

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

May 10, 2020

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CHANGE OF MIND AND HEART FROM NOW ON

During Lent, we participated in penitential practices and focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to turn our lives more fully to the Lord. However, the fruit of our Lenten practices is not supposed to end on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Lent is our annual time to embrace spiritual renewal, which is intended to last. The change of mind and heart that we embraced in the weeks preceding Easter are to be our spiritual foundation, shaping our lives now and into the future. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what difference Lent made for you this year. If you can point to some particular change of mind, heart, or behavior, promise yourself that you will continue to live in this new way in the months and years to come. If Lent did not have a special impact on your life this year, now is the time to invite the Lord to show you the way to more meaningful and faith-filled living in the future.

DON'T BE AFRAID. DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST

In the Gospel passage we heard today, Jesus was preparing the apostles for a time when he would not be with them physically. Jesus wanted to reassure the apostles, even though he knew they were having a difficult time understanding. We sometimes struggle to grasp the Lord's ways, too. We know that God is with us in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and yet, when we really have to act in accord with our faith, we sometimes falter. Jesus tells us to not be afraid. Have faith in Christ and do his works. We may be surprised at what we are able to do when we trust and follow Jesus' way. And we are assured that God will be with us through it all.

Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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CAMBIO DE MENTE Y CORAZÓN A PARTIR DE HOY

Durante la Cuaresma participamos en ritos penitenciales, la oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad para que nuestras vidas se dirijan completamente hacia el Señor. Sin embargo, el fruto de nuestras prácticas cuaresmales no termina el Viernes Santo o el Domingo de Pascua. La Cuaresma es nuestro tiempo anual para incluir una renovación espiritual, con la intención de que perdure. El cambio de mente y corazón que incluimos en las semanas anteriores a la Pascua deben ser nuestro fundamento espiritual, formando nuestras vidas ahora y en el futuro. Haz una pausa por un momento y preguntante que diferencia tuvo la Cuaresma para ti este año. Si puedes indicar algún cambio específico de mente, corazón, comportamiento, prométete que continuaras viviendo en este nuevo cambio en los próximos meses y años. Si la Cuaresma no tuvo un impacto en particular en tu vida este año, ahora es el tiempo de que invites al Señor a que te muestre el camino hacia una vida más significativa y llena de fe en tu futuro.

NO TENGAS MIEDO. HAZ EL TRABAJO DE CRISTO

En el pasaje del Evangelio que escuchamos hoy, Jesús iba preparando a los apóstoles para un tiempo cuando él no estuviera físicamente con ellos. Jesús quiso animar a los apóstoles, aun cuando él sabía que ellos estaban teniendo dificultad para entender. Algunas veces nosotros también tenemos dificultad para entender el camino del Señor. Sabemos que Dios está con nosotros en Cristo por medio del Espíritu Santo, y cuando tenemos que comportarnos de acuerdo con nuestra fe, algunas veces fallamos. Jesús nos dice que no tengamos miedo. Ten fe en Cristo y en sus obras. Podríamos sorprendernos en lo que podemos hacer cuando confiamos y seguimos el camino de Jesús. Se nos asegura que Dios estará con nosotros a lo largo de ese camino.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pe 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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
Paul Muñoz, Sr.	Antonio Mendoza	Angelita Canales
Joe Espinoza	Sophie Alonzo	Deacon Joe Diaz

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.



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sharing the gifts we have been given

May 2, thru	May 3, 2020
All Masses	\$4,132.35
Capital Improvement	\$ 114.00
Assumption Seminary	\$ 45.00
Online	\$ 445.00
Mail/Drop In	\$2,483.00
TOTAL	\$7,219.35

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/2- 5/3/2020 \$ 22.00
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL \$ 6,532.77

Announcements

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Saturday, May 9

12:00 p.m. † Dolores T. Resendes
Prayers for our Priests, Bishops, Cardinals,
and our Holy Father Pope Francis - Sweet Family

Sunday May 10 - MOTHER'S DAY

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
Gift of Life Sara Sweet - Sweet Family
Happy Mother's Day To All Mothers - Sweet Family

Monday, May 11

Healing Strength Peace & Comfort For All - Sweet Family

Tuesday, May 12

12:00 p.m. † Flora Carrasco
Healing Strength, Peace & Comfort For All - Sweet Family

Wednesday, May 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

12:00 p.m. † Christiano Chacon
Healing Strength, Peace & Comfort For All - Sweet Family

Thursday, May 14

12:00 p.m. † Domingo Espinosa
† Julia & Sion Villarreal - Sweet Family

Friday, May 15

12:00 p.m. † Adelina Hatcher
† Jesus & Cruz Villarreal - Sweet Family

Saturday, May 16

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Uvalde "Uncle Lalo Villarreal - Sweet Family
Anniversary Sandra & Greg Dominick - Sweet Family

Sunday May 17

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Trevino - Nora Treviño
† Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas
† Juanita & Gloria Castillo - Family
† Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Jesus Gurrola - Socorro & Raquel
11:00 a.m. † Jeannie Ybarra
† Gloria Lloyd - Children
Gift of Life Austin Garza - Family
Anniversary for Rosie and Robert Gallegos

In Loving Memory

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

† **Margarita Ventura**



Sanctuary Light

Helen Lloyd



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is a follow up letter regarding the registration of our St. John Berchmans students for the academic school year 2020-2021. I am encouraged to inform you that there have been some signs of improvement. To date, we have registered the following: 63 paid, 62 registrations pending and 10 new registrants. If all are confirmed registrations, we will have a total of 135 students registered. We require a total of 160 registrations to maintain our budget for the academic school year 2020-2021. As of now, we are short 26 students, assuming all registrants confirm their commitment. I remain confident that with everyone's assistance, we will meet our goal.

I strongly encourage, and invite each one of you of our St. John Berchmans Catholic School family, to make a special effort to support our school. This is my impassioned letter that you please consider the following options: that you are still able to sponsor a child, make a tax-exempt donation to assist with expenses, register your child, grandchild, or ask a friend or neighbor to consider our school. Your help, participation and support are strongly needed for our survival.

The Month of May is a very important month as we evaluate the future of our school. As mentioned in my previous letter, the number of registrants will determine the future of our beloved St. John Berchmans Catholic School. I encourage you to also seek the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God to whom this Month of May is dedicated to help us reach our goal as we all work diligently to recruit and support our school.

May God continue to guide us and help us reach our goal. I pray that our God bless each one of you and your family in maintaining safe during this pandemic and that He in his great wisdom send us a cure.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light" Isaiah 9:2"

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18

Events of the Week ~ May 10 - 16, 2020

Sunday, May 10 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church
Facebook Livestream

11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Monday, May 11

6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

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 14

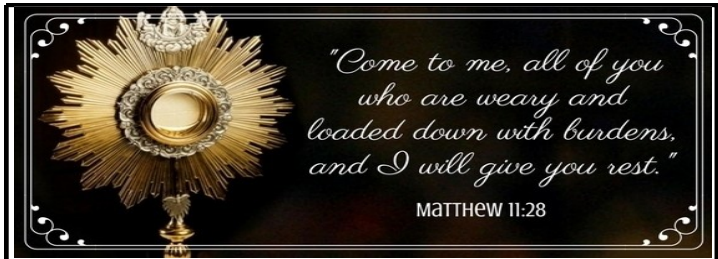
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary—Church

Friday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 16

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!



This Sunday, May 10th, we celebrate Mother's Day. I am very happy to congratulate all the mothers for a wonderful job done in raising their children and nurturing them for a bright future. My appreciation is extended to all the grandmas, aunts, single mothers, and those who have been entrusted

with the responsibility to care for children regardless of, or not being, the biological parent of a child. What makes you special is the love and care you unconditionally give to the little ones. We also remember those mothers who have gone to be with the Lord. May they rest in peace. We also pray for those mothers in prisons, or battling addictions or on the streets for either mental illness or abandoned by their families and loved ones. May God extend that healing touch upon them. Celebrate safely!

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.



Hoy celebramos el Día de Las Madres!! Deseo felicitar a todas las Madres por criar a sus hijos y preparandolos para un future mas brillante y mejor. Y tambien mi agradecimiento a todas las abuelas, tías, y madres solteras. Lo que hace que usted sea tan especial es el amor, y la atención que le da incondicionalmente a sus niños. También debemos de recordar a aquellas madres que han ido a estar con el Señor, que descansen en paz. También oramos por las madres que estan en las cárceles o que luchan contra las adicciones en las calles o que son abandonados por sus familias y seres queridos. Que Dios extienda su toque de salud sobre ellos. Tengan un buen dia y celebren con seguridad!!

MAYO EL MES DE MARÍA Y EL ROSARIO



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Eligieron a siete hombres, llenos del Espíritu Santo (Hechos 6:1-7).

Salmo — Señor, que tu misericordia esté con nosotros mientras ponemos nuestra confianza en ti (Salmo 33).

Segunda lectura — Ustedes son una raza elegida, un reino de sacerdotes (1 Pedro 2:4-9).

Evangelio — Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida (Juan 14:1-12).

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Pascua;
Día de las Madres

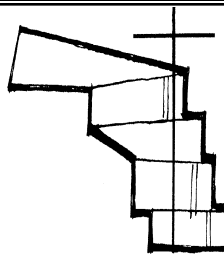
Martes: San Nereo y san Aquiles; San Pancracio

Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Fátima

Jueves: San Matías

Viernes: San Isidro

Sábado: Día de las Fuerzas Armadas



Quinto Domingo de Pascua 10 de mayo de 2020

“Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí”. — Juan 14:6

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 8:5-8, 14-17; Sal 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pe 3:15-18

VOCACIÓN

Los católicos en los Estados Unidos pasan mucho tiempo hablando de “vocación” y la manera en que cada uno de nosotros discierne nuestra vocación en la vida. Sin embargo, en la carta apostólica de hoy, Pedro nos da la “piedra angular” de nuestra vocación, lo primero y principal en el llamado de cada uno de nosotros a raíz de nuestro Bautismo. Él describe nuestra vocación como “estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real, nación consagrada a Dios, pueblo de su propiedad para que proclamen las obras maravillosas de aquél [Cristo] quien nos llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable” (1 Pedro 2:9). Todos nosotros, sin importar la senda por la cual nuestra vocación de vida nos lleve, hemos sido elegidos por Dios, hechos santos, y ungidos como sacerdotes en el alto sacerdocio de Cristo por nuestro Bautismo. Todo esto, para que podamos anunciar las maravillas de Cristo. Se nos da una vocación para que proclamemos mediante el servicio, la palabra y el sacramento dentro del hogar, en el trabajo y dondequiera que nos lleve la vida. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.