

Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

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SPIRIT OF WISDOM

The first reading is about wisdom. It is a love poem written to the object of the author's desire. The author loves wisdom itself and experiences wisdom as the source of all good things, all riches. The psalm tells us that wisdom is kindness. It is knowing and doing the work of God. It is understanding what our life is for. Hebrews recognizes that Wisdom is, in fact, the Word of God, Jesus. The source of our continuing life is Jesus. Mark makes this even more personal with the story of one man. A good man who has observed the laws from his youth, even in the loving presence of Jesus, cannot find the strength to leave his worldly possession behind and follow.

LETTING GO

Who does not strive to be successful? What good person does not want to be able to provide for their family all the necessities of life, to assure that they will have the means to feed, clothe, shelter, educate, and care for themselves and those they love as well as help their neighbors, strangers, the needy? Isn't that what is asked of us, to love God and our neighbor as ourselves? The readings today make clear that even more is required of us. We must do all those things and we must realize that doing so is only the first step to understanding what is at the center our lives. We must realize that our accomplishments are not the measure of our value and worth. However successful or unsuccessful we are, our worth is measured by the truth that Jesus suffered, died, and rose for us. To truly know that, we must let go of everything else that roots us in time, space, and expectation and be willing to follow eternity.

Today's Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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ESPÍRITU DE SABIDURÍA

La primera lectura es sobre la sabiduría. Es un poema de amor escrito al objeto de deseo del autor. El autor ama a la sabiduría misma y la experimenta como el origen de todas las cosas, toda la riqueza. El salmo nos dice que la sabiduría es bondad. Es conocer y hacer el trabajo de Dios. Es entender el para qué de nuestra vida. La carta a los hebreos reconoce que la sabiduría es, de hecho, la Palabra de Dios, Jesús. La fuente de nuestra vida continua es Jesús. Marcos hace esto aún más personal con la historia de un hombre. Un buen hombre que ha obedecido las leyes desde su juventud, incluso en la amorosa presencia de Jesús, no puede encontrar la fuerza para dejar sus posesiones materiales atrás y seguir a Jesús.

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¿Quién no se esfuerza para ser exitoso? ¿Qué persona buena no quiere poder proveer a su familia para todas las necesidades de la vida, asegurándose que tendrán los medios para alimentarse, vestirse, protegerse, educarse y cuidarse tanto ellos como aquellos a quienes aman y también ayudar a sus prójimos, forasteros y pobres? ¿Acaso no es eso lo que se nos pide, amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos? Las lecturas de hoy dicen claramente que se requiere aún más de nosotros mismos. Debemos hacer todas esas cosas y debemos darnos cuenta que hacerlas es solo el primer paso para entender lo que está en el centro de nuestras vidas. Debemos darnos cuenta que nuestros logros no son la medida de nuestro valor y dignidad. Sin importar lo exitoso o fracasado que estemos, nuestro valor se mide por la verdad de que Jesús sufrió, murió y resucitó por nosotros. Para verdaderamente saber eso, debemos dejar todo aquellos que nos enraíza en el tiempo, lugar y expectativas y estar dispuestos a seguir la eternidad.

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 7:7-11; Sal 90 (89):12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mc 10:17

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Isidro Mata	Children	Victoria Cepeda
Celina Herrera	Jesse Vega	Mario Moreno
Henry Quintero	Jesse Mario Vega	Arturo M. Moreno
Armando Urdiales	Orlando L. Vega & Children	Annmarie Vasquez
David Santoyo	Justin Rey Martinez	Roland Martinez, Sr.
Mary S. Martinez	Roxsandra Gallardo	Roland Martinez, Jr.
Roland Valverde	Paul Sifuentes	Olivia Ibarra
Elodia Gallegos	Lucy Clare Treviño	Baby Violet Flores
Linda Davila	Lupita Gomez	Victims of Hurricane Florence
Connie Tenorio	Irene Perez	Connie Flores
Andrew Villegas	Katelynn Rae Ramirez	Philip Saldaña
Irene Perez	Louie & Estefana Reyes	Elva Benavides
Yadira Traspeña	Frances Ramirez	Marco Mermea
Baby Gracie Bernal	Alex Hernandez	Robert Campos
Benito A. Perales	Jesse Diaz	Petra P. Chavez
Francisco Angel Perales	John Ruiz	Sister Louise - OLLU
Anselmo A. Perales	Pastor Stuart Julee	Aurora Perez
Mario Andres Perales	Herman "Koby" Cantu	Petra Chavez
Martha Lucy Vega &		

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

OCTOBER 6 - 7, 2018

5:00 AM	-\$1,163.09	(084)
8:00 AM	-\$ 430.50	(067)
10:00 AM	-\$1,049.25	(139)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 1,022.51	(196)
Capital Expenditures	-\$ 633.44	2nd Collection
School Mass	-\$ 48.59	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 176.93	
Mail In	-\$ 385.00	
TOTAL	-\$4,909.31	

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Second Collection

October 14, 2018 - Hope for the Future/Good Samaritans

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/6-7, 2018	\$ 176.93
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$15,558.16

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 13

5:00 p.m. † Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez - Virginia Valdez

Sunday, October 14

8:00 a.m. † Ernestina & Guadalupe Huerta - Children

† Inocente & Carlos Piña - Familia
Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas

Gift of Life Kai Treviño - Nora Treviño

In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas

10:00 a.m. † Jimmie Rodriguez - Family

† Manuela Hinojosa - Maria

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

In Thanksgiving 50th Reunion JFK Class of 1968

12:00 p.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter

† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family

† Aline Persyn - Family

For Health Katelynn Rae Ramirez - Family

Monday, October 15

12:00

Tuesday, October 16

12:00 p.m.

Gift of Life Joseph Ramirez - Frances Ramirez

Wednesday, October 17

8:15 a.m. † Justin Rey Martinez - Family

Thursday, October 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

Friday, October 19

12:00 p.m. Baby Violet Flores

Saturday, October 20

5:00 p.m. † Gonzalo Mendiola - Family

† George P. Mendiola - Family

Sunday, October 21

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

† Rebecca Bernal - Family

Gift of Life Nora Treviño - Frances Ramirez

10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter

† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family

† Aline Persyn - Family

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

12:00 p.m. † Luis Ramos - Wife & Family

† Roman G. Garcia - Mom

In Loving Memory

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

† Bernardino Villaseñor

† Dale Paul Hildebrand

Sanctuary Light

† Justin Rey Martinez

† Ignacio & Beatrice V. Gomez

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Our Fall Festival 2018 net profit was \$59,023.75! This was a great success due to your continued support, contributions, donated prizes, dedication, sacrifice, so much hard work and exhausting long hours. Thanks also to Sarah and Richard Contreras for the Ice donation, Genevieve Perez for obtaining the security guards. I am extremely proud and beyond words to all of you, my parishioners, and may God bless St. John Berchmans Parish 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 can maintain our position as Number 1 if we register and show up at the event. In order for us to win, we need 1,000 registrants. Each registration costs \$15.00 and deadline of Sunday, October 21, 2018. All the money will be returned to St. John Berchmans Catholic school and invested in iPads and a security system for the perimeter of the school. I will be celebrating Mass on the day of the event, October 21 at Morgan's Wonderland.

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

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 Aragus 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 - I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalms - Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading - Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Heb 4:12-13).

Gospel - It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Gal 4:22-31 - 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tue: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thu: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Fri: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sun: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Events of the Week ~ October 14 - 21, 2018

Sunday, October 14

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 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 17

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite
6:30 p.m. Youth Core Meeting - Formation House

Thursday, October 18

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. Baptism Parent 1 - Formation House
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Formation House
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Formation House

Friday, October 19

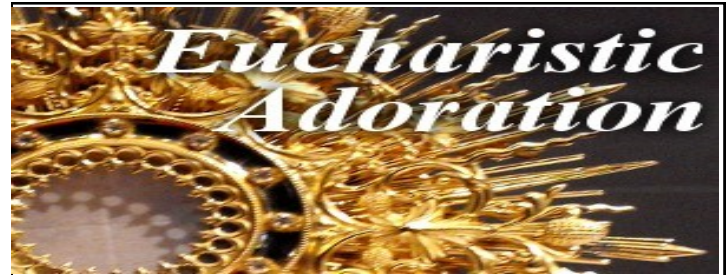
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

Saturday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 21

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER AFTER ALL MASSES
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN SCHOOL EVENTS

- **FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW Sunday, October 14, 8:00am - 2pm** in the school cafeteria. Contact Sandy Salazar at 210.433.0411, if you're interested in setting up a table. Beverages, breakfast and lunch items 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.

For information, contact Laura Arocha at 210.433.0411 or email her laura.arocha@sjbsa.com. Thank you!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss Day
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday: St. Luke
Friday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Saturday: St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary

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 20, 2018 — Boys and Girls Club



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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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE/CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection for this weekend is in support of Hope for the Future and the catholic schools and students within our community. Your support will help fund tuition assistance and grants for the school in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Your contribution will help more children receive a priceless Catholic school education where they can grow academically and spiritually. Thank you for your support!

ALAN AMES, VISIONARY, MYSTIC AND THE GIFT OF HEALING

Alan Ames has traveled worldwide for the past 22 years, sharing his inspiring conversion story and powerful Healing Ministry. Alan's conversion experience has caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic, to a man of the sacraments and prayer. There have been hundreds upon hundreds of documented spiritual and physical healing. Mr. Ames will visit our St. John Berchmans parish on **Friday, October 26, 2018 for a healing service.** There will be a **6:00 p.m. Mass** followed by a talk, confessions, healing and adoration. Rosaries and books will be available.

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Every Thursday in the Formation House

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

6th - 12th Grade are welcome to attend

For more information contact: dominiquedominguez9957@yahoo.com.

October

*Month of the
Holy Rosary*



As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that it is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, under the title "Our Lady of the Rosary." The emphasis on praying the Rosary is centered in Christ's mysteries, which are updated and illuminate the mystery of our own life. The rosary models the spiritual son of Mary, according to the life of her own Son, Jesus.

Our St. John Berchmans Guadalupana organization invites you and encourages families to attend together to discover the importance of Mary in our lives by attending the recitation of the rosary during the month of October. **Join us: Monday - Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Grotto.** In case of inclement weather we meet in the Parish Chapel.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WELCOMES YOU TO LITTLE PUMPKINS PALOOZA

Little Pumpkin's Palooza is a FREE safe, and fun fall festival for the whole family! Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes for trick-or-treating while also enjoying food, music, activity booths, and much more.

LITTLE PUMPKIN'S PALOOZA

Friday, October 26th, 5pm - 8 pm

Guadalupe Community Center, 1801 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS

**** We kindly invite parishioners and visitors to our Communion Service held every Monday at noon in the Chapel. We conduct Mass at noon in the Chapel, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Children's Mass is held on Wednesday's at 8:15 a.m. In the Church.**

**** Also the Parish Office closes for lunch Monday through Friday, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does my attachment to my possessions keep me from entering the kingdom of God? How might God assist me in making it possible?