

Third Sunday of Easter

THE STRANGER

Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you're having with your friend. The two disciples in today's Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It's the day of Jesus' resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He seeks out his "lost sheep" who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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EL DESCONOCIDO

Imagínate encontrar a un desconocido, un compañero de viaje, que se entromete a una conversación que estás teniendo con tu amigo. Los dos discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy se dirigen a Emaús, a siete millas de Jerusalén, desconsolados y desilusionados. Es el día de la resurrección de Jesús, pero nadie sabía cuándo estos dos empezaron su camino, quizá regresando a casa para continuar sus ocupaciones previas a su seguimiento a Jesús, pues parecía como si todo hubiera terminado.

En medio del intento para encontrar sentido a la tragedia, algún hombre escucha a escondidas y les pregunta acerca de sus problemas. Después de contarle su historia, los discípulos se sorprenden encontrar a un desconocido que usando las Escrituras pone todas las piezas juntas de una imagen rota de su maestro. Lo que luego pasa, durante la cena reconocen a Jesús al partir el pan, justo para desaparecer ante ellos. Con sus corazones encendidos de amor e inspiración, corren para regresar a Jerusalén, en la noche, para contarles a los otros su nueva historia.

EL DESCONOCIDO/PASTOR

El desconocido en esta historia que resulta ser Jesús, es una reminiscencia de las imágenes del Evangelio de Jesús como el Buen Pastor. Él busca a sus "ovejas perdidas" que se han desviado de la comunidad de fe, y la experiencia del Señor resucitado los transforma en quizá los primeros evangelistas, compartiendo la Buena Nueva con sus amigos regresando a Jerusalén.

¿Somos transformados cuando salimos de Misa? ¡Deberíamos! Nuestros corazones deberían arder dentro de nosotros debido a nuestra experiencia de Jesús en palabra y sacramento. ¡Sin embargo, que tan a menudo la vida rompe nuestros corazones y nubla nuestra mente! Tropezamos hacia nuestro Emaús, ignorando que Jesús está dentro de nosotros. Somos privilegiados de experimentar a Jesús en cada Eucaristía mediante las Escrituras y al partir el pan. Como los discípulos de esta historia, esa experiencia transformadora puede obligarnos a avanzar y anunciar a todos la Buena Nueva.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr. | Paul Muñoz, Sr. | Antonio Mendoza |
| Sandra Jean Guerra | Joe Espinoza | Sophie Alonzo |
| Kayla Scott | Virginia & Jose Ponce | Helen Lloyd |
| Maria Langley | Victoria Orosco | Odilion G. Flores |
| Irma Urias | Henry Vidal | JoAnn Almaguer |
| Mary S. Martinez | Hope Esquivel | Diana Calderon |
| Frances Lozano | Victor Cruz | Janie Ramirez |
| Mary Escalera | Tomas Johnson | Liz |
| Maximus James Tobar | Deacon Jesus Rodriguez | Ana Garcia |
| Suzanne Gutierrez | Rosalinda Esparza | Gina |
| Terry Moreno | Daniel Rodriguez | Pedro Maldonado, Sr. |
| Sarah Contreras | Rosie Flores | Sandra Garza |
| Jose Flores | John Ruiz | Elena Gonzales |
| Frances Ramirez | Jessica Diaz | Roxanne Joseph |
| Marty Carrera Tobias | Robert Campos | Matthew Reyna |
| Jesse R. Diaz | Gloria Martinez | Joe G. Martinez |
| Celina Herrera | Carlos Guardiola, III | For All Afflicted with |
| Kevin Ryan Martinez | Joe R. Martinez | Coronavirus |
| David Santoyo | Baby Sophia | Melissa Muñoz |

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.



April 12, 2020 thru	April 19, 2020
All Masses	\$3,244.00
Mail / Drop In	\$1,315.00
Good Samaritans	\$ 140.00
Online	\$ 815.00
TOTAL	\$5,514.00

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 4/12- 4/19/2020 \$ 18.00
 RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL \$ **6,528.77**

Announcements

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Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m. † Jose & Juanita Castillo—Family
† George Hernandez—Wife & Family

Sunday April 26

10 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Trevino—Nora Treviño

Live Stream † Daniel Arzola—Familia
† Ryan Sanchez—Family
† Josue Hid—Wife
† Micaela Vargas—Family
† Paul Salinas—Grace Salinas

4th Wedding Anniversary Sarah & Richard Sustaita

Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28

12:00 p.m.. † Delia V. Lopez

Wednesday, April 29

12:00 p.m. † Jesús Gurrola—Socorro y Raquel

Thursday, April 30

12:00 p.m. † Zulema Orosco—Family

Friday, May 1

12:00 p.m. † Guadalupe F. Herrera

Saturday, May 2

12:00 p.m. † Adela S. Solis

Sunday May 3

10:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Trevino—Nora Treviño
† Eddie A. Vasquez—Mother
† Daniel Arzola—Familia
† Ryan Sanchez—Sanchez Family
† Paul Salinas—Grace Salinas

In Loving Memory

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

† **Victor Ramos**

Sanctuary Light

† **Graciela Trevino**



FROM THE PASTOR

April 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Easter to all of you!

I pray that the Risen Lord enlighten you and your family to experience his presence in your midst.

The purpose of this correspondence is to take the opportunity to inform you of the situation regarding our school. For the past five years, catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio have seen a sharp decline in the student's enrollment. Last year alone, a loss was reported of over 600 students. St. John Berchmans has not been immune to the pandemic loss of the students. We have gone from an enrollment of over 300 students to a total of 150 students. This academic year 2019-2020 has seen our registration plunge to 148 students making it extremely difficult to fulfill our financial obligations. The parish has shouldered the undertaking of school expenditures i.e. utilities, property taxes and some unforeseen electrical or kitchen expenses and emergencies.

I urge all of you, who still believe in St. John Berchmans Catholic School, to register your children and/or seek students for the academic year 2020-2021 as soon as possible. The opening of our academic year will depend totally on the number of registrants. The school will have to be 95% independent financially to have an opportunity to open next year. The future of the school is in your hands and the decision to open next year will be made by next month based on the number of registrants. Please register as soon as possible no later than April 30th to allow us to finalize the count and make an informed and definitive decision for the possibility of next year's 2020-2021 academic year.

May the Risen Lord keep you safe as we fight COVID-19 and guide your decision to participate and determine the future of our school St. John Berchmans.

Please see attached detailed correspondence.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fidèle".

**Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete,
Pastor**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14,22-33).

Psalms — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psa 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel - Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tue: Acts 7:51 - 8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59,
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Events of the Week ~ April 25—May 3, 2020

Sunday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Mass - Church

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Monday, April 26

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Tuesday, April 27

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Wednesday, April 28

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee Break with Father Fidèle—Facebook Livestream

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Thursday, April 29

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Friday, April 30

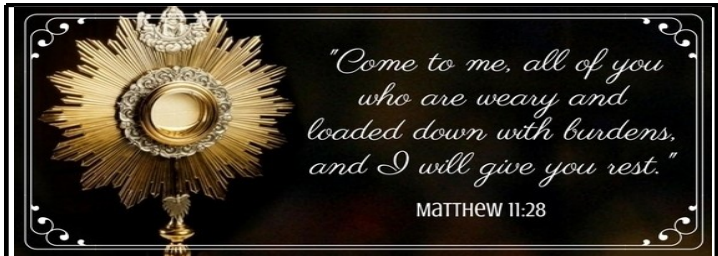
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Saturday, May 1

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church



Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled and the chapel is closed until further notice. Thank you



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Please contact the school office at 210-433-0411 for more information.

Save the Date:

May 5th "Giving Tuesday"

At a time when we are all experiencing the pandemic generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths, and political views together across the globe. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of our children. Please consider St. John Berchmans Catholic School as your Choice this May 5th so that we may continue to provide a valued, Catholic-based education for our future.

REMINDER TO ALL WHO ORDERED EASTER LILYS' AND ADORATION CANDLES!

Please come by the Parish Office to pick up your lily's and adoration candles. Thank you!

DAILY TIPS FOR MAINTAINING YOUR WELLNESS AT HOME

- Let the light in by opening shades and curtains.
- Have upbeat music playing.
- Shower and put on clean clothes when you wake up.
- Call at least one friend or relative a day.
- Have a set movie time that all family members can look forward to.
- Get outside at least once a day.
- Pray, Pray, Pray
- Recite your Rosary daily



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.

EL PLAN DE DIOS

Hoy san Pedro nos habla dos veces. En la primera lectura, escuchamos un pasaje de su sermón en Pentecostés; en la segunda, parte de su primera carta. Antes, un aterrorizado pescador con poca educación quien a menudo decía lo equivocado, el Pedro de ahora habla sobre la verdad que conoce. Todo lo que Jesús había dicho ahora tiene sentido. Su muerte y resurrección eran parte del plan de Dios, y nuestra fe y esperanza pueden centrarse en Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy describe el relato del camino a Emaús en el que Jesús se une a dos discípulos. Atemorizados, tristes y confundidos aquellos dos no reconocen a Jesús, quien les dice lo que escuchamos a Pedro decir arriba: todo esto tuvo que suceder como parte del plan de Dios. Al final, estos discípulos reconocen a Jesús así como nosotros debemos reconocerle -al partir el pan.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No era posible que Jesús quedara bajo el dominio de la muerte (Hechos 2:14, 22-33).

Salmo — Señor, nos mostrarás el sendero de vida (Salmo 16 [17]).

Segunda lectura — Han sido salvados por la Sangre preciosa de Cristo, como con un cordero sin mancha ni defecto. (1 Pedro 1:17-21).

Evangelio — Reconocieron a Jesús en la fracción del pan (Juan 24:13-35).

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Martes: San Pedro Chanel; San Luis María de Montfort

Miércoles: Santa Catalina de Siena

Jueves: San Pio V

Viernes: San José obrero; Primer viernes

Sábado: San Atanasio; Primer sábado

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

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CONSEJOS PARA CUIDAR SU SALUD MENTAL DURANTE LA CUARENTENA

- **Huye de la sobreinformación.** Es bueno ser informado, pero no se quede todo el día viendo noticias o leyendo acontecimientos trágicos.
- **Respire.** Hazlo ondo y despacio, preferiblemente en un lugar privado donde no tengas interrupciones.
- **Viva el momento presente.** Viva un día a la vez y viva en el momento presente.
- **Cumple con los horarios.** Respeta la cantidad de horas de sueño que necesitas, as también las redes sociales, la televisión, el trabajo, la comida...evite los excesos.
- **No olvides sus medicamentos.** En caso que estes bajo medicación, cumple en tomarlos en el momento adecuado.
- **Pide ayuda si es necesario.** Pide ayuda, pide atención.
- **Mantenga tiempo para rezar.**
- **Recite su rosario diariamente.**