

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

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IMAGINATIVE PRAYER

Today marks the end of our liturgical year. Set aside a few minutes to reflect on your relationship with Christ, our King. Relax, close your eyes, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your imagination.

Choose one quality of God shared in today's readings: power, eternity, or truth. Allow your heart and mind to explore this attribute. Perhaps, like the prophet Daniel, vivid images of God will appear. Maybe the word itself will resonate more and more deeply as you consider it. You might imagine faces of people you know whom God has gifted with that particular quality.

Breathe, and trust the Holy Spirit to show you something about God that will draw you closer to the divine. Continue to meditate like this as long as is comfortable.

IMAGINATIVE SERVICE

When you are ready to draw your few minutes of imaginative prayer to a close, ask God how you might serve Christ the King better in daily life. Challenge yourself to remain quiet and still while you wait to receive God's response.

Here are some questions that might inspire your conversation with the Lord.

Power

In what ways do I have power over others? How responsibly do I use that power?
Which people or situations make me feel powerless? How can I feel closer to you, Lord, in those moments?
What can I do, Lord, to bring your power to the people and places I see every day?

Eternity

How do I react when good relationships or experiences come to an end?
How do I endure unpleasant situations that seem to last forever?
What can I do, Lord, to bring your everlasting life into the things I must do each day?

Truth

How important to me is telling the truth?
How would I speak or act differently if you, Lord, were standing visibly by my side each day?
What can I do, Lord, to testify to others that I believe in you?

Today's Readings: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ORACIÓN IMAGINATIVA

Hoy termina nuestro año litúrgico. Dedicar unos minutos para reflexionar en tu relación con Cristo, nuestro Rey. Relájate, cierra tus ojos y pide al Espíritu Santo que guíe tu imaginación.

Elige una cualidad de Dios compartida en las lecturas de hoy: poder, eternidad o verdad. Permite que tu corazón y mente exploren este atributo. Quizá, como al profeta Daniel, aparecerán imágenes vividas de Dios. Tal vez la palabra misma resuene más y más profundamente a medida que la consideras. Podrías imaginar rostros de personas que conoces a quienes Dios les ha dado esa cualidad particular.

Respira y confía en el Espíritu Santo para mostrarte acerca de Dios y así te acerque más a lo divino. Continúa meditando así mientras te sientas cómodo.

SERVICIO IMAGINATIVO

Cuando estés listo para terminar tus pocos minutos de la oración imaginativa, pregúntale a Dios cómo podrías servir mejor a Cristo Rey en la vida diaria. Desafíate a ti mismo para permanecer en silencio y tranquilo mientras esperas recibir la respuesta de Dios.

Aquí hay algunas preguntas que podrían inspirar tu conversación con el Señor.

Poder

¿De qué maneras tengo poder sobre los demás? ¿Qué tan responsable uso ese poder?
¿Cuáles personas o situaciones me hacen sentir impotente? ¿Cómo puedo sentirme más cerca de ti, Señor, en esos momentos?
¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu poder a las personas y lugares que veo todos los días?

Eternidad

¿Cómo yo reacciono cuando las buenas relaciones o experiencias llegan a su fin?
¿Cómo enfrento situaciones desagradables que parecen durar para siempre? ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu vida eterna a las cosas que debo hacer todos los días?

Verdad

¿Qué tan importante es para mí decir la verdad? ¿Cómo hablaría o actuaría de manera diferente si tú, Señor, estuvieras visiblemente a mi lado todos los días?
¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para dar testimonio de que creo en ti?

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Andrew Villegas	Katelynn Rae Ramirez	Marco Mermea
Yadira Traspaña	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	Victoria Cepeda	Celina Herrera
Jesse Vega	Mario Moreno	Yolanda Verastegui
Jesse Mario Vega	Arturo M. Moreno	Amy Gomez
Orlando L. Vega & Children	Annmarie Vasquez	Virginia & Jose Ponce, Jr.
Roxsandra Gallardo	Roland Martinez, Sr.	Daniel Rogers
Paul Sifuentes	Roland Martinez, Jr.	Santos Aguilar
Lucy Clare Treviño	Olivia Ibarra	Hortencia Rodriguez
David Santoyo	Baby Violet Flores	San Juanita Sanchez
Lupita Gomez	Connie Flores	
Irene Perez	Philip Saldaña	
	Linda Davila	
	Elva Benavides	

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

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2018

5:00 AM	-\$ 825.10	(095)
8:00 AM	-\$ 477.99	(063)
10:00 AM	-\$ 1,280.87	(149)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 609.37	(127)
Catholic Campaign	-\$ 565.00	2ndCollection
School Mass	-\$ 75.98	
2018 Gift of Giving	-\$ 186.45	
Mail In	-\$ 111.00	
TOTAL	- \$4,131.76	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH

SECOND COLLECTION

November 25, 2018 - Religious Education

2018 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 11/17-18, 2018	\$ 186.45
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$16,672.43

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 24

5:00 p.m. † Frank Valdivia - Campos Family
† Deacon Cena & Natalie - Cena Family
Gift of Life Perla Treviño - Frances Ramirez

Sunday, November 25 - CHRIST THE KING FEAST

8:00 a.m. † Albert F. Hinojosa
† Antonio Celestino, Sr. - Familia
Almas Santas en el Purgatorio - Victoria Sanchez
Gift of Life Perla 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. † Roman G. Garcia - Mom
† Melissa Herrera Jenkins - Parents

Monday, November 26

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27

12:00 p.m. † Raul, †Gloria & †David Solis

Wednesday, November 28

8:15 a.m. For the Students of St. John Berchmans School

Thursday, November 29

12:00 p.m. † Angelita Mesa - Family

Friday, November 30

12:00 p.m. † Albert F. Hinojosa

Saturday, December 1

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, December 2

8:00 a.m. † Albert F. Hinojosa
† Pete Morales - Family
† Tina Flores - Penney
Gift of Life Carlos 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. For Our Parish Community

In Loving Memory

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

† Jose Raul Zepeda



Sanctuary Light

† Luis Duran, Sr.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Today, Sunday, November 25, 2018, we celebrate Christ the King, Jesus Christ is forever King of the universe as well as our King. The kingship of Jesus Christ is one of humility, understanding, service, acceptance, mercy and love. This model kingship penetrates our environment and families. May we follow Jesus Christ, the King in our daily lives.

As we celebrate Christ the King, we also officially end Ordinary time and Liturgical Year B and commence Liturgical Year C. Next week December 2, 2018, will be the first Sunday of Advent. The altar will be decorated with Advent purple as we anticipate and celebrate the second coming of the Lord in our lives. Make time to attend the liturgical celebrations during this time of Advent.

I am proud to announce to you that we have secured three major projects in our community for the purpose of enhancing the infrastructure of our Church. The projects are: 1) new ramps in the Formation House, 2) eight cameras surrounding the perimeters and interior of the Church and 3) interior acoustical panels. The ramps will facilitate the entrance to the Formation House especially for those struggling to climb the stairs. The cameras will improve the security of our property and make us safer. The acoustical panels will have better control of the sound and allow the community to hear the word of God better. We hope these additional projects will improve the infrastructure of our community and expect them completed by Christmas. Thank you for your generosity in accomplishing these projects.

You may have noticed the change in our tabernacle. The current tabernacle was presented to us by St. Stephen on the occasion of closing their church. We have incorporated this tabernacle in our community by placing it in the middle of the altar. I hope the new tabernacle not only provides comfort to those who had a personal experience with this particular tabernacle from St. Stephen, but will also provide more joy, happiness and acceptance. Our prior tabernacle, which apparently was purchased by the youth, will make its way to the Formation House to be placed in a garden room for meditation.

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

Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm - The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psa 93).

Second Reading - Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel - For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Events of the Week ~ November 25 - Dec 2, 2018

Sunday, November 25 - NO CCD CLASSES

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church

KOC - SAUSAGE WRAP FUNDRAISER AFTER ALL MASSES

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Monday, November 26

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Tuesday, November 27

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, November 28

8:15 a.m. Children's Mass - Church

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Offsite

6:00 p.m. Youth Core Meeting - Formation House

6:30 p.m. Practice for Nativity Play - Church

Thursday, November 29

12:00 a.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, November 30

12:00 a.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, December 1

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, December 2 - CCD CLASSES RESUME

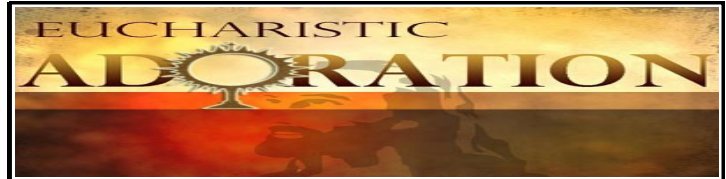
7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church

8:00 a.m. SJB School Arts & Crafts Show-Cafeteria

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Our Religious Education program will not conduct classes this coming week.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held on Sunday, November 25, 2018. Classes **will resume on Sunday, December 2, 2018.** Thank you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of your loved one, please call the Parish Office at 210.434.3247 and ask for Mrs. Rosa Moreno. The altar will be decorated with the poinsettias and they may be picked up in the office after Christmas.

The cost per poinsettia is \$10.00 and we will sell only 65 poinsettias. Thank you!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Andrew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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

December 1, 2018 — St. John Berchmans School



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.

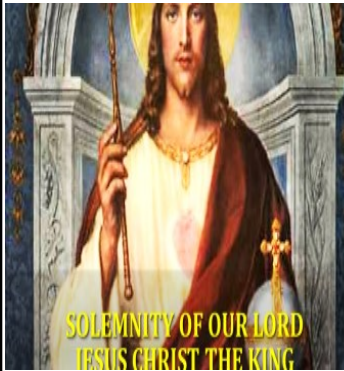


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and on this day, we contemplate the kingship of Jesus our Redeemer.

We gather in our churches this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to worship Christ our King. We celebrate the memorial of His death and resurrection. The King of the Universe comes to us under the humble forms of bread and wine to nourish us with his true Body and Blood. Our Eucharistic King strengthens us to overcome evil with good, and hatred and violence with forgiveness and love.

May we serve, honor, and obey Him in our daily lives. May Christ's peace reign in your hearts!

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTATION OFFERED THROUGH PORTER LORING FAMILY CARE SERVICES

The holidays are an especially hard time when grieving the loss of a loved one. "Grief and the Holidays" is a workshop designed to help families who are grieving to better understand the grief process, how it affects us during the holidays and how we can use this special time to continue to heal.

Please join us on at St. David's Episcopal Church, **Wednesday, November 28th**, 1300 Wiltshire, San Antonio, TX 78209. Presenter: Mary Olive Judson, M.A., LPC. Please contact St. David's Church Office at 210. 824.2481 to reserve a spot.



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL will have a CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 FROM 8AM - 2PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Contact Sandy Salazar at 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 will be available for purchase.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

- ⇒ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** will be held on December 24 at 6:00 p.m. We will have practice beginning on **Wednesday, November 28 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm** for the nativity play. We are looking for children of all ages to participate and make this event a success. Please call Elida Gonzales at 210.683.6279 for more information.
- ⇒ **RECONCILIATION SERVICE/CONFESSIONS** will be on **Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm** in the Church. All are encouraged to participate as we begin our season of Advent.
- ⇒ **ADVENT MISSION NIGHT with David Kauffman, Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** Come join us as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent. Led by our friend, David Kauffman.
- ⇒ **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ACTS TOY BINGO** **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.** \$7.00 per card (15 regular games) Donations for toys are greatly appreciated and you may bring them to the parish office. Thank you!

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way is Jesus king in my life? How do I live in this world while living for God's kingdom?