

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2022

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THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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LA NIÑA DE LOS OJOS DE DIOS

Cualquiera que tenga una relación con un niño - padres, abuelos, tíos, amigos especiales- conoce el poder del amor que es posible sentir por otro. No es que el niño sea incapaz de hacer el mal; sabemos que puede hacerlo y lo hará. Más bien, sus errores no cambian nuestro amor por ellos. De hecho, el amor nos hace desear lo mejor para ellos. A menudo, podemos ver su potencial con mayor perspectiva que ellos mismos. Son la niña de nuestros ojos. Somos la niña de los ojos de Dios, hijos amados de nuestro Señor. Dios sabe (Dios realmente sabe) que podemos y vamos a fallar. No alcanzamos el potencial que Dios está seguro de que tenemos. Sin embargo, Dios no deja de amarnos y de llamarnos a vivir como propios en el mundo.

ESCONDIDOS A LA SOMBRA DE LAS ALAS DE DIOS

La certeza de que somos sostenidos de cerca por Dios nos libera para vivir el desafío del Evangelio, para dar nuestra vida por el bien de los demás. Tendremos la tentación de tomar el camino fácil y de ignorar la voz del Señor, escuchando en cambio la llamada de la riqueza, el poder, la aceptación, el estatus y la seguridad terrenal. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que podemos enfrentarnos a la tentación, seguros de que estamos escondidos a la sombra de las alas de Dios, fortalecidos y protegidos del mal por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. ¿Qué cosa desafiante estás llamado a hacer hoy como seguidor de Jesús? ¿Sobre qué debes tomar posición? ¿Cuáles podrían ser las consecuencias del discipulado en este momento de tu vida? "Que el Señor dirija sus corazones al amor de Dios y a la firmeza de Cristo".

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates

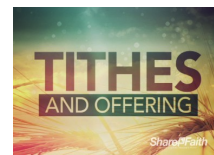


Suzanne Gutierrez	Frank Rodriguez	Raymond Serna
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Julissa Rodriguez	Mary Martinez
Sarah Contreras	Kay Towers	Mark Martinez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Miliana Bullock	Cecilia Rodriguez
Frances Lozano	Hope Esquivel	Albert Rodriguez
Irma Urias	Terri Moreno	Albert Casillas
Mary S. Martinez	Lydia Soriano	Robert Sanchez
Gina Gonzales	AB Cruz	Santos Tello
Galilea Romero	Robert Cruz	Fred Guerra
Flora Torres	Celia Garcia	Marie Weaver
Iris Luna Sullivan	Isidoro & Angie Muñoz	Vanessa Quintero
Sandy Guerra	Deacon J. Rodriguez	Mary Alice Vasquez
Abraham Guerra	Joanne Almager	Heath Herring
Emma O. Velasquez	Antonia Degollado	Joe Cevallos
Leticia Lopez Barrera	Baby Zaylee Gaitan	Roberta Garza
Leticia Martinez	Bobby Rollins	Jennifer Olivarez
Kenny De La Rosa	Darlene Lopez	Juanita Martinez
Virginia Morales	George Garnica	Maria Rios
Raymond Sarabia	Adam Alonzo, Jr.	Virginia R. Lucio

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 FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 30, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 813.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 666.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,626.00
IGBO Mass	-\$ 86.00
Religious Education	-\$ 633.50 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 485.00
On Line	-\$ 80.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 189.79
TOTAL	\$4,579.29



SECOND COLLECTION

November 6, 2022
Capital Improvements

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Oct. 30, 2022	\$ 189.79
TOTAL	\$ 10,981.18

Announcements



Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. † Ginny Cruz - Family

Sunday, November 6

9:00 a.m. † Ralph George Cerda - Joan Zerda
 † Clarissa Zerda - Joan Zerda
 † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia
 † Jimmie Rodriguez - Wife Leonor Rodriguez
 † Vincent Zerda - Joan Zerda
 † Charles Zerda - Joan Zerda

For Health Maria Rios - Ruben Martinez

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos - Wife & Family
 † Paul Salinas - Wife
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family
 † Josie Gomez - Cecilia Muñoz
 † Gumercindo Alvarado - Cecilia Muñoz
 † Louise C. Villarreal - Muñoz Family

For Health Cecilia Muñoz - Gabriel Muñoz

Monday, November 7

Tuesday, November 8

12:00 p.m. † Ginny Cruz - Socorro & Raquel
 † Helen Lloyd - Socorro & Raquel

Wednesday, November 9

8:15 a.m.
For Health Mary Jo Martinez - Friends

Thursday, November 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT

12:00 p.m. For All The Souls in Purgatory
For Health Eugene Gonzales - Family
For Health Hope Esquivel - Socorro & Raquel

Friday, November 11

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom Mary De Los Santos



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It is my responsibility to inform you that our Shepherd Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has urged us to offer you not only the Holy Body of Christ but also the precious Blood of Christ. It is up to each one of you to receive the precious blood of Christ if you choose to. In conclusion, according to the Archbishop Garcia-Siller it will be your option to receive the precious Blood of Christ. We intend to begin offering the Precious Blood on the first week of Advent

I thank all of you who attended the Westside Assembly this past Saturday, November 5, 2022. Let us continue to treasure the spirit of the synodality in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Our youth program commenced on October 9th and all children, ranging from ages 13-17, are invited to attend. Please consider sending your children and grandchildren to the information, motivating and faith based program. It takes a village to raise a child.

Also our Religious Education program is still welcoming children to attend this program free of charge; and note that breakfast will be provided as well as transportation.

I ask for your support of our Christmas Raffle Ticket project. Drawing is scheduled for Christmas day after the 11:00 morning Mass. This will be the only fundraiser this year and our goal has been set at \$35,000. We ask each adult or family to pick up your tickets and make a special effort to sell as many as possible for the benefit of our parish community.

As of October 9th, 2022, 315 desks have been sponsored for the children at Mumiaminyi, Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke elementary schools situated in the city of Kananga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Our goal is still maintained at 400 desks. My gratitude goes to all of you who have been very supportive of *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. I thank in particular the 6th and 7th grade religion class who raised monies for up to 3 desks to sponsor the children in Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Let us continue to pray for peace and the end of the war in Ukraine. Prayer is a powerful tool that allows us to cultivate our relationship with God and to listen to what God wants for us.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.

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

3 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW
ABOUT PURGATORY

<p>IT MAKES US IMAGES OF CHRIST</p> <p>It isn't a punishment. Rather, it's a state of purification to make us "perfect images of Christ".</p>	<p>WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY</p> <p>This process of purification can be long and painful, so we need to pray for them - always.</p>	<p>THE SOULS IN PURGATORY CAN PRAY FOR US</p> <p>Though they can't pray for themselves, as members of the body of Christ, can pray for us.</p>
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PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
 And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Announcements



ELECTION DAY REMINDERS

This election is a pivotal day for our Country as there are important issues on the line.

Your vote is extremely important!

For more information on voting, including your polling place go to website:

Bexar County Election Office

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
SU VOTO ES SU VOZ



Sunday, November 6 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

9:00 a.m. Mass - Church

11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

Monday, November 7

Tuesday, November 8

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Wednesday, November 9

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church

2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidele

Thursday, November 10

9:00am-12 Noon &

2:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration - Chapel

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, November 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, November 12

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church



We welcome anyone to help us clean our beautiful church. We meet every **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.**

Ministry Scheduled

Saturday, November 12, 2022
St. John Berchmans School

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2022

*My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.*

*I call upon you, for you will answer me,
O God.— Psalm 17:5-6a*



*Holy
Eucharistic
Adoration*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THURSDAY'S ONLY (CHAPEL)
9:00 AM -12 Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

Second Reading — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thes. 2:16 — 3:5).

Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38).

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HOLIDAY STRESS

Are you wondering how you're going to handle the upcoming holidays? Are you worried that you just can't handle the stress without your loved one? Or how about the physical stress since your health is not the same because of health issues.

Come and listen to ways to help get through the difficult times on **Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Formation House.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

We thank all parishioners who have picked up raffle tickets. Please be reminded that this is our only church fundraiser designated to assist our parish with our budget.

You may also submit raffle ticket monies to the Parish office. Thank you for your support!

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

All Holy Souls in Purgatory
Country of Ukraine
All Migrants
Community of Uvalde



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.



ON VETERAN'S DAY we celebrate and honor the service of all U.S. military veterans and is an official United States holiday which honors all people who have served in the armed services.

We, at St. John Berchmans Church, will celebrate and honor our heroes on **Sunday, November 13th at the 11:00 am Mass**. We will have presentation of colors for all veterans present.

We are thankful for the sacrifices and the services of all veterans and their families.

ST JOHN BERCHMANS ANNUAL FEAST OF SHARING

The tradition continues! For several years SJB parish and school has a tradition of providing Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings to families in our parish community. With your generosity we can continue to help our community. Brown bags will be distributed after all Masses next weekend. If you are interested in donating a turkey for this event, please contact Linda Campbell at (210) 445-7783.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2022 FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray for people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

The Archdiocese of San Antonio requires that all volunteers, staff members and ordained ministers complete and keep current their **Virtus Online Safe Environment training**. Your certifications must be renewed every **three years**. All volunteers must also pass a background check.

FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS - Go to "VIRTUS" safe environment at www.virtusonline.org, go to **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT**, create an account and complete your training and background check. **The 3 modules to complete are:** 1) Protecting God's Children 2) Sexual Harassment & 3) Vulnerable Adults You can access the "Background" tab and complete the background check.

FOR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS - Sign in to your Virtus account and see if you need to update your certifications, background check or personal information. If you are unable to access any of the above information, please email or text Dolores Guardiola, derod1262@gmail.com (210) 380-0192.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los siete hermanos se someten a la tortura y a la muerte más bien que violar la ley de Dios (2 Macabeos 7:1-2, 9-14).

Salmo — Al despertar me saciaré de tu semblante, Señor (Salmo 17).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor y Dios nuestro Padre los anime y fortalezca en todas las obras y palabras buenas (2 Tesalonicenses 2:16 - 3:5).

Evangelio — Aquellos que son dignos de llegar a la edad futura y a la resurrección de los muertos son hijos del Dios de los vivos (Lucas 20:27-38).

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LA VIDA ETERNA

¿Qué pasa después de la muerte? La mayoría de las religiones y filosofías ofrecen algunas ideas al respecto, pero estamos confundidos por todo ese misterio. Las lecturas de hoy nos ofrecen un vistazo a través de la fe de los mártires y de las palabras de Jesús. En las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento los hermanos macabeos afirman con una confianza total que el Dios que les dio la vida también los resucitara a la vida eterna; y esto no era aceptado generalmente en el antiguo Israel. Los saduceos, que negaban toda resurrección de los muertos, intentaron poner una trampa a Jesús con un acertijo hipotético. Jesús quien era conocido por darle vuelta a las cosas, descarta su incredulidad, señalando que incluso Moisés sabía que todos están vivos en Dios. San Pablo dice a los tesalonicenses que vivimos en la esperanza y ánimo eternos, y el salmo 17 refleja esto con palabras de fe en que veremos el rostro de Dios, despertando en su presencia amorosa. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿A qué debo morir para poder vivir totalmente según la medida en que Dios me ha llamado?