

# 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**ALL IN**

Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

**PROCEED WITH PRAYER**

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

**Today's Readings:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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**TODO INCLUIDO**

Las lecturas de hoy no dejan espacio para la tibieza. Como beneficiarios de la providencia de Dios, no podemos retrasar el servicio a los demás. Cuando Isaías nos instruye a compartir nuestro pan con los hambrientos, él no menciona requisitos. Él no añade "si lo piensas puedes" o "después de que todas tus necesidades sean satisfechas". Al contrario, el profeta simplemente comunica que lo que Dios espera de nosotros es cuidar por aquellas personas que están en necesidad. De manera similar, la llamada del Evangelio es incondicional. Como una ciudad en la cima de una montaña, la vida cristiana no se puede esconder. Los seguidores de Jesús no tienen la opción de quedarse sentados y desear vagamente que alguien más atienda a los hambrientos, a las personas en situación de calle, a la opresión y la ignorancia. Dios nos llama a servir. Si ya escuchamos la llamada, debemos responder.

**CONTINUA CON LA ORACIÓN**

Todos estamos de acuerdo que cuidar a los demás es importante. Absolutamente nadie quiere ver que un niño pierda peso a causa de la hambruna. Y, aun así, tenemos recelo en ofrecer tiempo, talentos o dinero a obras de caridad. ¿Qué tal si los destinatarios usan incorrectamente el dinero? ¿Qué tal si las donaciones promueven el desamparo y a largo plazo la dependencia? ¿Qué tal si mi propia situación no es muy estable? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a los demás cuando mi vida diaria es tan difícil y el futuro tan incierto? Estas son preguntas válidas. Dios quiere que usemos nuestro intelecto cuando discernimos mejor la manera hacer obras de caridad. Pero la duda no debe guiarnos a la falta de acción. Si no sabemos cómo proceder, debemos dedicar bastante tiempo a la oración. En oración, consideramos nuestras opciones y preguntamos al Señor cómo ser sal y luz en el mundo. Así como el salmo de hoy nos lo recuerda, Dios nos llama para ser amables y misericordiosos. Creyendo firmemente que Dios siempre cuidará de nosotros, confiamos con corazones firmes y compartimos con los demás, no de vez en cuando, con culpa o tentativamente, sino "generosamente".

**Lecturas de hoy:** Is 58:7-10; Sal 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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**Please Pray for the Sick**

**Prayer List Updates**



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

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**

**FEBRUARY 1 - 2, 2020**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>-\$1,697.00</b>	<b>(107)</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>-\$ 483.00</b>	<b>(080)</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>-\$1,185.00</b>	<b>(160)</b>
<b>12 NOON</b>	<b>-\$1,288.00</b>	<b>(191)</b>
<b>School Mass</b>	<b>-\$ 44.95</b>	
<b>Children's Basket</b>	<b>-\$ 7.00</b>	
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$1,232.05</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
<b>Mail In</b>	<b>-\$ 227.00</b>	
<b>2020 Gift of Giving</b>	<b>-\$ 248.61</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,412.61</b>	

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**February 9, 2020 - Good Samaritans of SJB**

**2020 GIFT OF GIVING**

<b>Contributions 2/1-2/2020</b>	<b>\$ 248.61</b>
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,227.66</b>

# Announcements



**Saturday, February 8 - HEALING SERVICE AFTER MASS**

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

**Sunday, February 9 -HEALING SERVICE AFTER 8AM & 10 AM MASS ONLY**

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

**Monday, February 10**

**Tuesday, February 11**

12:00 p.m. † Pedro E. Martinez - Family

**Wednesday, February 12**

8:15 a.m. † Baby Oliver Johannes Garza

**Thursday, February 13**

12:00 p.m. Isaías de Ecuador

**Friday, February 14**

12:00 p.m. † Pedro B. Martinez - Family  
† John G. Castañeda - Laura Castañeda  
Gift of Life Fr. Rudy Carrola  
Kasandra Rae Martinez

**Saturday, February 15**

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family

**Sunday, February 16**

8:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Ramiro Huerta - Familia Alvarez

10:00 a.m. † Rosalinda S. Hernandez - Family  
† Pedro B. Martinez - Family  
† Pedro E. Martinez - Family  
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
† John G. Castañeda - Daughter Laura Castañeda

12:00 p.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Family  
† Elodia Silva - Family

*In Loving Memory*

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

† Mary Fernandez  
† Dolores T. Resendes



**Sanctuary Light**

**Diana Calderon**



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A Home Bound Committee has been established for the purpose of specifically addressing the needs of our brothers and sisters in need of assistance due to health reasons. This particular ministry intends to focus on those persons who are home or at a health care facility, elderly, sick and unable to attend Church. Please read the insert and become more informed.

Join me in congratulating Dolores Guardiola for having received the Lumen Gentium Award. Lumen Gentium Award is bestowed upon lay people from each parish who demonstrated participation in the Catholic Church's mission to bring Christ's light to all. Dolores Guardiola has dedicated herself to St. John Berchmans for many years as Eucharistic Minister, 12:00 noon Mass coordinator, member of the Church Leadership committee, youth group, coordinator of festival Silent Auction and all the church fundraising activities. We are extremely blessed to have Dolores Guardiola as a member of the parish community.

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

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Cor 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matt 5:13-16).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sun: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

## Events of the Week ~ February 9 - 16, 2020

### Sunday, Feb. 9 - HEALING AFTER 8 & 10 AM MASS

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

### Monday, February 10

### Tuesday, February 11

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

### Wednesday, February 12

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church  
6:30 p.m. RCIA - Formation House  
6:30 p.m. ACTS Core - Formation House  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Formation House

### Thursday, February 13

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

### Friday, February 14

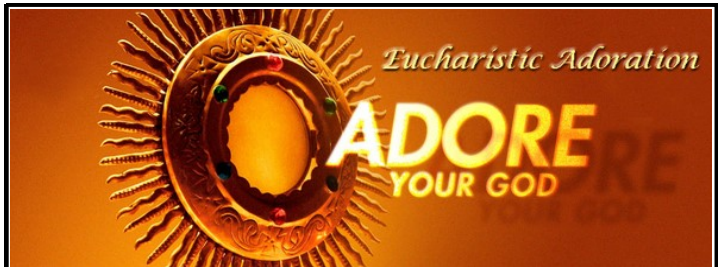
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

### Sunday, February 16

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



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

For those individuals requiring a Tax letter for their 2019 contributions, please note these letters are ready fat this time.

Please contact Olivia Lopez, Parish Bookkeeper, to set up date and time for pickup. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Please contact the school office at (210) 433-0411 to schedule a tour of our school.

Attention St. John Berchmans Alumni!! Please email contact information to [sjbalumni@sjbsa.com](mailto:sjbalumni@sjbsa.com) or call (210) 589-0561.

The Catholic Arts and Academic Competition CAAC will be on Saturday, February 22nd at St. Anthony High School. Please pray for our students who will be competing in Math, Spelling, Music, Art and Religion.

## 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 15, 2020 - SJB School**



## 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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## 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](mailto: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.



## FATHER FIDELE ANNOUNCES SIB HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Which is a Pastoral Care ministry who seeks to minister to those who are at home or at a health care facility and are elderly or sick and unable to come to Church.

If you or someone you know is in need of Homebound Pastoral Care, please call (210) 434-3247 to have someone assess their Pastoral needs and set up scheduled visits.

*“I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”  
Isaiah 41:10*

## ACTS BIBLE STUDY - COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE WORD 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!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES - PROJECT RACHEL ACCOMPANIES ANYONE IN HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

There can be a silent suffering after having an abortion of not knowing where you can share your pain. Catholic Charities provides a safe and sacred space to give yourself permission to unburden your soul and allow God to tell you of His love, peace, and forgiveness. Our ministry will walk with you into the gentle love of God whose greatest desire is to restore you and bring you closer to Him.

We can help with support, healing retreats and counseling. Email or call our confidential phone line at **(210) 342-4673**.



## VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities, United Way, and the City of San Antonio Department of Human Services partner to provide free tax preparation to individuals and families who earn up to \$55,000 through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

For more information or assistance with preparing tax returns, contact the Catholic Charities VITA office at **(210) 222-2975**.

## GOD’S CALL

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What darkness can I fill with the light of Christ that was entrusted to me at baptism? How can my light overcome these examples of darkness?