

# 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2022

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## THE SUN OF JUSTICE WILL ARISE

It may seem as though Jesus is talking directly to us in today's Gospel. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels particularly appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view—the truly long view of eternity—as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

## NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED. PERSEVERE

The message of the Gospel is not abstract, nor are we distant hearers of its message. We face choices every day about how we will live, what we will or won't do, how seriously we will take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. At times, the choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa night after night, or choose to spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God and be part of our faith community, or drag ourselves there, grumbling every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices such as these are of consequence of course, not only because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the cumulative weight of the choices we make. We may be called upon to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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## SALDRA EL SOL DE LA JUSTICIA

Puede parecer que Jesús se dirige directamente a nosotros en el Evangelio de hoy. Aunque siempre es cierto que el Evangelio habla a través del tiempo y el espacio, el mensaje de hoy se siente especialmente apropiado cuando nos acercamos al final de otro año que ha estado lleno de pandemias, divisiones políticas, tensiones internacionales y preocupaciones económicas. Cristo reina sobre todas estas cosas y, como cristianos, nos mantenemos firmes en la creencia de que nosotros también lo haremos. Debemos tener una visión a largo plazo -la verdadera visión a largo plazo de la eternidad- para hacer frente a los desafíos de nuestro tiempo. El sol de la justicia saldrá. Todo saldrá bien.

## NO SE DESTRUIRÁ NI UN PELO DE TU CABEZA. PERSEVERE

El mensaje del Evangelio no es abstracto, ni nosotros somos oyentes distantes de su mensaje. Cada día nos enfrentamos a decisiones sobre cómo vamos a vivir, qué vamos a hacer o no, hasta qué punto vamos a tomarnos en serio la llamada de Cristo a vivir la verdad del Evangelio. A veces, las decisiones que tomamos parecen intrascendentes: ¿nos sentaremos en el sofá noche tras noche, o elegiremos pasar tiempo con la familia o servir en nuestra parroquia? ¿Nos levantaremos para ir a misa el domingo por la mañana dispuestos a alabar a Dios y a formar parte de nuestra comunidad de fe, o nos arrastraremos hasta allí, refunfuñando a cada paso (o no iremos en absoluto)? Este tipo de elecciones tienen consecuencias, por supuesto, no sólo porque cada decisión es importante, sino porque los patrones que establecemos en nuestras vidas se basan en el peso acumulado de las elecciones que hacemos. Puede que se nos pida que tomemos decisiones más difíciles y debemos estar preparados para ello. Jesús nos dice que perseveremos. Al hacerlo, aseguraremos nuestra vida.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Mal 3:19-20a; Sal 98:5-9; 2 Te 3:7-12; Lc 21:5-19

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates

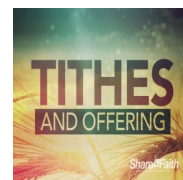


Suzanne Gutierrez	Frank Rodriguez	Mary Martinez
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Julissa Rodriguez	Mark Martinez
Sarah Contreras	Kay Towers	Cecilia Rodriguez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Miliana Bullock	Albert Rodriguez
Frances Lozano	Hope Esquivel	Albert Casillas
Irma Urias	Terri Moreno	Robert Sanchez
Mary S. Martinez	Lydia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

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 NOV. 6, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 717.00
9 AM Mass	-\$1,155.00
11AM Mass	-\$1,517.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 757.00 2nd Collection
All Souls' Day	-\$ 673.00
All Saint's Day	-\$ 350.00
Mail In	-\$ 555.00
On Line	-\$ 50.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 202.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,976.60</b>



## SECOND COLLECTION

November 13, 2022 - Good Samaritans of SJB

## 2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Nov. 6, 2022	\$ 202.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,183.78</b>

# Announcements

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## Saturday, November 12

5:00 p.m. † Eliseo & Juanita Diaz - John & Angie Diaz  
 † Oton Garces - Socorro & Raquel  
 † Santos Sanchez - Mary Jane Gomez

## Sunday, November 13

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia  
 † Alfonso Grothues - Mrs. Leonor Rodriguez  
 † Vicky Valdez - Socorro & Raquel  
 † Pete Morales - Wife Pennie Morales  
 Roberta Garza - Pennie Morales  
 Courtney Treviño - Nora Treviño

Gift of Life  
 Gift of Life

11:00 a.m. † Officer Jay Peña - 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 14

## Tuesday, November 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

12:00 p.m. † Patricia Ann Breheny - Friends

## Wednesday, November 16 - ST. GERTRUDE

8:15 a.m. For The Cardenas Family - Mom

## Thursday, November 17

12:00 p.m. For All The Souls in Purgatory  
 For Health Eugene Gonzales - Family

## Friday, November 18

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom Mary De Los Santos  
 † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I have nominated Mrs. Kimberly Mata as a recipient of the 2023 Lumen Gentium Award. Mrs. Kimberly Mata, a widow, has been a member of St. John Berchmans parish for several years. She is dependable, friendly, yet reserved, practices the Christian faith, knowledgeable, very professional, and treats everyone with respect and patience. She is well-known and well-liked among the parishioners because of her involvement in several ministries. She is a member of the Leaders of the Parish, ACTS organization, JOY Ministry, Youth Program, CCD Catechist, Quinceañera Coordinator, and a Lector at the 11am Mass. Mrs. Mata also serves as the Synod Parish Representative. She will also be a part of the Festival Planning Committee.

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, if you choose, to receive the precious Blood of Christ. We intend to begin offering the Precious Blood on the first weekend of Advent, November 27, 2022.

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.

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

SEMINARIANS ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO FALL 2022

"This is My body, which is given for you Do this in remembrance of Me" Lk 22:19

*Eucharistic Men*

David Chasin, Jordan Milligan, Men, Dec. Rafael Lopez-Negret, Omar Torres, Rafael Escobar, Robert Madron, Luis De la Cruz, Guillermo Cruz Hernandez, Luis Miranda, Jose Edgar Hernandez, Manuel Castro, Erick, Dallas, Joseph, Javier, Miguel, Sr. Ana Cecilia Montalvo, Ana, Marco

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# Announcements

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43  
Tue: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10  
Wed: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28  
Thu: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44  
Fri: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;  
Lk 19:45-48  
Sat: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-10; Lk 20:27-40  
Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will **NOT** conduct classes next weekend (**November 20th**) in observance of Thanksgiving holidays.

Special shout out to **JOY Ministry** for providing breakfast for our children this weekend (Nov. 16th).



### Sunday, November 13

9:00 a.m. **Guadalupe Mass - Church**  
11:00 a.m. **Mass - Church**

### Monday, November 14

### Tuesday, November 15

12:00 p.m. **Mass - Church**  
7:00 p.m. **Counseling Session - Formation House**

### Wednesday, November 16

8:15 a.m. **School Mass - Church**  
2:00 p.m. **Coffee with Fr. Fidele**

### Thursday, November 17

9:00am-12 Noon &  
2:00pm - 5:00pm **Adoration - Chapel**  
12:00 p.m. **Mass - Chapel**

### Friday, November 18

12:00 p.m. **Mass - Chapel**

### Saturday, November 19

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 19, 2022**

**CCD/Faith Formation/Youth Ministry**



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

## UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES

**THANKSGIVING**  
**Thursday, November 24th**  
**10:00 am**  
**Bilingual Mass**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Sunday, November 27th**

## 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.



## IN MEMORIAM

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

† **Emma Rose House**

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

**All Souls in Purgatory**  
† **Juan C. Velasquez**  
**Peter A. Cruz**



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when not be a single stone will be left in its place; everyone will be thrown down." Luke 21:6*

In today's gospel, Jesus describes the destruction of the temple and terrible events to come. One possible message is that we are not to place our trust and hopes in physical building and human achievements. Also bad things happen in every age - false prophets arise and natural catastrophes strike. Despite the language of unrest and destruction, this passage is ultimately about hope. Hope grounded in the trust that our God accompanies us and our world even when things feel like they are coming apart. The power of God's spirit will provide us with the strength needed for our world. **Choose faith not fear!**

**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. **Donations may be left in the Rectory between 10am - 5pm (Nov. 7-18).** If you are interested in donating a turkey for this event, please contact Linda Campbell at (210) 445-7783.



Thank you and God Bless you!



**THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**

**Mother Mary,** This November, as we come to the end of the Church year, we intercede with you for all children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

**Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Concédenos, Señor, Dios nuestro, alegrarnos siempre en tu servicio, porque la profunda y verdadera alegría está en servirte siempre a ti, autor de todo bien.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

**AMEN**

**ST. GETRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THY DIVINE SON, JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, FOR SINNERS EVERYWHERE, FOR SINNERS IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, THOSE IN MY OWN HOME AND WITHIN MY FAMILY. AMEN.

St. Gertrude's Prayer For the Souls In Purgatory

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 18:35-43
- Martes: Ap 3:1-6, 14-22; Sal 15:2-5; Lc 19:1-10
- Miércoles: Ap 4:1-11; Sal 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
- Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 19:41-44
- Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lc 19:45-48
- Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 144:1-10; Lc 20:27-40
- Domingo: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Sal 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lc 23:35-43

**EL FIN DE LOS DÍAS**

Mientras nos preparamos para el próximo domingo para la fiesta de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, escuchamos descripciones de acontecimientos funestos y catastróficos. A veces parece que nosotros mismos estamos viviendo el final de los tiempos, cuando la vida, así como actualmente la conocemos terminará para todos. En respuesta a lo que debe haber sido una pregunta temerosa, Jesús no endulza su predicción para los días futuros. Ni el profeta Malaquías del Antiguo Testamento flaquea de sus declaraciones sobre un mundo malvado. San Pablo, todavía escribiendo a los tesalonicenses, les advierte proféticamente en contra de caer en el síndrome de "El final se acerca", es decir, a la pereza ante los últimos días. Sin embargo, tanto Jesús como Malaquías hablan de la recompensa por llevar una vida justa, curación y reivindicación. Nuestro salmo 98, típicamente asociado con la Navidad, nos ayuda a alegrarnos por el Rey que ya viene a gobernar con justicia. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Puedo reconocer que no conozco el final de los tiempos ni para mí ni para el mundo, y así usar ese desconocimiento para hacer algo bueno? ¿Qué cosa práctica puedo hacer esta semana para ayudar llevar a cabo la misión de Jesús?