

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

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GOOD NEWS!

When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was likely part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted "Crucify him!" as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.

JESUS SAVES

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 23:1, 3-6; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

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¡LAS BUENAS NUEVAS!

Cuando Pedro enfrenta a la multitud en Pentecostés, él fue animado por el Espíritu Santo y proclamó apasionadamente la verdad de Jesucristo a aquellos que se reunieron para escucharlo. Seguramente había algo en él que no estaba seguro de que esperar, sabiendo que unas semanas antes, las multitudes habían coreado "crucifiquenlo" cuando Jesús estaba sentenciado a una muerte cruel e injusta. Las personas que escucharon a Pedro se conmovieron por su testimonio, obligados a reconocer su pecaminosidad y a aceptar el anuncio de la salvación por medio de Jesucristo como Buena Nueva, el Evangelio que lo cambia todo.

JESÚS SALVA

Se honesto contigo mismo; ¿te has ido por el mal camino? ¿Has caído en la tentación o en la debilidad? ¿Sientes que algunas veces necesitas a alguien para ayudarte a volver a encarrilar tu vida? Muchas personas podrían responder sí a cualquiera de estas preguntas. Como personas de fe, sabemos que Jesús entiende las dificultades que enfrentamos y da su vida para salvarnos de nuestra humana fragilidad. El Señor sabe que necesitamos ayuda para vivir como el Pueblo de Dios en el mundo. Hay personas y fuerzas que nos inducen al error, que ofrecen un camino que por un tiempo parece atractivo, incluso aunque no nos lleve al verdadero camino de la vida, el amor y la paz. Podemos rápidamente ser disuadidos y distraídos del camino de la santidad. Fácilmente perdemos nuestro camino, con señuelos de las trampas de las posesiones materiales, la riqueza o una posición social. Jesús es nuestro único camino verdadero, la puerta que nos guía a un significado y a la paz en nuestro tiempo terrenal y para la vida eterna.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr. Sandra Jean Guerra Kayla Scott Maria Langley Irma Urias Mary S. Martinez Frances Lozano Mary Escalera Maximus James Tobar Suzanne Gutierrez Terry Moreno Sarah Contreras Jose Flores Frances Ramirez Marty Carrera Tobias Jesse R. Diaz Celina Herrera Kevin Ryan Martinez David Santoyo	Paul Muñoz, Sr. Joe Espinoza Virginia & Jose Ponce Victoria Orosco Henry Vidal Hope Esquivel Victor Cruz Tomas Johnson Deacon Jesus Rodriguez Rosalinda Esparza Daniel Rodriguez Rosie Flores John Ruiz Jessica Diaz Robert Campos Gloria Martinez Carlos Guardiola, III Joe R. Martinez Baby Sophia	Antonio Mendoza Sophie Alonzo Helen Lloyd Odilion G. Flores JoAnn Almaguer Diana Calderon Janie Ramirez Liz Ana Garcia Gina Pedro Maldonado, Sr. Sandra Garza Elena Gonzales Roxanne Joseph Matthew Reyna Joe G. Martinez For All Afflicted with Coronavirus Melissa Muñoz
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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 25, thru	April 26, 2020
All Masses	\$2,144.00
Mail / Drop In	\$ 850.00
Online	\$ 180.00
TOTAL	\$3,174.00

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 4/25- 4/26/2020 \$ 0.00
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL \$ 6,510.77

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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
† Warren and Colleen Boone—Boone Fam.
Health for Mark Boone
Healing Thanksgiving for Cyndi Boone
Protection of the entire Boone, Engler & Eyster Families

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5 - CINCO DE MAYO

12:00 p.m. † Irene Reidy Lack - Castro Family

Wednesday, May 6

12:00 p.m. † Paul John Gonzales, Jr.

Thursday, May 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

12:00 p.m. † Chad & Chantal - Family

Friday, May 8

12:00 p.m. † Mary Fernandez

Saturday, May 9

12:00 p.m. † Dolores T. Resendes

Sunday May 10

10:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Trevino - Nora Treviño
† Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas
† Juanita & Gloria Castillo - Family
† Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
Gift of Life Emerson Hernandez

In Loving Memory

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

† Ernest Sanchez



Sanctuary Light

Melissa Muñoz



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

March 13th, 2020 a decree promulgated by the Archbishop Gustavo Siller, suspending Masses throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and requiring a limit of 50 people changed the tranquility and the stability we have enjoyed as a community and people of God. The number of people attending mass has been reduced to only ten including the priest. We are required to wear masks, wash hands thoroughly and regularly, social distancing of 6 feet from each other, and being quarantined to avoid contracting the virus or limiting its spreading. The decree which suspended Masses has been **extended to Monday, May 18th, 2020.**

We continue to celebrate funeral masses with a limited number of participants up to 10 including the priest. The celebration of the confirmation by the bishops has been postponed pending further notification from the Archbishop. I will be announcing the date for our first communion kids as soon as the decree that suspended masses has been lifted. First communion needs to be celebrated in a community setting to allow as many families as friends to attend. All the gatherings of different organizations in the parish have been suspended pending further notification. I am still open to appointments that are essential such as visiting the sick, administration of the sacraments of the sick, or last rite. Other celebrations such as marriage, baptism, funeral and quinceañeras as long as it includes only 10 people. The sacrament of reconciliation is done by appointment only.

Due to the extreme circumstances of the virus, it is essential that I combine masses in our church. Effective **Monday, May 4, 2020, the following changes will occur:**

5 p.m. Mass - Saturday—English

9 a.m. Mass - Bilingual - Live streamed

11 a.m. Mass - English

The 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses have been combined and changed to bilingual. The 12 o'clock mass will be celebrated an hour earlier. The limit of 10 parishioner's including the priest will still be in effect until the Archbishops decree is lifted. I have learned that faith requires commitment, hard work, endurance and perseverance. I have encountered setbacks physically even emotionally. As we continue facing COVID-19, let us not give up on our values and faith. There have been or will be set backs, we need to persevere, endure and remain faithful in the Risen Lord.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidèle@stjohnberchmans.com

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14, 36-41).

Psalms - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Events of the Week ~ May 3 - 9, 2020

Sunday, May 3

10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Monday, May 4

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Tuesday, May 5

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Wednesday, May 6

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, May 7

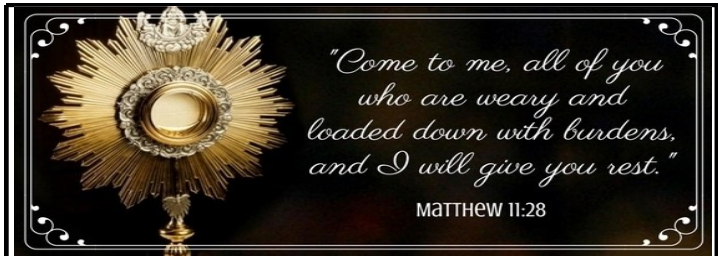
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Friday, May 8

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Saturday, May 9

5:00 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.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Since the start of this pandemic Fr. Fidèle has led our parish community in a daily recitation of the rosary (via Facebook livestream) at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until this trial comes to an end.

Pope Francis is also encouraging Catholics all around the world to pray the rosary. "Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our Mother, will make us ever more united as a spiritual family. In this present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic."



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.

SE NECESITA UN PASTOR

Por un tiempo estuvo de moda tener cerdos como mascotas. La publicidad que rodeó a estas criaturas nos informó que, contrario a la imagen popular, son animales muy limpios y también bastante inteligentes. Resulta triste decirlo, pero las ovejas probablemente nunca gozarán de este tipo de popularidad doméstica. Ni limpias ni inteligentes, son mayormente indefensas cuando se dejan solas, aunque el rebaño sea numeroso. La imagen bíblica de que somos un rebaño de ovejas no resulta muy favorecedora. Triste es el caso de las ovejas sin pastor porque, sin duda, perecerán dada su incapacidad de valerse por sí mismas o su carencia de defensas contra sus predadores. Colocarnos al centro de esta imagen poco favorecedora puede fortalecer nuestra fe. Sólo cuando tomamos profunda conciencia de que necesitamos un pastor, podemos apreciar nuestras bendiciones al haber sido entregados al Pastor, a aquél que dio su vida por nosotros y fue resucitado para la vida eterna en el Espíritu, a fin de poder guiarnos por siempre mientras lo seguimos en fe.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que creyeron fueron bautizados (Hechos 2:14a, 36-41).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23).

Segunda lectura — Han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus almas (1 Pedro 2:20b-25).

Evangelio — Yo soy la puerta para las ovejas (Juan 10:1-10).

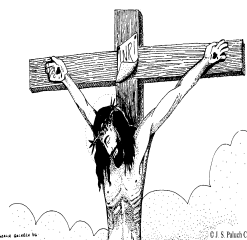
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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Pascua;
Jornada Mundial de Oración por las
Vocaciones

Martes: Cinco de Mayo

Jueves: Día Nacional de Oración



Cuarto Domingo de Pascua 3 de mayo de 2020

“Cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madero de la cruz, para que, muertos al pecado, vivamos para la justicia.”— 1 Pedro 2:24a

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Miércoles: Hch 12:24 -13:5a; Sal 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

MAYO ES EL MES DEL ROSARIO

Padre Fidèle ha recitado el Rosario cada día a las 6 de la tarde por Facebook Livestream y seguirá hasta que termine esta pandemia. Los invitamos que nos acompañen .

Durante siglos la Iglesia Católica ha dedicado todo el mes de mayo para honrar a la Virgen María, la Madre de Dios. Debemos darle un lugar especial a María no porque sea tradición, sino porque María es nuestra Madre, la Madre de todo el mundo, intercediendo incluso en los asuntos mas pequeños.

El pontífice también invita a las familias a rezar el Rosario en casa durante la actual pandemia de coronavirus. *“María nos ayudara a afrontar con mas fe y esperanza el tiempo de prueba que estamos viviendo. Tambien nos invita a contemplar juntos el rostro de Cristo con el corazón de María, nuestra Madre, y nos unira mas como familia espiritual. María nos ayudará afrontar con más fe y esperanza el tiempo de prueba que estamos viviendo. Rezare por ustedes, especialmente por los que más sufren, y ustedes, por favor, recen por mi. Les agradezco y los bendigo de corazón”.*