

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TOO LITTLE

Today's first reading reveals the Lord's super-sized heart. "It is too little," according to God, to protect and guide only the tribes of Jacob. The enormity of God's love cannot limit itself to one nation; divine love overflows, spilling liberally over all people everywhere. Isaiah, prophet of the long-suffering Israelites, might have been surprised to hear that the salvation of his people is not enough for God. But God always wants more than what we want. God's passion outstrips all of our deepest desires. We are merely creatures. Compared to the hugeness of our Creator's designs, we will always want too little, have too little, know too little, love too little. This littleness frustrates us throughout life. But exactly when we admit our littleness, we make room for Christ.

## NEVER TOO LATE

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today's Gospel reading, John admits, "I did not know." Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own, recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John "did not know" Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Holy Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God's chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God's clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today's readings invite us to trust.

**Today's Readings:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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## DEMASIADO POCO

La primera lectura de hoy muestra el corazón súper grande del Señor. "Es demasiado poco", de acuerdo a Dios, proteger y guiar sólo a las tribus de Jacob. La magnitud del amor de Dios no puede limitarse a sí mismo para una nación; el amor divino se desborda, derramándose generosamente en todas las personas en todas partes. Isaías, el profeta sufriente de los israelitas, podría haberse sorprendido de escuchar que la salvación de su pueblo no era suficiente para Dios. Pero Dios siempre quiere más de lo que nosotros queremos. La pasión de Dios supera todos nuestros deseos más profundos. Somos simplemente creaturas. Comparado con la inmensidad de los designios de nuestro Creador, siempre querremos demasiado poco, tenemos demasiado poco, sabemos demasiado poco, amamos demasiado poco. Esta escasez nos frustra a lo largo de la vida. Pero exactamente cuando admitimos nuestra escasez, hacemos espacio para Cristo.

## NUNCA ES TARDE

Juan el Bautista modela para nosotros la gracia de la pequeñez. En el Evangelio de hoy, dos veces Juan admite "no lo conozco". Aunque Juan había ordenado toda su vida hacia la meta de preparar el mundo para el Mesías, él no, por su cuenta, reconoce a Cristo cuando lo ve. El Evangelio insiste Juan, "no conoce" a Jesús; con humildad, Juan confía plenamente en Dios por consejo. Juan espera y espera bautizando, orando, predicando, hasta que finalmente, el Espíritu Santo le revela al Mesías.

Juan había esperado toda su vida por esta confirmación del Espíritu. El pueblo elegido de Dios, los israelitas habían esperado demasiado, mucho más. Seguramente muchos se preguntaban si Dios llegaría a enviar al Mesías como lo había prometido. Pero a Dios nunca se le hace tarde. En nuestra pequeñez, no podemos ver el arco de la historia humana con la claridad y amor de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros ansia profundamente por algunas cosas buenas: una sanación, una decisión, un apoyo, un justo descanso. Cuando se nos hace esperar por lo que parece un beneficio obvio, algunas veces preguntamos si Dios es en realidad todopoderoso y lleno de amor, así como la gente dice. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a confiar.

**Lecturas de hoy:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 :2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Kevin Ryan Martinez	Edward Martinez	Tomas Johnson
David Ortiz	Terry Moreno	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez
Sammuel Cortez	Sarah Contreras	Rosalinda Esparza
Mary Lou Medina	Donnie Vordenbaum	Daniel Rodriguez
Inez De Los Santos	Gary Stanko	Rosie Flores
Frances Ramirez	Jose Flores	Jessica Diaz
Clara Perez	Ramiro Davila	Robert Campos
Sandra Amaya	Marty Carrera Tobias	Gloria Martinez
Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr.	Jesse R. Diaz	Carlos Guardiola, III
Sandra Jean Guerra	Celina Herrera	Joe R. Martinez
Kayla Scott	David Santoyo	Baby Sophia
Maria Langley	Eva Flores	Antonio Mendoza
Irma Urias	Paul Muñoz, Sr.	Sophie Alonzo
Mary S. Martinez	Joe Espinoza	Helen Lloyd
Frances Lozano	Virginia & Jose Ponce	Odilion G. Flores
Mary Escalera	Victoria Orosco	JoAnn Almaguer
Maximus James Tobar	Henry Vidal	Diana Calderon
Suzanne Gutierrez	Hope Esquivel	Guadalupe Herrera
Benny Martinez	Victor Cruz	

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.

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**JANUARY 11-12, 2020**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>-\$ 852.73</b>	<b>(096)</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>-\$ 513.49</b>	<b>(088)</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>-\$1,271.00</b>	<b>(191)</b>
<b>12 NOON</b>	<b>-\$1,031.61</b>	<b>(178)</b>
<b>School Mass</b>	<b>-\$ 32.65</b>	
<b>Good Samaritans</b>	<b>-\$ 464.21</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
<b>Mail In</b>	<b>-\$ 210.00</b>	
<b>2019 Gift of Giving</b>	<b>-\$ 236.11</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,584.80</b>	

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

**January 19, 2019 - Altar Flowers**

## **2020 GIFT OF GIVING**

<b>Contributions 1/11-12/20</b>	<b>\$ 236.11</b>
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,503.21</b>



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 18**  
5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family  
Gift of Life † Kathy Vidal - Tias

**Sunday, January 19**  
8:00 a.m. † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita Canales  
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Victoria Galvan - Eva Rodriguez

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
† Gloria Lloyd - Children  
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
† Juan Pascual Torres - Family

12:00 p.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Family

**Monday, January 20**

**Tuesday, January 21**  
12:00 p.m. † Maria Guadalupe Medina

**Wednesday, January 22**  
8:15 a.m. † Delia V. Lopez

**Thursday, January 23**  
12:00 p.m. † Adela S. Solis

**Friday, January 24**  
12:00 p.m.  
For Health † John Ruiz

**Saturday, January 25**  
5:00 p.m. † For Our Parish Community

**Sunday, January 26**  
8:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

12:00 p.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Family

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We welcome the return of Felipe Saldaña in his role as Cafeteria Rental Manager. Felipe will be responsible for renting out the cafeteria for different functions such as weddings, Quinceañeras, birthdays, graduations fellowships, etc. Please consider supporting your parish community and school by renting the cafeteria at a very reasonable price that will accommodate your budget. It is mindful to remember that all the money resulting from the rentals will benefit the church and ultimately the school.

I continue to wish you and your family a wonderful year 2020 and may the New Year fill you with hope, love, joy, peace and faith. Please maintain me in your constant prayers that I have the strength, energy and faith to serve my parish community. **Happy New Year 2020 to each and everyone of you!**

All the envelopes have been distributed to registered parishioners. Every parishioner has been issued a number for 2020. If you wish to register, or request envelopes, please speak with Stella Rico, parish secretary, for more information. Thank you for accepting this great responsibility in assisting your parish with financial assistance which is extremely important. Please ensure you receive your complimentary calendar as well. The calendar is a small token of appreciation for your loyalty to our parish.

It is with great excitement that I announce my future pilgrimage to the Holy Land! I will be leading a pilgrimage to The Holy Land for 10 days from June 2nd thru June 11th, 2020. We will explore and meditate in places where Jesus was born, worked, suffered, died and rose from the dead. We will also visit places where Mary, Mother of God, was born where she raised Jesus, and witnessed her son's suffering, death and resurrection. This is an opportunity for us to connect with scriptures and the reality. The trip cost is \$3,100 per person (double occupancy) which includes round trip airfare from San Antonio, 4 & 5 star hotels, breakfast and dinner included, daily sightseeing, tips, daily Masses, airport taxes, fuel surcharges and assistance of professional local catholic guides. Invite your family members and friends to join me in this memorable trip. If you intend to walk with me in this journey, please stop by the office for a brochure or speak with me after Mass for more information.

May God bless you always,



Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

### In Loving Memory

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

† Maria Guadalupe Medina  
† Delia V. Lopez  
† Adela S. Solis



**Sanctuary Light**  
Daniel Rodriguez



# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psa 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Cor 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
Sat: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18  
Sun: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

## Events of the Week ~ January 19 - 26, 2020

### Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Monday, January 20 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation - Formation House

### Tuesday, January 21

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Wednesday, January 22

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church  
6:30 p.m. RCIA - Formation House  
8:30 p.m. Youth Group - Formation House

### Thursday, January 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Friday, January 24

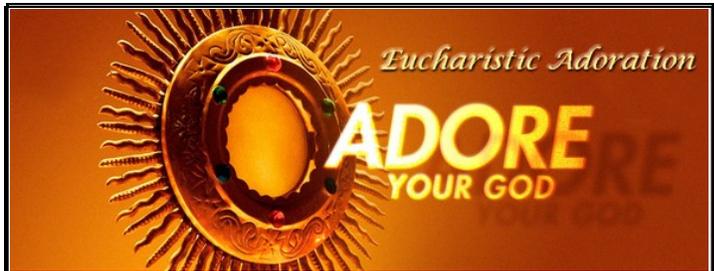
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Saturday, January 25

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church  
11:00 a.m. SJB 8th Grade BBQ Plate Sale- Cafeteria  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church  
1:30 p.m. IGBO Mass - Church



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Please join us every Thursday from 9am to 5pm in our Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, and the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." The best time you spend on Earth you spend it with Jesus!

### ATTENTION ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ALUMNI...

Please send contact information to [sjbalumni@sjbsa.com](mailto:sjbalumni@sjbsa.com) to learn more about upcoming school events and learn about ways you can help build a strong foundation for our children's future.

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### CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. "A short time devoted to taking care of the Lord's House is a small price to pay for all He does for us each and every day."

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries  
January 25, 2020 - Guadalupanas

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2020

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. — *Isaiah 49:6b*



### 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 Fidèle. 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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## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

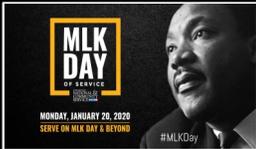
Will be hosting an **8th Grade BBQ Plate Sale** on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** in the school cafeteria.

**PLATE consists of: BBQ Chicken, Sausage, Rice & Beans**

**COST: \$8 Donation**

**SERVING TIME: 11 AM - 3 PM**

Pastries and drinks will be available at an additional cost. Tickets are available for purchase at the school and or walk ups will also be welcomed on the day of the plate sale. All proceeds go towards field trip. Thank you for your continued support of our school efforts!



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES - GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS A WELLNESS FAIR

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: St. Clare Catholic Church

7701 Somerset Road, San Antonio, TX 78211

FREE Services to include Health Screenings, Flu Shots, and Wellness Information.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY - DATE OF REFLECTION

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2020

TIME: 8:00 A.M - 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: St Matthew Catholic Church

10703 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX 78230

Mass will be conducted and there will be several guest speakers who will discuss important topics regarding incarcerations and reentry services.

To register or for more information, contact Deacon Bob Leibrech at (9210) 734-1980 or Robert.leibrech@archsa.org



## ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

### Report Misconduct

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is committed to Safe Environments for everyone. If you know of or suspect misconduct, whether sexual or nonsexual, we encourage you to report it to us. The Archdiocese of San Antonio wants you to feel comfortable when reporting misconduct and has contracted with NavexGlobal to provide a third party reporting system called EthicsPoint. Your report to EthicsPoint will be completely confidential and the report will only be distributed via secure portal to those within the Archdiocese responsible for investigating such matters. You can make a report by calling (844) 709-1169 or online at <http://archsa.ethicspoint.com>.

## CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I willing to serve those who are not of my own tribe, as did Jesus, as did Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist?