

Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

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WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?

The letter from Saint James is quite explicit about the problem of war and peace. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." So then, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? . . . You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war." War is an evil and never to be the first resort in settling conflicts.

SIMPLICITY AND LOVE

As Jesus walks along with his disciples, they are talking and arguing. Jesus asks them what they are discussing, but he knows. They are arguing about which of them will be greatest in the reign of God. He tells them that whoever wishes to be first must take the last place and be the servant of all.

Then he takes a little child and places it in their midst. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Sometimes it is assumed that small children are incapable of understanding the teachings of the Gospels and the sacraments of the Church. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which has its roots in the Montessori method of pedagogy, allows even very small children as young as three to experience the life of Jesus and the liturgy of the Church through materials such as the altar, small vestments in seasonal colors, and wooden maps of the Holy Land where Jesus lived and traveled, as well as other materials related to the Gospels and the liturgy. People who observe the children at their work using this method of catechesis are amazed at their understanding of the Gospels and especially the parables. Most importantly, the children develop a genuine love for Jesus that is deep and touching.

There is a lesson here for all of us, as Jesus pointed out. We must have the same simplicity and love for Jesus as these little children in order to enter the reign of God.

Today's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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¿DE DÓNDE VIENEN LAS GUERRAS?

La carta de Santiago es muy explicita acerca del problema de la guerra y la paz. "Los pacíficos siembran la paz y cosechan frutos de justicia." Así que, "¿De dónde vienen las luchas y los conflictos entre ustedes?. . . Ustedes codician lo que no pueden tener y acaban asesinando. Ambicionan algo que no pueden alcanzar, y entonces combaten y hacen la guerra." La guerra es un mal y nunca será el primer recurso para resolver conflictos.

SENCILLEZ Y AMOR

Mientras Jesús camina junto con sus discípulos, ellos van hablando y discutiendo. Jesús les pregunta de qué están discutiendo, pero él ya lo sabe. Están discutiendo acerca de cuál de ellos será más grande en el reino de Dios. Él les dice que quien quiera ser el primero debe tomar el último lugar y ser el esclavo de todos.

Luego él toma a un niño y lo pone en medio de ellos. "El que reciba en mi nombre a uno de estos niños, a mí me recibe". Algunas veces se asume que los niños pequeños son incapaces de entender las enseñanzas de los Evangelios y los sacramentos de la Iglesia. La catequesis del método del Buen Pastor, el cual tiene sus raíces en el método pedagógico Montessori, incluso permite a cada niño tan pequeño como de tres experimentar la vida de Jesús y la liturgia de la Iglesia por medio de recursos y materiales como el altar, ornamentos para los diferentes tiempos litúrgicos y mapas hechos de madera de Tierra Santa donde Jesús vivió y trabajó, también como otros materiales relacionados a los Evangelios y la liturgia.

Las personas que observan a los niños interactuando en el salón de clases, llamado Atrio, quedan sorprendidos por su comprensión de los Evangelios y especialmente las parábolas. Pero más importante, los niños desarrollan un genuino amor por Jesús que es profundo y conmovedor.

Hay una lección aquí para todos nosotros, como lo señaló Jesús. Nosotros debemos tener la misma sencillez y amor por Jesús como esos pequeños niños para poder entrar al reino de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 2:12, 17-20; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 5, 6-8; Sant 3:16 - 4:3; Mc 9:30-37

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras
Alfredo Cruz
Gina Gonzalez
Celia Hernandez
Delia Lopez
Alfredo Moreno
Howard Sixsmith
Isidro Mata
Celina Herrera
Henry Quintero
Armando Urdiales
David Santoyo
Mary S. Martinez
Roland Valverde
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
Justin Rey Martinez
Roxsandra Gallardo
Paul Sifuentes
Lucy Clare Treviño
Lupita Gomez
Irene Perez
Kaylan Rae Ramirez

Louie & Estefana Reyes
Frances Ramirez
Alex Hernandez
Jesse Diaz
John Ruiz
Pastor Stuart Julee
Herman "Koby" Cantu
Victoria Cepeda
Mario Moreno
Arturo M. Moreno
Annmarie Vasquez
Roland Martinez, Sr.
Roland Martinez, Jr.
Olivia Ibarra
Baby Violet Flores
Victims of Hurricane Florence
Connie Flores
Philip Saldaña

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 15 - 16, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$1,007.00	(082)
8:00 AM	-\$ 311.50	(042)
10:00 AM	-\$1,010.00	(117)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,075.00	(206)
Altar Flowers	-\$ 394.00	2nd Collection
School Mass	-\$ 64.90	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 173.38	
Mail In	-\$ 209.00	
TOTAL	-\$4,288.59	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

September 23, 2018 - Religious Education

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 9/15-16, 2018	\$ 173.38
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,068.01

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 22

5:00 p.m. For Victims and all impacted by
Hurricane Florence

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

Monday, September 24

12:00

Tuesday, September 25

12:00 p.m.
For Health Baby Violet Flores

Wednesday, September 26

8:15 a.m.
For Health Justin Rey Martinez

Thursday, September 27

12:00 p.m. † Monica Rivera Felan

Friday, September 28

12:00 p.m. † Irene Vasquez

Saturday, September 29

10:00 a.m. † Ramona Ybarra - Family
Gift of Life Richard Santoyo

Sunday, September 30

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Mario P. Cortez, Jr. - Spanish Choir

10:00 a.m. † Eloise & Victor Herrera - Herrera Family
† Rose Herrera - Cantu - Herrera Family
† Victor, Alice & Tina Herrera - Herrera Family
† David M. Herrera - Herrera Family
† Robert Herrera, Jr. - Herrera Family

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:

† **Monica Rivera Felan**

Sanctuary Light

† **Jacinta Weddell**
† **Isidro Ruiz**

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

This past Tuesday, September 18th, I celebrated my 48th birthday! I am so thankful to God for allowing me this beloved vocation which I treasure so dearly and to minister in the St. John Berchmans community. My greatest gratitude to my parish family for all the birthday tokens of appreciation bestowed. May God bless you!

We are a week away from our Fall Festival 2018! I am very excited for this celebration and invite each one of you to participate. Our great bands will be: Group Massore, Los Desperadoz, Javier Galvan and La Justicia. Our children will have great games and the food will be delicious and the company is fantastic. Entrance and parking are completely free! Our raffle tickets have great prizes with \$5,000 Visa gift card as the first prize. Come join your parishioners and have a great time!

Our new Fall Festival 2018 T-shirt order has been completed. We have sold 425 T-shirts. I thank each one of you who purchased a T-shirt to support our Fall Festival and show solidarity with your fellow parishioners. We ordered 450 T-shirts and 25 additional T-shirts will be sold on the day of the festival.

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. If you wish to donate soda or water contributions, please stop by the church office at your convenience. Thank you again for all the initiatives towards our success for our Fall Festival 2018.

I invite you to participate on a 5K run organized by Hope for the Future. We held the first place last year in registration and spirit stick among all the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. We should be proud of ourselves. However, we have been a target by different Catholic schools to take away our spirit stick and to have more registrants. I still believe we can maintain our position as #1, if we register and show up for the event. In order for us to win, we need 1000 registrants. Each registration costs \$15 with a deadline on October 21, 2018. All the money will be given back to St. John Berchmans Catholic school and invested in iPads and security system for the school. I will be celebrating Mass on the day of the event, October 21 at Morgan's Wonderland. Please join us!

May God bless you always,



Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm - The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading - The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 - 4:3).

Gospel - Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37). 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: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30-44; Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Sat: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sun: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-48

Events of the Week ~ September 23 - 30, 2018

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 p.m. Mass - Church

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
6:30 p.m. Festival Meeting - Formation House
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday, September 26

8:15 a.m. Children's Mass - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus - Cafeteria

Thursday, September 27

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1

Friday, September 28

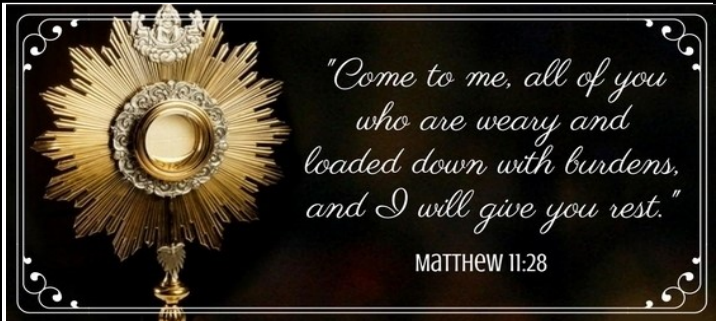
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, September 29 - CHURCH FESTIVAL

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, September 30 - NO CCD CLASSES

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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



FINAL FESTIVAL MEETING

Festival organizations meeting scheduled this **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

In the Formation House and we strongly encourage everyone's attendance.

This is our last meeting before the festival and we have many items to finalize. As a team we can make this festival a success!!

SIX PACK SUNDAYS

Please make note of Father Fidele's pastoral 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 HELP!

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 29, 2018 — KNIGHTS/ULTREYA



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**

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

REMINDER: We will have a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 29th due to Festival.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN SCHOOL EVENTS

- **SCHOOL APPRECIATION NIGHT ON Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 4pm - 9pm.** Come to Peter Piper Pizza, 4811 W. Commerce, for a night of great food, video games and family fun. Support our school by presenting flyer insert in this weekends bulletin and 15% of your purchase will be rebated to the school!
- **FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW scheduled for Sunday, October 14** from 8:00 am - 2pm in the school cafeteria. Contact Sandy Salazar, or the school office at 210.433.0411, if you're interested in setting up a table with your crafts. Coffee, Hot Chocolate, breakfast and lunch items as well as pastries and other desserts will be available for purchase.
- **12TH ANNUAL FUN RUN WITH MISSION 5K scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018.** Make tracks to Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards, San Antonio, Tx 78223. To register please visit: <https://www.archsa.org/hope/fun-run-with-a-mission-2018>. Last day to register: Monday, October 1, 2018. Cost \$15.00 per person (You may register as a sleep in if you cannot attend)

For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Arocha at 210.433.0411 or email her laura.arocha@sjbsa.com

Thanks for your continued support of our St. John Berchmans School!!



Is your Marriage struggling? There is hope. There is help...

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you considered separation or divorce?

Retrouvaille is a highly successful program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. Since 1977, tens of thousands of couples in hopelessly cold, unloving relationships, or on the verge of divorce, have restored their love for one another by attending the program.

The next course in San Antonio begins on **Friday, October 19, 2018**. For more information, or to register, go to **www.HelpOurMarriage.org** or call 210.848.3278.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do I want that I do not have? What do I feel that I should have if life were fair? How can I redirect my passions toward selflessness rather than selfishness?