

Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

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POWER AND PRIVILEGE

The readings today emphasize that power and privilege are very different in the reign of God than they are in the world. Isaiah reminds us of the suffering, the affliction, the powerlessness of the Suffering Servant who gave his life for our sins. The Psalm and Hebrews describe the loneliness and fear of waiting for the coming of God's reign in a world that values power over service and sacrifice. The readings remind us to rely upon God in a world that mocks sacrifice for the unworthy and the weak. Mark describes the ambitions of the apostles, James and John, who had the arrogance to ask for positions of power and privilege. The other ten apostles became indignant when they heard this because of their own ambitions to hold positions of power, authority, and glory. Jesus' response contrasts how power and authority are used in the world and how they are used in the reign of God. Jesus understands that power is service and sacrifice in God's world.

SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

In today's readings we see the stark contrast between the world that reflects human values and a world that reflects God's values. Who among us does not long to have more control, more power over our own lives? Who among us does not wish for the comfort of privilege, the ease of authority, and the pleasure of being served? Few if any would forsake power, privilege, control for the opportunity to serve. Of course, we all think that we would use our power justly, wisely, generously; but unless our power is rooted in service and sacrifice, it will always be misused. Jesus makes clear that until we understand that sacrifice and service are at the root of real power, we are unworthy of the mantle of authority.

Today's Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

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PODER Y PRIVILEGIO

Las lecturas de hoy enfatizan que el poder y el privilegio son muy diferentes en el Reino de Dios de lo que son en el mundo. Isaías nos recuerda del sufrimiento, la aflicción, la impotencia del Siervo Sufriente que dio su vida por nuestros pecados. El salmo y la carta a los hebreos describen la soledad y el temor de esperar la venida del Reino de Dios en un mundo que valora el poder por encima del servicio y sacrificio. Las lecturas nos recuerdan confiar en Dios en un mundo que se burla del sacrificio de los débiles e indigentes. Marcos describe la ambición de los apóstoles, Santiago y Juan, quienes tuvieron la arrogancia de pedir posiciones de poder y privilegio. Los otros diez apóstoles se indignaron cuando escucharon esto debido a sus propias ambiciones de tener posiciones de poder, autoridad y gloria. La respuesta de Jesús contrasta en cómo el poder y la autoridad son usados en el mundo y cómo se usan en el Reino de Dios. Jesús sabe que el poder es servicio y sacrificio en el mundo de Dios.

SERVICIO Y SACRIFICIO

En las lecturas de hoy vemos el marcado contraste entre el mundo que refleja los valores humanos y un mundo que refleja los valores de Dios. ¿Quién en medio de nosotros no anhela tener más control, poder sobre nuestras vidas? ¿Quién en medio de nosotros no desea la comodidad del privilegio, la facilidad de la autoridad y el placer de ser servido? Pocos, si alguno, abandonaría el poder, el privilegio, el control por la oportunidad de servir. Desde luego, todos pensamos que nosotros usaríamos el poder de manera justa, sabia y generosamente; pero a menos que nuestro poder se enraíce en el servicio y sacrificio, siempre será mal utilizado. Jesús deja en claro que hasta que entendamos que el sacrificio y el servicio están en la raíz del poder real, somos indignos de ser investidos con autoridad.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 13 - 14, 2018

5:00 AM	-\$1,347.00	(070)
8:00 AM	-\$ 503.50	(081)
10:00 AM	-\$1,419.00	(124)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 1,024.00	(249)
Hope for the Future	-\$ 345.00	2ndCollection
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 264.81	2nd Collection
Children's Basket	-\$ 52.00	
School Mass	-\$ 58.68	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 243.40	
Mail In	-\$ 90.00	
TOTAL	-\$5,347.39	

SECOND COLLECTION

October 21 - World Mission Sunday/Voluntary Disaster Relief

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/13-14, 2018	\$ 243.40
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$15,801.56

Announcements

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, October 22

12:00

Tuesday, October 23

12:00 p.m. † Justin Rey Martinez

Wednesday, October 24

8:15 a.m. † G. Toscano - Family
† Olivia Medina - Family

Thursday, October 25

12:00 p.m. † Arturo De La Vega

Friday, October 26

12:00 p.m.

For Health Frances Lozano

Saturday, October 27

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, October 28

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

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. † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter Stella
† Roman G. Garcia - Mom

Birthday Stella Rico - Family

In Loving Memory

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

† Justin Rey Martinez

Sanctuary Light

† Justin Rey Martinez

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

On Monday, October 8th, while away from the parish, I received a phone call from Olivia Santoyo, Justin Martinez (Superman's) aunt. She informed me that Justin was in critical condition. Olivia then requested that I pray for him on the phone in a room filled with his loving family members. The cell phone was placed next to his ear as I emotionally struggled to pray out loud for the Superman. I could hear the cries and emotion of sadness expressed by those in the room. As I finished the prayer, I felt serene and peaceful. A few hours later our Superman was transported by angel's wings to meet his Maker.

As my Sister in Christ, Olivia Santoyo, related to me, "Padrecito our Superman has lost the fight and earned his angel's wings."

Justin, you are, and have been, my Superman since the first day I saw you. Your heroism and faith have inspired my journey as a priest and helped me to trust fully in God. Your last days on earth were inspiring and filled with exhaustion. I am glad God has given you the peace and freedom you were longing for.

Rest in peace Superman and may God grant you eternal life.

I thank all of you who registered for the 5K run organized by Hope for the Future. We held first place last year in registration and Spirit Stick among all the Catholic School in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. All the money for registrants will be returned to St. John Berchmans Catholic School and invested in iPads and the 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.

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 upon 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 - My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalms - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Heb 4:14-16).

Gospel - Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tue: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thu: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1--5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Events of the Week ~ October 21 - 28, 2018

Sunday, October 21

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

Monday, October 22

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

Tuesday, October 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, October 24

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 25

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Formation House
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg - Formation
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry - Formation House

Friday, October 26

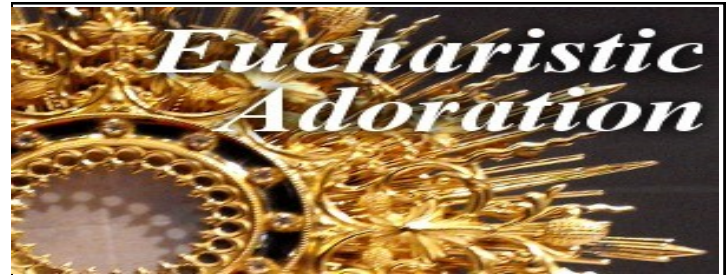
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Alan Aames Healing Service - Church

Saturday, October 27

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, October 28

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



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

Loved One in Jail or Prison?
Let Us Help You



Criminal Justice Ministry
Archdiocesan Office
(210) 734-1980

www.archsa.org/criminal-justice

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS



** We kindly invite parishioners and visitors to our Communion Service held every Monday at noon in the Chapel. We also 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 12:40 - 1:40 p.m.

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 27, 2018 — Liturgy Council



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.

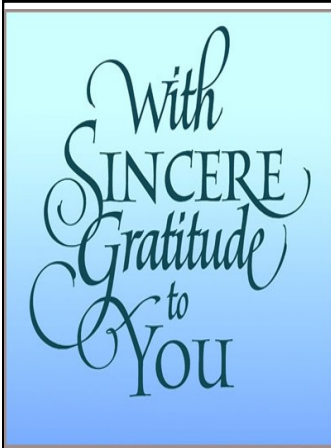


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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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Dearest St. John Berchmans Parish Community:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our parish family for supporting us during this difficult time. We are grateful for all the prayers and support you have extended to our family throughout the years of Justin Rey's life.

We were overwhelmed at the outpouring support of family and friends especially for the Rosary and Mass. Justin's touch was far reaching and impactful for those near and far away. He was a gentle spirit, and was always concerned about how they were doing, He had a heart of gold and was a true warrior who's faith never faltered.

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangements, delicious meals, and your visits to our home. Please pray for us as we face life without our Justin Rey "Superman", but we find great comfort in knowing he is in the arms of our Lord and healed. We love all of you. With utmost respect and thanks, The Martinez Family

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.

GET READY FOR THE ELECTION!!

Tuesday November 6, 2018. Early voting begins Monday, October 22 and runs through Friday, November 2. Questions or want to see a sample ballot visit: www.elections.bexar.org

Don't forget to exercise your civic duty and remember to vote!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

One other thing to do is to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The change is automatic for most smartphones, computers, tablets and other digital devices.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW** sponsored by St. John Berchmans Catholic School
Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Contact Sandy Salazar of the school office at (210) 433-0411, if you're interested in setting up a table with your crafts.
- ⇒ **ANNUAL CHURCH TURKEY BINGO** - Sunday, November 18 starting at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. Please make plans to attend we will have great prizes and delicious food.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION!

There is a common expression: "Too much information!" We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don't want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it's about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John's outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been "too much information" for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem "too much" for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information. It is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to be of service to all - in my family, my community, the world? Am I willing to suffer on the behalf of others?