

# Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 28, 2018

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## BROKEN

Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

## BELOVED

Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

**Today's Readings:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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## ROTO

Las lecturas de hoy hablan sobre las personas a las que frecuentemente la sociedad desprecia, aquellas que tienen una discapacidad física, que están en una cárcel. Escuchamos de personas que lo perdieron todo y no paran de llorar. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que incluso aquellas personas en una posición con tan alto honor, como el sacerdote, están afectadas por la debilidad. La debilidad está al centro mismo de la habilidad del sacerdote para servir a los demás. Por último, es un hombre ciego al que Jesús ve, gritando a la orilla del camino, quien además de ser reprendido tratan de callarlo quienes lo rodean. A causa de su fe vuelve a ver y su primera decisión como una persona que puede ver es seguir a Jesús.

La enseñanza de las lecturas de hoy es que Dios se enfoca en quienes están en las periferias, en los forasteros, en aquellas personas a quien muy frecuentemente tratamos de callar. Dios se enfoca en esas partes de nosotros, nuestras debilidades que intentamos esconder al voltear nuestra atención a cualquier otra cosa. Las lecturas son todo menos lo que es perfecto. Ellos hablan acerca de debilidades, dolor profundo, rupturas que son una parte de nuestra humanidad y una fortaleza enraizada en el amor de Dios por nosotros pese a todo eso.

## AMADO

El éxito no se mide por la fortaleza, la integridad o el poder. El éxito se mide por nuestra debilidad, por el hecho que Dios abraza esa debilidad y nuestra decisión de seguirlo. El sacerdote tiene poder solo porque la debilidad es parte de cada persona. Nosotros somos el ciego, el cojo, el que sufre. Y somos las personas a quien Dios salva y transforma. El hombre ciego dentro de nosotros llora cuando el decoro nos hace estar callados. Nuestra fe clama por la salvación, la integridad, la redención, la vista y se nos escucha. Nuestra ceguera se transforma en vista, y con esa visión vemos al mundo como Dios lo ve, roto y amado.

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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	Alfredo M. Moreno
Martha Lucy Vega & Children	Victoria Cepeda	Celina Herrera
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 20-21, 2018

5:00 AM	-\$ 966.00	(078)
8:00 AM	-\$ 301.94	(072)
10:00 AM	-\$1,095.26	(114)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 930.99	(194)
World Mission Sunday	-\$ 250.00	2ndCollection
Voluntary Disaster Relief	-\$ 307.87	2ndCollection
School Mass	-\$ 87.38	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 153.40	
Mail In	-\$ 102.25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- \$4,195.09</b>	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH

### SECOND COLLECTION

October 28, 2018 - Religious Education

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/20-21, 2018	\$ 153.40
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,954.96</b>

# Announcements

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, October 27

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community  
† Rudy A. Moreno - Family

### 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

Birthday Dominic Jude Santoyo

12:00 p.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter Stella  
† Roman G. Garcia - Mom  
† Robert Alejandro - Family

Birthday Stella Rico - Family

### Monday, October 29

12:00

### Tuesday, October 30

12:00 p.m. † Justin Rey Martinez

### Wednesday, October 31

8:15 a.m. All Students of St. John Berchman School

### Thursday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

7:00 p.m.

### Friday, November 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

7:00 p.m. † Daniel Traspaña - Mom & Dad  
† Roseanne & Eddie Guitron - Son  
† Rodney & Gabriel Delgado - Brother

### Saturday, November 3

5:00 p.m. † Justin Martinez - Socorro & Raquel  
† Raymond Cruz - Family  
Holy Souls in Purgatory - Victoria Sanchez

### Sunday, November 4

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Catarina Garcia - Daughter  
† Juan Silva - Familia

10:00 a.m. † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter  
† Ida & † Amos Burrell - Family  
† Aline Persyn - Family  
† Jimmie Rodriguez - Wife Leonor  
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

12:00 p.m. † Roman G. Garcia - Mom

## *In Loving Memory*

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

† Jesus Nava

### Sanctuary Light

For Our Military Personnel



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Our St. John Berchmans Catholic School won back to back Most School Spirit (Spirit Stick) and first place for most registrants for the 5K organized by Hope for the Future. Thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Nora Garcia, the faculty in particular to Ms. Laura Arocha, parents, students and parishioners. We will be receiving back \$10,350 from Hope for the Future. The money will be used to purchase iPads (Chromebooks) for our students and to secure the perimeter of the school.

After Archbishop Gustavo approved a recommendation made on my behalf to join the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the recommendation was then forwarded to the Southwestern Lieutenancy and the Vatican for final consideration. My request was approved and I will be invested on Sunday, October 28 at St. Mark's Church.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a nine-hundred-year-old organization with a mission of critical need today: to help preserve Christianity in the Holy Land. It is a lay order under the protection of the Holy See with members worldwide who actively support the Latin Patriarch (the Archbishop of Jerusalem) with prayers, donations and a presence through pilgrimages. Practicing Catholics who actively support their diocese and parish may be nominated to be members.

Today, the organization is providing to the Holy Land 81% of the budget of the Latin Patriarchate, support 40 schools with 19,000 students, build new churches, convents as well as parish renovations and give aid to refugees, orphanages, the elderly and the sick. Keep us in your prayers as we spend this weekend reflecting on our commitment to those in need in the Holy Land.

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** - I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

**Psalms** - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** - It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

**Gospel** - Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17  
Tue: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
Wed: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30  
Thu: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12  
Fri: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40  
Sat: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Sun: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

## Events of the Week ~ Oct 28 - Nov 4, 2018

### 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

### Monday, October 29

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

### Tuesday, October 30

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Wednesday, October 31

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

### Thursday, November 1 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Formation House  
7:00 p.m. All Saints Day - Church

### Friday, November 2

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. All Souls (Memorial) Mass - Church

### Saturday, November 3

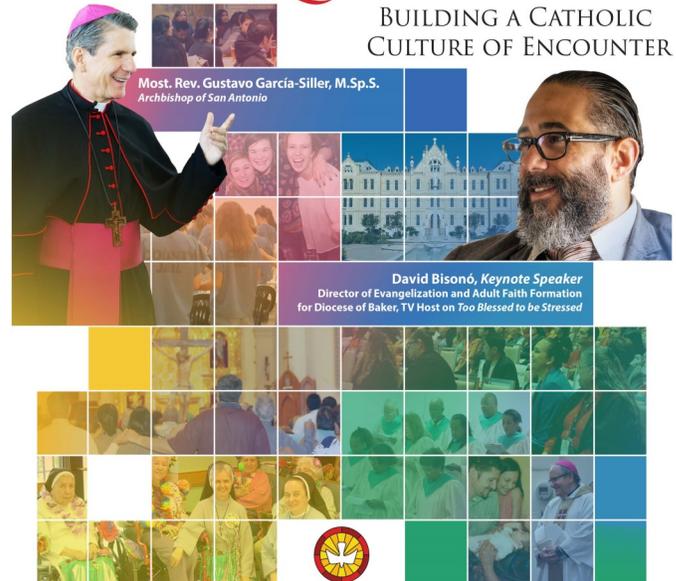
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, November 4

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church  
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church  
**SJB SCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW - CAFETERIA**  
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

## ASSEMBLY 2018

BUILDING A CATHOLIC  
CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER



### Saturday, November 3, 2018

8:00 AM-3:30 PM | St. Mary's University

REGISTER: [www.AssemblySA.org](http://www.AssemblySA.org) | [TheAssembly@ArchSA.org](mailto:TheAssembly@ArchSA.org) | 210-734-1911

Sign language interpreting services provided.

The Assembly is made possible thanks to the generosity of Archbishop's Appeal donors.



Father Fidèle kindly invites everyone to attend our weekly services: Communion Service held every Monday at noon in the Chapel. Masses are held at 12 noon in the Chapel, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Children's Mass is held on Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Church.

\*\* 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

November 3, 2018 — All Choirs



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto: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.

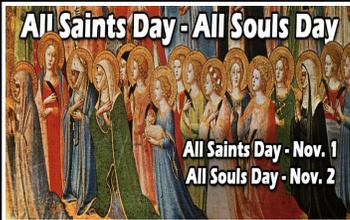


## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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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Father Fidele is reminding our parishioners to attend All Saint's Day Bilingual Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1 and it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

All Soul's Day Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

**REMINDER:** The Parish office will be **closed on Thursday, November 1, 2018** in observance of All Saint's Day. Regular office hours will resume on Friday, November 2.



## CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES

Provides legal aid to low-income and immigrant families as well as those who are victims of crime, domestic violence and human trafficking. Additionally, free site based legal clinics called "Ask-A-Lawyer" are available to anyone seeking information about any legal issue.

Immigration consultations are available on a walk-in basis Monday-Thursday from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Friday from 8am - 12pm. Please contact Evelyn Huron, Program Director, at 210.433.3256.

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## 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](http://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.

## THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How would I answer the question Jesus has asked the last two weeks: "What do you want me to do for you?"