Thursday, August 23

12:00 p.m. For All Military Personnel

Friday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 25

5:00 p.m. † Esther Sepulveda - Campos Family
† Rudy Moreno - Family

In Thanksgiving Genevieve Cruz - Family
In Thanksgiving Virgen de Guadalupe - Linda Gill

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
Gift of Life Naomi Garza - Mom & Dad
In Thanksgiving Ray & Rosalinda Garza - 49th Anniversary
- Family

10:00 a.m. † Maria Elena & Pedro E. Martinez - Family
† Aurelia Garai - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Benito & Lorenza Castro - Perez Family
† Maria Isabel Castro - David & Mary Vela

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:

Sanctuary Light

For the Leaders of
Our Country



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Our beloved school, St. John Berchmans Catholic School, officially commenced its 2018-2019 academic year with orientation last Thursday, August 9th. In attendance were students, parents and faculty. On Thursday, August 16th, the first day of school, students, parents and faculty convened together to officially offer this academic year 2018-2019 to God. It was a very emotional day especially for the kindergarten students. We pray that God keeps us all safe, enlightens and inspires everyone to achieve a most successful school year.

Last Saturday, August 11th, 2018 I witnessed and presided over a wedding of Rolando Martinez and Rosalinda Weddel after 40 years of life together. Rolando suffered a stroke and still managed to exchange their vows in the presence of family and friends. Rosalinda has been longing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for many years and this past Sunday, she finally received him. We are very proud of Rosalinda for her efforts and commitment to follow through with her Roman Catholic faith, and being in communion with the teaching of the church, I wish Rolando and Rosalinda a journey filled with love and faith. May God bless you always.

I invite you to join me in congratulating Ramiro Carrillo, Grand Knight, for accepting the responsibility to lead the Knight Council at St. John Berchmans. I challenge young men in our community to join the organization that has been very supportive of our community for many years. We thank Ignacio Mesa for his leadership and wish him the best in his new endeavors.

I would like to thank Stella Rico, for her many years of hard work in cleaning the church every Saturday morning especially and including Sundays. Stella has been a volunteer not solely in cleaning the church, but also in supervising organizations and societies in maintaining the church clean. It is unfortunate that for the past year fewer people are showing up on Saturday to clean the church. Stella will not be able to continue by herself to do the work of 10 people. I challenge the community and all the men and women to step up and take care of our church. I am asking you to help and participate in the cleaning of the church every Saturday. Please consider giving your Lord an hour on Saturday. God has blessed you with so much and it is about time for us to show our gratitude.

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.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Eph 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tue: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sat: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Events of the Week ~ August 19 - 26, 2018

Sunday, August 19 - CCD REGISTRATION

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 p.m. Mass - Church

Monday, August 20

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Spanish Ultreya

Tuesday, August 21

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

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

Wednesday, August 22

8:15 a.m. Children's Mass - Church

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

Thursday, August 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

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

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

Friday, August 24

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, August 25

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

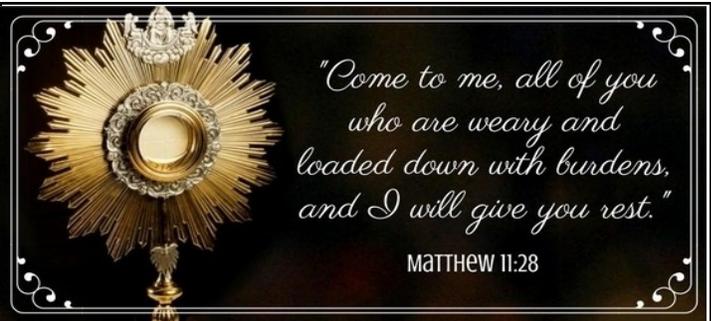
Sunday, August 26 - CCD REGISTRATION

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, AUGUST 23, 2018

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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

Will continue to be sold after all masses and are 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.. Thanks for your support.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bernard
Tuesday: St. Pius X
Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Rose of Lima
Friday: St. Bartholomew
Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz;

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 25, 2018 — CYO

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.*

— John 6:53



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.

*******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 the following Sundays: 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 Araguz at (210) 286-1369.

CALLING OUT FOR CATECHISTS?? WHY???

- ⇒ You will be helping the youth of today deepen their relationship with Jesus.
- ⇒ A desire to grow in and share the Catholic faith.
- ⇒ It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go forth and teach all nations."



SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE

Silent Auction Committee will be at the Formation House on Sunday, August 26, 2018, after all masses to collect donations.

We are still in need of some large itemed donations, examples are a BBQ grill, Mountain Bike, Camping Gear, Children's Bikes, etc. However, any and all donations are welcomed. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Dolores Guardiola, 210.380.0192 or Laura Garza, 210.286.2038

THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to show others that I have advanced in understanding and that Jesus remains in me?