

THIRD SUNDARY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

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ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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UN CUERPO, UN JESÚS

Nuestro calendario litúrgico separa las diferentes escenas del Evangelio, lo que a veces puede hacerles un flaco favor. El año litúrgico, por supuesto, tiene su propio ritmo y finalidad, en el que insertan los relatos de la vida de Jesús. Sin embargo, cuando Lucas organizaba su Evangelio (para "Teófilo", el amigo de Dios que encontramos en la introducción del Evangelio de hoy), la escena de hoy formaba parte de una estructura triple: el bautismo de Jesús, las tentaciones en el desierto, el anuncio de la misión pública en la sinagoga de Nazaret. El vínculo es el Espíritu Santo, que descendió sobre el cuerpo de Jesús en su bautismo, que llenó su cuerpo mientras soportaba su prueba de cuarenta días, y que está sobre su cuerpo para anunciar y realizar el reino de Dios, misión que cumple con su cuerpo en la cruz. La encarnación (el "encarnarse") de Jesús, que pensamos en relación con su nacimiento, sigue siendo el centro de su historia.

UN CRISTO, UN CUERPO

La lectura de Corintios de la semana pasada se refería al único Espíritu que otorga muchos dones, pero que es la fuente de nuestra unidad. Pablo continúa hoy este tema utilizando la imagen del cuerpo, cuyos diferentes miembros tienen cada uno una función importante y distinta. El Espíritu del bautismo forma ese único Cuerpo místico de Cristo. El Espíritu del bautismo llena los numerosos miembros, pero los une siempre como uno solo. El Espíritu del bautismo está en cada miembro, como lo estuvo para Jesús en la sinagoga de Nazaret. Ese Espíritu de nuestro bautismo nos unge a cada uno de nosotros como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo para ser alegres, proclamar la libertad, traer una visión más clara, levantar a los oprimidos, anunciar el reino de Dios a todos. Como miembros diferentes del Cuerpo de Cristo, cada uno está llamado a hacer esto a su manera. Podemos enfrentarnos a la oposición o al rechazo, como hizo Jesús, pero siempre podemos volver a acudir con fe al Espíritu de nuestro bautismo, que sigue estando con nosotros.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Lilly Ruiz	Iris Luna Sullivan	Frank Rodriguez
Maria Langley	Sandy Guerra	Pat Flores
Suzanne Gutierrez	Abraham Guerra	Julissa Rodriguez
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Emma O. Velasquez	Alex Barron
Sarah Contreras	Leticia Lopez Barrera	Janie Barron
Marty Carrera	Rosa Castorena	Oscar Arcos
Tobias	Jesus Mario Castorena	Danny Escobedo
Frances Lozano	Melida Segovia	Blanca Padilla
Irma Urias	Joyce Ochoa	Miliana Bullock
Muñoz Family	Alfredo Peña	Hope Esquivel
Isaiah Vasquez	Marissa Gallegos	Melinda Cazares
Mary Martinez	Leticia Martinez	Ruben Ruiz Torres
Gina Gonzales	Kenny De La Rosa	Robert Treviño
Mike Mandujano	Ismael Flores	David Garcia
Galilea Romero	Yolanda Bordelon	Mary Collazo
Flora Torres	Virginia Morales	Terri Moreno
Jesus Lopez	Andy Trinidad	Lydia Soriano
Tomas Diaz	Raymond Sarabia	Robert Cruz
John Garlitz	Joe Espinosa	Rita Prado

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.

DISCIPLESHIP SHARING FOR THE WEEKEND ENDING JANUARY 16, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 731.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 801.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$ 990.00	
Altar Flowers	-\$ 400.00	Second Collection
Mail In	-\$ 773.68	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 198.43	
TOTAL	\$ 3,894.11	



SECOND COLLECTION

January 23, 2022- Church in Latin America

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Jan. 16, 2022	\$ 198.43
TOTAL	\$ 4,129.98

Announcements

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Saturday, January 22

5:00 p.m. † Johnny Arocha - Family

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita Canales
 † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Audri McEwen - Cecilia Muñoz
 † Andrea Valladares - Mother
 † Elisa Alvarado - Familia Alvarado
For Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter

11:00 a.m. † Gloria Lloyd - Children
 † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
 † Vincent Zerda - Joanne Zerda
 † Clarissa Zerda - Joanne Zerda
 † Ileen Berenger - Joanne Zerda
 † Cathy Romero - Joanne Zerda
 † Charles Zerda - Joanne Zerda

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25

12:00 p.m. † John Soikowski - Soikowski Family

Wednesday, January 26

8:15 a.m. † Consuelo Saucedo

Thursday, January 27

12:00 p.m.
For Health Frances Lozano

Friday, January 28

12:00 p.m.
For Health Joe Espinoza

Saturday, January 29

5:00 p.m. † Irene Alfaro - Socorro & Raquel

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. † Margarita Ventura - Ventura Family
 † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Audri McEwen - Cecilia Muñoz
 † Elisa Alvarado - Familia Alvarado
For Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter

11:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 † Rosa Regino Salazar - Dominguez Family
 † Benito Salazar - Dominguez Family

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Sunday of the Word of God
 Monday: St. Francis de Sales
 Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
 Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
 Thursday: St. Angela Merici
 Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As your pastor, I urge you to be vigilant and care for each other as our great country is presently in the middle of a pandemic. Always remember we are our brother's keeper, thus, our parish will continue to manage itself to the utmost responsibility. All gatherings of more than 2 persons in the cafeteria and Formation House are being suspended pending new evaluations by health experts. Our Formation House and cafeteria are presently on hold for rentals and/or meetings. All Eucharistic celebrations will continue as usual. As you enter the church worship area, Hospitality members will take your temperature, sanitize your hands and require you to wear a mask. A mask will be provided to you at no cost if deemed necessary. Our community has been hit hard by the Omicron variant and we need to work together in order to defeat this deadly virus. I will cautiously continue my pastoral visits to the sick and those in need. Please be advised to follow safety procedures during my visits by wearing a mask. May God continue to watch over us and keep us safe. May our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for us.

I am excited to inform you regarding my newest parish initiatives! Several competitions have been organized for the purpose of encouraging you to work diligently and make significant improvements spiritually, emotionally and physically in your lives in 2022. These initiatives are created for the purpose of raising money to support our school and our senior citizens.

The seven categories that are being considered:

- I will be running 10K (6.2 miles) on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio, Tx to raise funds for the school. Fr. Eddie Bernal and Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete Scholarship will provide \$250 to each new student enrolled in our school for the 2022-2023 academic year and to pay the utilities and portions of the property taxes estimated at \$40,000. Mothers who would like to join me and walk a lap and donate \$50 for this cause are most welcomed to participate beginning at 9 a.m. Your loyal sponsorship of \$8.00 per mile will be multiplied by 6.2 miles for a total of \$50.
- I strongly seek, and humbly ask, for your support as I plan to run a marathon (26.2 miles) at Woodlawn Lake Park on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 a.m. to purchase a minibus or a van for the elderly or seniors in need of assistance. Your sponsorship for \$2.00 per mile will be multiplied by 26.2 miles for a total of \$53.00.
- Participants will have to lose weight over 11 months commencing February 1, 2022 thru December 22, 2022. The names of the participants will weigh in every month and their lost weight will be acknowledged. To acknowledge their achievements, their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee for the entire month of January, 2023. Please be advised that all information is highly confidential.

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PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

- Participants attending daily masses at 12:00 noon, or communion service, in the absence of the priest commencing February 1 thru December 22, 2022, will be acknowledged and their names displayed on our electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2023.
- Participants choosing to clean the church every Saturday for the next 11 months commencing February 6 thru December 18, 2022, will be acknowledged and their names displayed on the marquee for the entire month of January, 2023.
- Children ranging in age from 6 years thru 16 years of age serving as Altar Servers every Saturday or Sunday commencing on February 5 thru December 18, 2022, will receive a Christmas gift and their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2023.
- Children that are able to recite the entire Apostle's Creed will receive a Christmas gift and their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee throughout the month of January 2023.

I hope these endeavors allow us to grow physically, emotionally, spiritually and strengthen our faith and closeness to God. Good luck to all the participants.

God bless St. John Berchmans Catholic Church.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Neh 8:2-6, 8-10).

Psalms - Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading - As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Cor 12:12-30).

Gospel - While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tue: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-18; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thu: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17; Ps 51:3-11; Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;

1 Cor 12:3 - 13:13; Lk 4:21-30

EVENTS OF THE WEEK ~ January 23 - 29, 2022

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Mass - Church

11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Wednesday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Mass - Church

2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, January 27

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Friday, January 28

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.** 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."*

Ministry Scheduled

Saturday, January 29, 2022

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IN MEMORIAM

The community and staff of St. John Berchmans parish extends our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

† Sara Berrones

May they rest in God's eternal peace.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

BURNS FOR

† John Soikowski

Frances Lozano

Ismael Flores



Announcements!



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.

WELCOME
TO OUR
CHURCH

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS. The tests are completely **free** and usually ships in 7-12 days. Just log onto covidtests.gov and place your order. For those who don't have Access to a computer or internet connection, call 1-800-232-0233. Only one order per household.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

For those individuals requiring a Tax letter for their 2021 contributions, please contact Olivia Lopez, Parish Bookkeeper, to request your contributions letter.

We are thankful for the continued support you have provided our parish during these difficult times. It is because of your commitment that our parish has remained financially solvent.



Grace Counseling provides quality, holistic, and affordable counseling services to individuals, children, couples and families. Our therapists can help anyone seeking support and guidance on their mental health, in their relationships, or with healing following a trauma.

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- Grief and loss
- Relationship and marriage counseling
- Parenting concerns and adjustment
- Family conflict
- Anger management
- Trauma informed cognitive behavioral therapy

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios ante la asamblea reunida. El pueblo entendió y aceptó la ley (Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Tus palabras, Señor, son espíritu y vida (Salmo 19).

Segunda lectura — Del mismo modo que el cuerpo con sus muchas partes forma un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo (1 Corintios 12:12-30).

Evangelio — Jesús, participando del culto en la sinagoga de Nazaret, leyó del profeta Isaías y declara que en su propia persona se cumple la profecía (Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21). Salmo responsorial: Leccionario Hispanoamericano Dominical © 1970, Comisión Episcopal Española. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Sal 89:20-22, 25-26; Mc 3:22-30

Martes: Hch 22:3-16; Sal 117:1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18

Miércoles: 2 Tim 1:1-18; Sal 89:4-5, 27-30; Mc 4:1-20

Jueves: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Sal 132:1-5, 11-14; Mc 4:21-25

Viernes: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Sal 51:3-7, 10-11; Mc 4:26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Sal 51:12-17; Mc 4:35-41

Domingo: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lc 4:21-30

LA LEY DE DIOS

La Escritura siempre ha sostenido que la ley de Dios es el camino para la felicidad humana. En la primera lectura, el sacerdote Esdras lee el rollo de la ley al pueblo que regresó del exilio. El pueblo llora y luego se alegra. La relación de Israel con Dios siempre se ha definido por cómo guardaba y vivía la ley de Dios. El autor del salmo 96 también alaba la ley de Dios como el origen de la sabiduría, alegría e iluminación, pureza y justicia.

En su consejo con los corintios discutidores, Pablo señala que, al igual que Dios ha hecho todas las partes del cuerpo humano esenciales para la salud integral, vivir como “el cuerpo de Cristo” requiere que cada miembro sea reconocido como necesario para el bien de todos. Por último, en el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús afirma que el Espíritu lo envía a aliviar el sufrimiento humano. Como Esdras, quien está leyendo de un rollo, proclamando la “ley” de misericordia de Dios a los necesitados. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿De qué manera soy pobre, oprimido o cautiva? ¿Cómo me habla a mí la promesa del Señor? ¿Cómo puedo llevarles la buena nueva a los pobres y oprimidos?