

Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

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HE SPOKE THIS OPENLY

Just as Isaiah prophesies the suffering of Jesus in rather specific terms—"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting"—Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, clearly reveals to them that he will suffer and die, which bewilders and shocks them. "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly." They don't know what to do with this information, and they can't envision their beloved Lord suffering and dying in this way.

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"

Jesus asks the disciples who the people say he is. Some say, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." This odd answer shows that the disciples were beginning to form a rudimentary understanding that it was possible to rise from the dead. So it is puzzling that when Jesus says that he will "rise after three days," they would seemingly not quite comprehend this.

But when Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter speaks for the disciples: "You are the Christ." Moments later, the rather confused Peter objects to the Jesus' assertion that he will suffer and die. Jesus stunningly rebukes him for his objection, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Although Peter is beginning to form true faith in his declaration of belief in Christ, he still is thinking like a human, and has not yet begun to see the world through God's eyes. Peter's faith has not yet grown to its full stature, as it will after the Resurrection.

Our gift of faith sees and believes the suffering and death of Christ, but we still might not see the consequences of that faith. Our works arise out of our belief in and love for the Lord. Through our faith, we must not only believe, but help others as Christ would do. This is seeing the world through God's eyes.

Today's Readings: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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ÉL HABLÓ ESTO ABIERTAMENTE

Así como Isaías profetizó el sufrimiento de Jesús con palabras específicas: "Ofrecí la espalda a los que me golpeaban, la mejilla a los que me tiraban de la barba. No aparté mi rostro de los insultos y salvavazos." Jesús, al hablar con sus discípulos, claramente les revela que él va a sufrir y a morir, lo cual los desconcierta y los pone en shock. "Era necesario que el Hijo del hombre padeciera mucho, que fuera rechazado por los ancianos, los sumos sacerdotes y los escribas, que fuera entregado a la muerte y resucitara al tercer día." Ellos no saben que hacer con esta información, y no pueden ni siquiera imaginar a su amado Señor sufriendo y muriendo de esta forma.

"TÚ ERES EL MESÍAS"

Jesús le pregunta a sus discípulos qué es lo que dice la gente de quién es él. Algunos dicen: "Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías; y otros, que alguno de los profetas". Esta extraña respuesta muestra que los discípulos estaban empezando a formar un entendimiento rudimentario de que era posible volver de la muerte. Así que es desconcertante que cuando Jesús dice que él "resucitara al tercer día", aparentemente no lo entenderían.

Pero cuando Jesús pregunta "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?" Pedro habla por los discípulos "Tú eres el Mesías". Momentos después, el confundido Pedro se opone a lo que Jesús dijo de que él sufriría y moriría. Jesús sorprendido, lo reprende por su objeción: "¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Porque tú no juzgas según Dios, sino según los hombres".

Aunque Pedro está empezando a formar una verdadera fe en su declaración en Cristo, él todavía está pensando como un ser humano, y no ha empezado todavía a ver el mundo a través de los ojos de Dios. La fe de Pedro todavía no ha alcanzado su altura completa, lo cual pasará hasta después de la Resurrección.

Nuestro don de la fe ve y cree que el sufrimiento y muerte de Cristo, pero quizá todavía no podemos ver las consecuencias de esa fe. Nuestras obras surgen de nuestra creencia y amor por el Señor. Por medio de nuestra fe, no solamente debemos creer, sino ayudar a otras personas como Cristo lo haría. Esto es ver el mundo a través de los ojos de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Sant 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



F.J. Rodriguez	Elodia Gallegos	Paul Sifuentes
Eddie Villareal	Linda Davila	Lucy Clare Treviño
David Diaz	Connie Tenorio	Lupita Gomez
Annmarie Vasquez	Andrew Villegas	Irene Perez
Graciela Puente	Irene Perez	Kaylan Rae Ramirez
Sarah Contreras	Yadira Traspaña	Louie & Estefana Reyes
Alfredo Cruz	Baby Gracie Bernal	Frances Ramirez
Gina Gonzalez	Benito A. Perales	Alex Hernandez
Celia Hernandez	Francisco Angel Perales	Jesse Diaz
Delia Lopez	Anselmo A. Perales	John Ruiz
Alfredo Moreno	Mario Andres Perales	Pastor Stuart Julee
Howard Sixsmith	Martha Lucy Vega & Children	Herman "Koby" Cantu
Isidro Mata	Jesse Vega	Victoria Cepeda
Celina Herrera	Jesse Mario Vega	Mario Moreno
Henry Quintero	Orlando L. Vega & Children	Arturo M. Moreno
Armando Urdiales	Justin Rey Martinez	Annmarie Vasquez
David Santoyo	Roxsandra Gallardo	Roland Martinez, Sr.
Mary S. Martinez		Roland Martinez, Jr.
Roland Valverde		Olivia Ibarra

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

SEPTEMBER 8 - 9, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 939.35	(120)
8:00 AM	-\$ 453.81	(064)
10:00 AM	-\$ 835.70	(114)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,065.97	(259)
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 433.70	2nd Collection
School Mass	-\$ 51.67	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 208.34	
Mail In	-\$ 240.00	
TOTAL	-\$4,228.54	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

September 16, 2018 - Altar Flowers

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 9/8-9, 2018	\$ 208.34
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$12,894.63

Announcements

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 15

5:00 p.m. † John Jay Mendiola - Family
† Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez- Virginia Valdez
† Maria V. Aguirre - Socorro & Raquel
In Thanksgiving Virgen de Guadalupe - Linda Gill

Sunday, September 16

8:00 a.m. † Gloria C. Euresti - Family
† Gilberto Terrazas - Angie Canales
† Maria Isabel Castro - Perez Family
Gift of Life Sandra Treviño - Nora Treviño
10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
12:00 p.m. For Our St. John Berchmans Community

Monday, September 17

12:00

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family
† Eloy Gabriel Chavarria - Family
Gift of Lift Sandra Treviño - Frances Ramirez

Wednesday, September 19

8:15 a.m.
In Thanksgiving 11th Anniversary - OLM Rosary Makers

Thursday, September 20

12:00 p.m. † Inocente Z. Piña

Friday, September 21

12:00 p.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

Saturday, September 22

5:00 p.m. For Our St. John Berchmans Community

Sunday, September 23

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Lydia Morales - Traspeña Family
10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family
† Aline Persyn - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Isabel Urrea - Urrea Family
12:00 p.m. † Jose & Elodia Tagle - Family

In Loving Memory

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

† Irene Vasquez

Sanctuary Light

† Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

We welcome all the Religious Education students to our program. As you officially commence your yearly program, may you take advantage of it to nurture your faith, learn about your faith journey and prepare for the sacraments. Please ensure you attend all the classes as planned by the program and most importantly participate at the Holy Eucharist every Sunday during the 12:00 noon Mass. We thank Karen and Victor Araguz for undertaking this major program for our children, *"It takes a village to raise a child"*. May we all pour our efforts to care and support our children in this special program.

Our convent facility known as the "Formation House" has undergone extensive remodeling and repair during these past six months. It has previously hosted Religious members of CICM in formation, including myself, and Notre Dame University students under a two year master degree program. The House is now available for rentals at a reasonable cost. The House will accommodate Anniversaries, Fellowships, Baby Showers, Birthdays, Graduations, Reunions and other celebrations. Mr. Philip H. Saldaña has been officially appointed as manager of the facility and for the celebrations. If you should require more information, please contact Mr. Saldaña at 210) 589-9416 or the parish office at 210) 434.3247. Please share this information with your families, relatives and friends.

Our new Fall Festival 2018 T-Shirts order has been completed. I thank each one of you who purchased a T-Shirt to support our festival and show solidarity with your fellow parishioners.

Six Pack Sunday has begun and we invite each one of you to bring either soda or water packs, preferably in cans, according to the mass you attend.

The following informs parishioners of their contributions' according to their preferred mass:

- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - Big Red
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: Water
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: Sprite and Dr. Pepper
- 12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass: Regular Coke and Diet Coke

Your contributions toward Six Pack Sunday are greatly appreciated and will continue until Saturday, September 22nd. Please bring your soda or water contributions to Mass, or to the church office, at your convenience. Thank you again for all the initiatives towards our success for our Fall Festival 2018.

I thank all of you who have pledged or donated money toward the Capital Campaign. Our parish community has pledged **35.02%**. Please consider making your pledge and 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 - The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalms - I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading - Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel - Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tue: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Fri: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Events of the Week ~ September 16 - 23, 2018

Sunday, September 16

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, September 17

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. DVD Series regarding Mass -
Formation House

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church
7:00 p.m. Hope for the Future - Cafeteria

Wednesday, September 19

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
7:00 p.m. Food Handling - Cafeteria

Thursday, September 20

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22
6:30 p.m. 1st Communion Parent Mtg - Formation
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

Friday, September 21

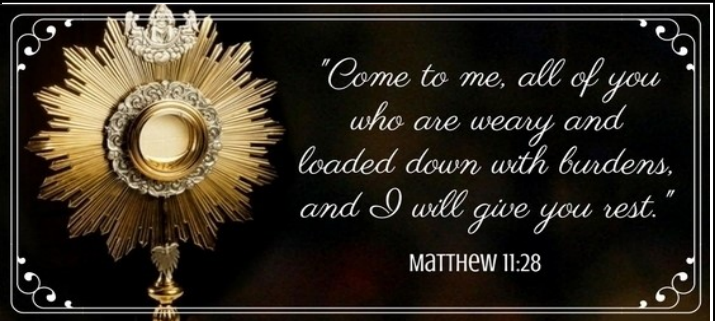
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

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, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



FOOD HANDLING MANDATORY TRAINING

Training for all SJB food booths will be held on **Wednesday, September 19th.**

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: School Cafeteria

All leaders of organizations and volunteers of food booths must be present.

For any questions, please contact John or Angie Diaz at 210) 919-2411.

SIX PACK SUNDAYS

Please make note of Father Fidele's pastor message regarding "**SIX PACK SUNDAYS**" in support of our Fall Festival. We still need the following:

- **5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - Big Red**
- **8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: Water**
- **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: Sprite and Dr. Pepper**
- **12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass: Regular Coke and Diet Coke**

THANK YOU AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

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

September 22, 2018 — Liturgy/Altar Servers



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
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 12 Noon - 12:00 Midnight

MUSIC LINEUP :

Massore

Los Desperadoz

Javier Galvan

La Justicia and Much More Entertainment

FOOD - DRINKS - BINGO - SILENT AUCTION - RAFFLE

****FREE ADMISSION **FREE PARKING AT J.F. KENNEDY PARKING LOT**

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

FESTIVAL ORGANIZATIONS MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT 6:30 p.m.



RCIA and Adult Confirmation registrations are now being taken. Please come by the Parish Office from 10 am - 4 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or call Rosalinda Rodriguez at 210.434.3247

RCIA classes meet on Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Adult Confirmation classes meet on Monday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Both classes will take place in the Parish Office.

THANK YOU to all of our parishioners and individuals who are assisting in selling our Festival Raffle Tickets. As of September 10, 2018, we have sold in raffle ticket **\$12,809.00!!** Your support, as always, will ensure we have a successful Fall Festival.

Also Volunteers will be available at all weekend masses and/or monies may be directly submitted to the Parish Office.



IMPORTANT MEETING

Festival organizations meeting to be held on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** Meeting will take place at the Formation House. We strongly encourage everyone's attendance, we have lots to cover and finalize before our Festival.

12th ANNUAL FUN RUN WITH A MISSION 5K

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Mass: 7:30 a.m.

Run Starts: 9:00 a.m.

Make tracks to: Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards, San Antonio, Tx 78233

FUN, FOOD, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT. There will be prizes for Best Costume, Best Spirit Booth and More!

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Register online: WWW.HOPEFORTHEFUTURE.ORG or call 210.734.1963 or email hopeforfuture@archsa.org

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I denying myself? What is the cross I am bearing at this point in my life? With the grace of God, am I willing to carry it?