

The Presentation of the Lord

THE LIST GOES ON

Today's readings reflect on something close to the heart of every human person: the fulfillment of our deepest desires. Without exception, each of us feels unfulfilled in some way. Despite advances in law, technology, and medicine, every person experiences the frustration of "not yet" or "not enough." Our hearts always want more.

God plants this desire in our hearts. God knows how we ache. What most of us fail to believe, deep down, is that God alone satisfies all our longing. We know, theoretically, that the Creator of the universe provides everything we need, but we could all use more quality time with God to consider the question, "What exactly do I need to be happy, Lord?" Perhaps we can spend more time in prayer and service, asking the Lord to show us what is truly important in life.

ALWAYS READY FOR JESUS

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then* I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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LA LISTA CONTINUA

Las lecturas de hoy reflexionan en algo que está cerca del corazón de cada persona: el cumplimiento de nuestros deseos más profundos. Sin excepción, cada uno de nosotros se siente insatisfecho de alguna manera. Pese a los progresos de la ley, la tecnología y la medicina, cada persona experimenta la frustración del "todavía no" o del "no es suficiente". Nuestros corazones siempre quieren más.

Dios planta este deseo en nuestros corazones. Dios sabe cómo sufrimos. Lo que mucho de nosotros fallamos en creer, muy profundamente, es que solo Dios satisface todos nuestros anhelos. Sabemos, teóricamente, que el Creador del universo provee todo lo que necesitamos, pero podríamos dedicar más tiempo de calidad con Dios para considerar la pregunta: "Señor, ¿qué es exactamente lo que necesito para ser feliz?" Quizá podemos dedicar más tiempo en la oración y el servicio, pidiendo al Señor que nos muestre lo que es verdaderamente importante en la vida.

SIEMPRE LISTOS PARA JESÚS

A menudo pensamos "cuando obtenga esto o cuando eso pase, entonces seré feliz". Pero el Evangelio nos muestra una manera mejor. En el Evangelio de hoy, los cuatro adultos anhelan profundamente al Mesías y "la consola-ción de Israel" que él traerá. La tentación humana podría obsesionarse con la promesa de una paz y prosperidad futura, dejando solo la ansiedad y el resentimiento para un presente sufriente. Pero María, José, Simeón y Ana dejan la salvación del mundo a Dios; de su parte, ellos se enfocan en Jesús. Cada uno de ellos están ocupados con sus ocupacio-nes del día en sus trabajos que eligieron hacer. María y José están preocupados en como proveer a su familia, mientras que Simeón y Ana dedican sus vidas a orar en el Templo. Encuentran suficiente paz al cumplir sus obligaciones en sus estados de vida, manteniendo una vida de oración viva para estar atentos a las acciones de Dios en el mundo. En el Evangelio, sus prioridades están literal y espiritualmente en Jesús. Ellos modelan para nosotros cómo ser feliz y santo; haciendo sus deberes diarios pacíficamente, siempre listos para reconocer a Jesús mientras él se revela a sí mismo.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 25-26, 2020

5:00 PM	-\$ 807.35	(118)
8:00 AM	-\$ 237.00	(064)
10:00 AM	-\$1,897.00	(175)
12 NOON	-\$2,379.98	(345)
IGBO Mass	-\$ 126.00	
School Mass	-\$ 45.35	
Children's Basket	-\$ 20.00	
Churches in Latin America	-\$ 431.60	2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 102.00	
2020 Gift of Giving	-\$ 231.82	
TOTAL	\$6,278.90	
SECOND COLLECTION		
February 2, 2020 - Capital Improvements		

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 1/25-26/2020	\$ 231.82
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 4,989.05

Announcements



Saturday, February 1

5:00 p.m. † Jesus Castillo - Family
† Lucy M. Valdez - Ponce Family
† Rudy A. Moreno - Margarita Moreno

Sunday, February 2

8:00 a.m. † Gilberto Terrazas - Angelita Canales
† Lionel Medina - Daughter
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Vicente Alvarez - Familia Alvarez

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

12:00 p.m. † Richard Hernandez - Mother
† Paul G. Salinas - Family
† Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Olivia Lopez

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

12:00 p.m. † Daniel Traspaña, Jr. - Family
In Thanksgiving Chad and Chantal - Family

Wednesday, February 5

8:15 a.m. † Guadalupe Herrera - Friends

Thursday, February 6

12:00 p.m.
For Health Diana Calderon

Friday, February 7

12:00 p.m. † Cecilia Espinoza

Saturday, February 8

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Vicente y Refugio Alvarez - Familia Alvarez

10:00 a.m. † Juan C. Chapa - M/M Ruben Verastegui
† Pedro B. Martinez - Family
† Pedro E. Martinez - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Adela Solis - Family & Children

12:00 p.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Family

In Loving Memory

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

† Paul John Gonzales, Jr.

Sanctuary Light

† Daniel Traspaña, Jr.
† Rudy A. Moreno



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

An open invitation is extended to Married Couples that I have had the privilege of officiating at their weddings since my assignment at St. John Berchmans in 2013 until the present. Couples meeting this criteria will be contacted by the organization committee or are asked to contact the parish office for their reservation at 210-434-3247. Married couples with 10 years of marriage or more, widows, widowers, and/or singles are invited as well. Space is very limited and first come first served. We will be hosting a night of fun with dinner, drinks, and dancing at St. John Berchmans on **Friday, February 7, 2020, from 6:00 in the evening until Midnight.**

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. Be mindful to remember that all the money resulting from the rentals will benefit the church and ultimately the school.

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
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalms — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psa 24)

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-14, 24-30 - 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Events of the Week ~ February 2 - 9, 2020

Sunday, February 2

7:00 a.m. Guadalupeana Breakfast - Cafeteria
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Class - Formation House
6:30 p.m. Guadalupeana Meeting - Formation

Wednesday, February 5

8:15 a.m. **School Mass** - Church
7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Formation House

Thursday, February 6

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:30 p.m. JOY Ministry - Formation House

Friday, February 7

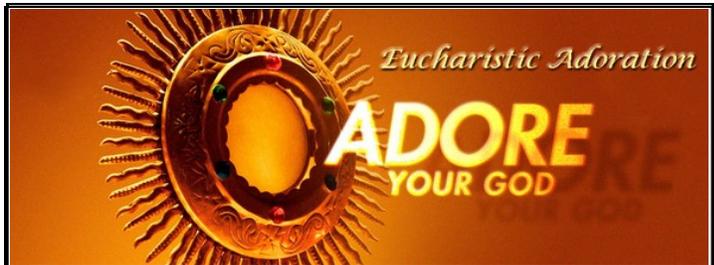
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Valentine Dance - School Cafeteria

Saturday, February 8

10:00 a.m. Altar Server Training - Church
5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

Sunday, February 9

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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Please join us every **Thursday from 9am to 5pm in our Chapel**. If Jesus were actually visible in Church, everyone would run to welcome him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility. **"The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living heart' of our church and it is our honor to adore the Blessed Host."**

Altar Servers



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Our Altar Server Ministry is looking for committed individuals who are interested in serving God and His community. Individuals must be 3rd graders and older. This training is for **NEW** Altar Servers. Also anyone 18 years and older must also

complete necessary OVASE online training.

DATE: Saturday, February 8, 2020

TIME: 10 AM- 12 PM

Afterwards we will share in a lunch with Father Fidèle from 12 pm-1pm in the Formation House.

If interested, please contact Rebecca Dominguez to reserve your spot (210) 725-6992 or email her at rdominguez05.rd@gmail.com

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
February 8, 2020 - Vigil Team/Lectors



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to 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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR - GUADALUPANA BREAKFAST

Our Guadalupe organization is preparing a delicious Breakfast for our parish community on **Sunday, February 2, 2020 from 7am - 1pm in the school cafeteria.**

We will be selling different types of tacos, Menudo, desserts and assorted drinks. We invite everyone to join us as we raise monies for our organization but also to enjoy one another's company after having celebrated Mass together.

Thank you as always for your support and see you on the 2nd!



THE J.O.Y. MINISTRY

Will be hosting its first one day Lenten community retreat, "**Journey of You**". We invite you on this journey of inner reflection and spiritual growth as a community to prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2020** and will take place on the church grounds. The retreat will be from **8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, followed by **5 p.m. Mass** if you are able to attend.

This retreat is free of charge and is not affiliated with the ACTS ministry. Registration has already begun, so sign up in order to secure your spot! Priority will be given to St. John Berchmans community members. And there are three ways to register, by paper form which is available and can be dropped off at the Parish office, by email at sbjjoy@yahoo.com or by contacting the following team members:

Jessica Ramos (210) 872-1870; Chayo Gomez (210) 219-2153, Kimberly Mata (210) 994-7437 or Sylvia Gomez (210) 215-4855. Thank you and God Bless.

ACTS BIBLE STUDY - COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE IN OF GOD

We invite you to come **join us** each week, on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Formation House, as we gather together to glorify God through fellowship with one another and to study God's Word, the Bible. We believe the Bible is true and that it tells us how we can obtain new life through a personal relationship with God. Hope to see you!

GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER PROMOTES HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

The new year is a great reason to start eating healthier for a happy and healthy family. You can take control of your nutrition by participating in adult education that show you healthy cooking and even healthy grocery shopping! Classes to learn healthy eating and planning healthy meals on a budget classes beginning on **Fridays beginning February 7 - March 6 9:30am - 11:30am** at St. Stephen's CARE Ctr, 2127 S. Zarzamora.

Guided grocery store tour that teaches you how to get the most nutrition for your food dollars. Join us, once a month on the **Last Friday of the Month (thru June 26th) from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm.** For additional information, contact Joann Alvarez at (210) 226-6178.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Please contact the school office at (210) 433-0411 to schedule a tour of our school.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2020

LISTEN TO THE MIGRANTS' CRIES

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sister, and victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

A CHRISTMAS REPRIS

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to other people's voices?