

Twenty-sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

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ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD

When Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, away from the other prophets, Joshua, Moses' beloved aide, urges Moses to stop them. Moses replies "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" He proclaims that grace abounds for all and that the word of the Lord should be proclaimed by all the people.

We see a similar situation in the Gospel of Mark. John tells Jesus that someone who does not follow him with them is driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus replies "Do not prevent him . . . For whoever is not against us is for us." In other words, Jesus is saying the same thing as Moses: Would that all the people prophesied in God's name!

THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

Jesus goes on to teach about sin and its consequences. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." By "little ones," Jesus means the humble followers as well as innocent children who love him. Certainly those who have abused children have not caused the children "to sin," but have made them victims of the worst kind of abuse. These people are worthy of condemnation.

Jesus next points out something so strong in its condemnation of sin that it alarms us when we hear it, knowing that we all are sinners. But Jesus often speaks in metaphors and parables, and it is not necessary to take his teaching about cutting off hands and feet and gouging out eyes literally. It can be taken to mean that if we are guilty of sin, we should make an immediate break from our sinfulness and return to God. Better to cut sin out of our life than to enter into eternal darkness.

There is so much to learn from these readings that we have many things to ponder and to pray about. Take advantage of these wise teachings to become closer to Christ and to treat one another with love and care.

Today's Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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TODO EL PUEBLO DEL SEÑOR

Cuando Eldad y Medad están profetizando en el campamento, lejos de los otros profetas, Josué, el amado ayudante de Moisés, le sugirió a Moisés que se los prohibiera. Moisés le respondió: "¿Crees que voy a ponerme celoso? Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Dios fuera profeta". Él proclama que la gracia abunda para todos y que la palabra del Señor debe proclamarse para todo el pueblo.

Vemos una situación parecida en el Evangelio de Marcos. Juan le dice a Jesús que algunos que no lo siguen están expulsando demonios en su nombre. Jesús les contesta: "No se lo prohíban. . . Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor." En otras palabras, Jesús está diciendo lo mismo que ya Moisés había dicho: ¡Qué todo el pueblo profetizará en nombre del Señor!

LA DEVASTACIÓN DEL PECADO

Jesus continues teaching about sin and its consequences. "Al que sea ocasión de pecado para esta gente sencilla que cree en mí, más le valdría que le pusieran al cuello una de esas enormes piedras de molino y lo arrojaran al mar." Por "gente sencilla", Jesús quiere decir los seguidores humildes y también los niños inocentes que lo aman. Ciertamente aquellos que han abusado niños no han causado a los niños "a pecar", sino que los han hecho víctimas del peor tipo de abuso. Esas personas merecen ser condenadas.

Luego, Jesús indica algo tan fuerte en su condenación del pecado que nos alarma cuando lo escuchamos, sabiendo que todos somos pecadores. Pero Jesús a menudo habla en metáforas y parábolas, y que no es necesario tomar su enseñanza de cortar la mano o el pie o sacar el ojo literalmente. Se puede entender que si somos culpables del pecado, debemos romper de inmediato nuestra pecaminosidad y regresar a Dios. Mejor romper con el pecado en esta vida que entrar a la oscuridad eterna.

Hay tanto por aprender de estas lecturas que tenemos muchas cosas para reflexionar y orar. Aprovecha estas sabias enseñanzas para acercarte a Cristo y tratar a tus prójimos con amor y cuidado.

Lecturas de hoy: Nm 11:25-29; Sal 19 (18):8, 10, 12-13, 14; Sant 5:1-6; Mc 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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 22 - 23, 2018

5:00 PM	-\$ 782.00	(115)
8:00 AM	-\$ 601.00	(072)
10:00 AM	-\$1,395.01	(163)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,157.27	(195)
Religious Education	-\$ 398.81	2nd Collection
School Mass	-\$ 236.67	
Children's Basket	-\$ 28.77	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 208.22	
Mail In	-\$ 220.46	
TOTAL	-\$5,028.21	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

September 30, 2018 - Festival Expenses

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 9/22-23, 2018	\$ 208.22
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,276.23

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, October 1

12:00

Tuesday, October 2

12:00 p.m. Isaias de Ecuador

Wednesday, October 3

8:15 a.m. † Gloria & † David Solis

Thursday, October 4

12:00 p.m.
Gift of Life Frances Ramirez - Family

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

10:00 a.m. † Aurora & Manuel Campos - Campos Family
† Jesus Villarreal - Relative
† Maria Tobias Alvarez - Daughters

In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Holy Rosary - Rosary Makers

Sunday, October 7

8:00 a.m. † Juan Silva - Familia
Gift of Life Frances Ramirez - Nora Treviño
In Thanksgiving Our Lady of the Holy Rosary - Rosary Makers

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Trinidad & Olivia Garcia - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Holy Rosary - Rosary Makers

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

In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Rosary Makers - Rosary Makers

In Loving Memory

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

† Pedro Ramirez, Jr.
† Jaime Luis Rivera

Sanctuary Light

For the Leaders of
Our Country



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I thank each one of you for a very successful Fall Festival! God blessed us with wonderful weather and all of you, chairpersons, Office Staff, organizations, volunteers and all of you who participated with your hard work. A detailed financial report will be available in our next bulletin. May God bless St. John Berchmans community!

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 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 \$15.00 with a deadline on Sunday, October 21, 2018. All the money will be returned 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!

If we can register 1,000 participants Mrs. Nora Garcia and myself will have a Lip Sync challenge. You cannot afford to lose this battle. I am in it to win! Please register.

We welcome all 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.

Each of my parishioners is cordially invited to join me next summer on my annual pilgrimage to Italy from June 10th thru 20th, 2019. We will be visiting Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi and Rome. Experience firsthand the opportunity to visit beautiful Basilicas, ancient Roman ruins, the Vatican Museum and an audience with Pope Francis. A brochure is readily available on request at the church office.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm - The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psa 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel - Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tue: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thu: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-14; Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Jb 42:1-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66,71,75, 91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24
Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Events of the Week ~ Sept. 30 - October 7, 2018

Sunday, September 30

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, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday, October 3

8:15 a.m. Children's Mass - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus - Formation House
6:00 p.m. Baptismal Meeting - Room 22

Thursday, October 4

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Guadalupana Meeting - Formation
6:00 p.m. Blessing of Animals - Bell Tower
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Formation House
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Formation House

Friday, October 5

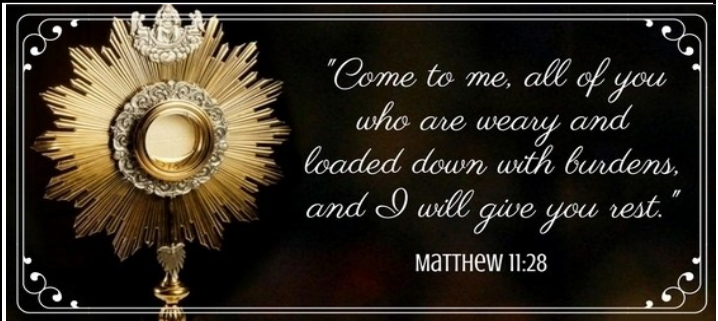
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale - Parking Lot
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, October 7

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, OCTOBER 4, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M



JOHN F. KENNEDY CLASS OF 1968

will be celebrating its 50th year Reunion. To begin our celebration we have scheduled a Mass for all deceased former classmates.

The Memorial Mass will be at St. John Berchmans in the Chapel on **Friday, October 12th** at Noon. Please join us.



OUR LAST PARISH RUMMAGE SALE for this year is scheduled for Saturday, **October 6, 2018** from 9am - 2 pm.

If interested in purchase a space contact Rosa Moreno at 210,434,3247. Cost is \$10.00 per space.

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

October 6, 2018 — CCD

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The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.— *Psalm 19:8*



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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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT will be held on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm** at the Kennedy High School Stadium parking lot. The Thompson Association would like to extend an invitation to our St. John Berchmans community to attend this **FREE** event. Snacks, refreshments, DJ Music & Much More. All minors **must be** accompanied by an adult and remember to bring your lawn chairs.

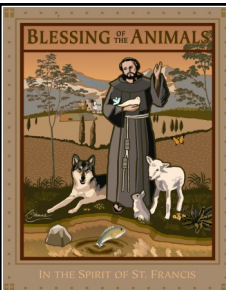
This event is designed to:

- ⇒ Heighten crime and drug abuse prevention awareness
- ⇒ Strengthen neighborhood support and policy-community partnerships
- ⇒ Generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN SCHOOL EVENTS

- **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!!**



October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi is one of the Church's best known and most beloved saints. He is also known as the patron saint of animals, it is said that he saw animals as his brothers and sisters and prayed God would work through him to help them.

Just as Saint Francis loved animals we also have pets that are close to our hearts. On **Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. by the Bell Tower**, we invite all parishioners to bring their pets to receive a special blessing.

We ask that you please secure each pet with a leash or a cage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- ⇒ Next Baptismal class will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in room 22 at the school. If you are going to baptize a child, parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Talk before the baptism ceremony.

And you are required to register prior to attending the class by calling Rosa Moreno at 210.434.3247.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS

- ⇒ Father Fidele would like to kindly invite parishioners and visitors to our Communion Service-Monday at Noon. Mass in the Chapel Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon, and Wednesday at 8:15 in Church.
- ⇒ Also Parish office closes for lunch Monday through Friday from 12:40 - 1:40 p.m.

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones," the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I put too much faith in those impermanent things that bring me wealth and comfort? How can I express the Spirit who I received in baptism to others?