

# 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

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## SECRET OF SUCCESS

The readings are fairly simple and straightforward. Do just these two things—love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself—and you will be saved. Deuteronomy and the psalm emphasize the importance of loving God with our whole selves. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus loved us as he loved his Father and so he offered himself for our sins. Mark says that loving God completely must also be accompanied by loving our neighbor. Jesus loved his Father with his whole soul, his whole mind, his whole strength. The love between God and Jesus makes them one. Everything hinges on the completeness and the inclusiveness of that love.

## LOVE

We all love rules to measure our actions and assure us that we have done enough. Today we are given two rules that offer us none of that. These rules require us to focus only on love: love of God and love of neighbor. There are not seven or ten. There are just two. You must love God but you must do it with your entire being. Everything you are must be focused on and reflect loving God. And then you must love your neighbor. The first is key to the second.

Unless we understand how God loves both the lovable as well as the unlovable, we will never be able to love ourselves or any other creature or creation as God loves them all. The Gospels remind us that Jesus sought the broken, the marginalized, the unwanted to teach us how God loves. If everything about you is about loving a God who created and redeemed you, then you love as God loves. If you love as God loves, you recognize the weakness in yourself and in the world yet you still love that broken self and broken world as its Creator does. That is the only measure of success that matters.

**Today's Readings:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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## EL SECRETO DEL ÉXITO

Las lecturas son bastante sencillas y directas. Solo haz estas dos cosas, ama a Dios con todo tu ser y ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo, y serás salvado. El Deuteronomio y el salmo enfatizan la importancia de amar a Dios con todo nuestro ser. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Jesús nos amó como él amó a su Padre y por eso él se ofreció así mismo por nuestros pecados. Marcos dice que amar a Dios completamente también debe ir acompañado de amar a nuestro prójimo. Jesús amó a su Padre con toda su alma, toda su mente y todas sus fuerzas. El amor entre Dios y Jesús los hace uno. Todo depende de la integridad y equidad de ese amor.

## AMOR

A todos nos gustan las reglas que miden nuestras acciones y nos aseguran que hemos hecho lo suficiente. Hoy se nos dan dos reglas que no nos ofrecen nada de eso. Estas reglas requieren de nosotros enfocarnos solo en el amor: el amor de Dios y el amor a los prójimos. No son siete o diez. Solo son dos. Tú debes amar a Dios, pero debes hacerlo con todo tu ser. Todo lo que eres debe enfocarse y reflejar el amor de Dios. Y luego debes amar a tu prójimo. La primera regla es clave para la segunda.

A menos que entendamos cómo Dios ama tanto al que merece como al que no merece ser amado, nunca podremos amarnos a nosotros mismos o a alguna otra criatura de la creación como Dios ama a todos. Los evangelios nos recuerdan que Jesús buscó al desamparado, al de las periferias, al despreciado, para enseñarnos cómo Dios nos ama. Si todo lo que se trata de ti se trata de amar a un Dios que te creó y te redimió, entonces amas como Dios ama. Si amas a Dios como él lo hace, reconoces la debilidad en ti mismo y en el mundo y aun así amas a ese ser roto y a un mundo roto como Dios lo hace. Esta es la única medida del éxito que importa

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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

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 27-28, 2018

5:00 AM	-\$ 577.00	(076)
8:00 AM	-\$ 478.50	(069)
10:00 AM	-\$1,558.00	(148)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,462.00	(200)
Religious Education	-\$ 466.80	2ndCollection
School Mass	-\$ 81.78	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 133.26	
Mail In	-\$ 120.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- \$4,877.34</b>	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH

## SECOND COLLECTION

November 4, 2018 - Capital Improvements

## 2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 10/27-28, 2018	\$ 133.26
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,088.22</b>

# Announcements

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 3

**5:00 p.m.** † Justin Rey Martinez - Socorro & Raquel  
 † Raymundo 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

### Monday, November 5

**12:00 p.m.**

### Tuesday, November 6

**12:00 p.m.** † Justin Rey Martinez - M/M Patric Sagebiel  
 † Jesus Villarreal - Relative

### Wednesday, November 7

**8:15 a.m.** † Justin Rey Martinez - M/M Patric Sagebiel

### Thursday, November 8

**12:00 p.m.** † Justin Rey Martinez - M/M Patric Sagebiel

### Friday, November 9

**12:00 p.m.** † Justin Rey Martinez - M/M Patric Sagebiel

### Saturday, November 10

**5:00 p.m.** Holy Souls In Purgatory - Victoria Sanchez  
 In Thanksgiving Andrew & Leonard Cruz - Family

### Sunday, November 11

**8:00 a.m.** † Ernestina & Guadalupe Huerta - Children  
 † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
 † Juanita Garcia - Willie Garcia  
 † Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas

In Thanksgiving Las Guadalupanas

**10:00 a.m.** † Cynthia Ann Urrea - Urrea Family  
 † Alfonso Grothues - Ms. Jimmie Rodriguez  
 † Mario Moreno - Wife & Family  
 † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

In Thanksgiving Jesus and Virgin Mary - Leonor Rodriguez

**12:00 p.m.** † Margaret & † Martin Burrell - Daughter  
 † Ida & Amos Burrell - Family  
 † Aline Persyn - Family  
 † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
 † Roman G. Garcia - Mom  
 † Barbara Eby - Daughter  
 † Justin Rey Martinez - M/M Patric Sagebiel

## In Loving Memory

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

† **Timoteo D. Rodriguez**



## Sanctuary Light

† **Luis Duran, Sr.**



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

I ask for your prayers for the Presbyterate of San Antonio as we meet with our leader, Archbishop Gustavo-Garcia Siller in a convocation beginning on Monday, November 5th through Wednesday the 7th. We ask for your prayers and the Holy Spirit to guide us throughout our gathering.

We thank all of you who participated in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist as we celebrated All Saints Day on Thursday, November 1st. All saints are acknowledged and we challenge each other to aspire to sainthood. Sainthood is achieved by prayer, acts of charity and our behavior.

I thank those who joined me for the All Souls Day mass commemorating the passing of our departed brothers and sisters. The special Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 2nd and we continue to ask for God's mercy upon them.

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

## GET READY FOR THE ELECTION!!

**Tuesday November 6, 2018.**

Please remember the importance of exercising your civic duty and **vote!**

Questions or want to see a sample ballot visit:  
[www.elections.bexar.org](http://www.elections.bexar.org).

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTIONS November 2018

**IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE** - That the language of love and dialogue always prevail over the language of conflict.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalms** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
Tue: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24  
Wed: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33  
Thu: Phil 3:3-8; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
Fri: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-9; 1 Cor 3:9-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Sat: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15  
Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;  
Mk 12:38-44

## Events of the Week ~ November 4 - 11, 2018

### 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

### Monday, November 5

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

### Tuesday, November 6 - ELECTION DAY

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Guadalupana Meeting - Formation

### Wednesday, November 7

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

### Thursday, November 8

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. English Ultreya - Room 22  
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry - Room 1  
6:30 p.m. Baptism Parent II - Formation House

### Friday, November 9

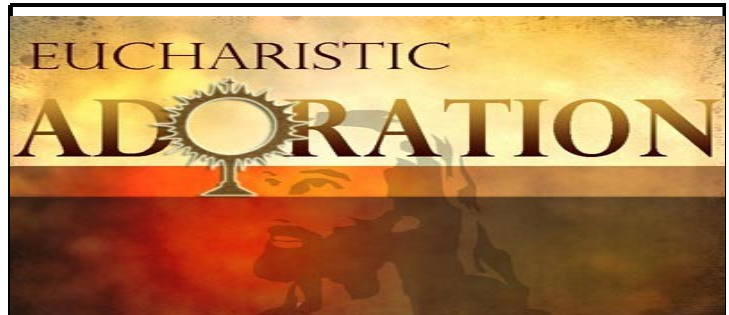
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel

### Saturday, November 10

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

### Sunday, November 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church  
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church  
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
**11:00am-2:00pm BOY SCOUTS BURGER IN A BAG**  
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018**  
**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**



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 School 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 10, 2018 — A.C.T.S.**



## 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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## WHY DO CATHOLICS BOW DURING THE NICENE CREED?

We bow when we say, ***“by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man”*** to show deep and profound respect for the greatest moment on Earth, the Incarnation when God actually became man born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS BOY SCOUTS** will be hosting a fundraiser on **Sunday, November 11, 2018** from 11am - 3 pm. Cost is \$7.00 and will include burger, chips and a drink. Desserts will also be available for purchase. Tickets available for purchase after mass this weekend.
- **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, delicious food and a lot of fun!!



## LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller MSPS, Archdiocese of San Antonio, and Bishop Mark Seitz, Diocese of El Paso, have partnered together to comfort and assist migrants released from the El Paso ICE Detention Center. Catholic Charities is requesting volunteers to travel to El Paso for at least one week to assist in providing humanitarian aid to the many migrants expected to be released from detention in the coming week.

Volunteers requested must be bilingual and willing to serve in El Paso for a minimum of seven days. Transportation, shelter, and food will be provided to volunteers. For more information, call (210) 222-1294 and speak with Silvia Alvarez.

## ETIQUETTE FOR HOLY MASS

Please remember the two fundamental principles upon which our behavior and attitude in church rest:

1. The church is a sacred space! It is the “Lord’s House” where we come to worship God together.
2. Mass is a holy and sacred act! It is during the Mass when all graces and merits of our Lord’s sacrifice are applied to our souls in a sacramental fashion.

If you keep these two principles in mind, all the following points of Mass etiquette will make perfect sense.

- Please dress appropriately. We should wear our best for the Lord.
- Please arrive to Mass punctually.
- Please turn off your electronic devices.
- Please do not bring any food, drink or gum into the church.
- Please reverently genuflect towards the tabernacle before sitting down. We do this to show respect to Jesus, our crucified King, who is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the hosts that are preserved in the tabernacle.
- Please stay until the end of Mass. When Father gives the final blessings it is very powerful and will aid and protect you through the week.
- Please exit the church reverently and respectfully. Again, this is to show respect to other parishioners and our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## GOD’S LAWS

God’s laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God’s laws out of fear of what might happen if we don’t, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, “Hear, O Israel.” Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I put these two commandments above all others in the way that I live my life? Do I see the face of Jesus in my neighbor?