

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

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JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

Part of the challenge of living as a child of God is not being able to see God, to know what God is like. Believing in God requires faith, the willingness to enter into a mystery that is timeless and yet timely—as true today as it has been throughout the ages. Placing our faith in Jesus does not require us to put rational thought behind. Rather, in Jesus, we see God, the creator of all that is, including our intellect, the ability to understand our experience, and more. Jesus makes God visible, he is the image of the invisible God, the sign of God’s determination that we not be separated from God, the one who shows us creation’s ultimate purpose. When we wonder what God is like, what God desires, or how God acts, we need only look to Christ, who pours out his life in God’s compassionate love.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

The repentant thief in today’s Gospel gives us a lasting image of Christ’s undying love and forgiveness. As Jesus is dying on the cross, the thief declares his belief in Jesus, the King. Jesus recognizes his faith and makes his own declaration: “today you will be with me in Paradise.” As we come to the end of the liturgical year and prepare to enter into Advent, it is good for us to ask ourselves if we, too, are ready to declare our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the image of the unseen God, the one who was and is and is to come. As we reaffirm our faith, let us place our hearts, minds, and lives in the hands of the King who reigns now and will reign into eternity.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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JESÚS, LA IMAGEN DEL DIOS INVISIBLE

Parte del desafío de vivir como hijo de Dios es no poder ver a Dios, saber cómo es Dios. Creer en Dios requiere fe, la voluntad de entrar en un misterio que es intemporal y, sin embargo, actual, tan verdadero hoy como lo ha sido a lo largo de los tiempos. Poner nuestra fe en Jesús no requiere que dejemos de lado el pensamiento racional. Más bien, en Jesús vemos a Dios, el creador de todo lo que es, incluyendo nuestro intelecto, la capacidad de entender nuestra experiencia y más. Jesús hace visible a Dios, es la imagen del Dios invisible, el signo de la determinación de Dios de que no nos separemos de él, el que nos muestra el propósito último de la creación. Cuando nos preguntamos cómo es Dios, qué desea o cómo actúa, sólo tenemos que mirar a Cristo, que derrama su vida en el amor compasivo de Dios.

JESÚS, ACUÉRDATE DE MÍ

El ladrón arrepentido del Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece una imagen duradera del amor y el perdón imperecederos de Cristo. Mientras Jesús está muriendo en la cruz, el ladrón declara su fe en Jesús, el Rey. Jesús reconoce su fe y hace su propia declaración: “hoy estarás conmigo en el Paraíso”. Al llegar al final del año litúrgico y prepararnos para entrar en el Adviento, es bueno que nos preguntemos si también nosotros estamos dispuestos a declarar nuestra creencia en que Jesús es el Cristo, la imagen del Dios invisible, el que era y es y ha de venir. Al reafirmar nuestra fe, pongamos nuestros corazones, nuestras mentes y nuestras vidas en manos del Rey que reina ahora y que reinará en la eternidad.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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. 13, 2022

5 PM Mass - \$ 480.00
 9 AM Mass - \$1,382.00
 11 AM Mass - \$1,881.00
 Good Samaritans of SJB - \$ 243.00 2nd Collection
 Mail In - \$1,435.00
 Gift of Giving - \$ 402.10
TOTAL \$ 5,823.10



SECOND COLLECTION
November 20, 2022
Campaign for Human Development

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Nov. 13, 2022 \$ 402.10
TOTAL \$ 11,585.88

Announcements

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Saturday, November 19

5:00 p.m. † Baby Alex Weddel Gutierrez - Aunt
† Frank Cosme - Daughter Sandra
† Gloria Lloyd - Children
† Fr. Eddie Bernal - Cruz Family
Gift of Life Ernestine Tovar - John & Angie
Gift of Life Charlize Martinez - Her Nana

Sunday, November 20

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia
† Vicky Valdez - Friends
For Health Teresa Moreno - Sisters in Christ
Gift of Life Perla Treviño - Nora Treviño
11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Wife
† Louise C. Villarreal - Muñoz Family
† Mike & Frances Calvillo - Family
† Frank & Edward Vielmas - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Family
† David S. Santoyo - Family

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22 - ST. CECILIA

12:00 p.m. † Jesus & Micaela Gurrola - Daughter
† Pete & Pat Darcey - Son

Wednesday, November 23

12:00 p.m. † Justin Rey Martinez - Family
† Roland Lozano - Family

Thursday, November 24 - THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 a.m. † Daniel Romero - Family
† Ernesto Espinosa Campos - Maria Carsadillas
† Jose Oscar Carsadillas - Maria Carsadillas
† Ginny Cruz - Cruz Family
† Clarissa Zerda - Joanne Zerda
† Vincent Zerda - Joanne Zerda
In Thanksgiving Jose & Jesus Castillo Families
In Thanksgiving Martinez and Santoyo Families
For Health Teresa Moreno - Sisters in Christ

Friday, November 25 - OFFICE CLOSED

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today, November 20th ends the liturgical year C and we begin liturgical year A. As we celebrate Christ the King may we be reminded that Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe. His kingship is of peace, joy and happiness. Please be reminded that next Sunday, November 27th will be the first Sunday of Advent and we will begin offering the precious blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving is officially celebrated on Thursday, November 24th. This is a day to reunite and celebrate our family and give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please know that we should be grateful every day of the year for our families and the amenities we enjoy in the United States.

Please join your fellow parishioners on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00 in the morning to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for all our blessings. May God bless you this Thanksgiving and enjoy your families and friends!

The tradition of playing Santa and presenting children with toys will be continued this year. On December 16th, after the Christmas Concert, I will be handing out gifts to all the children in attendance. To achieve success in this project, I greatly need your assistance by donating toys for children ranging in ages from 18 months thru teenagers. If you would, kindly wrap your toy and specify the gender and age. If purchasing toys is not an option for you, gift cards in increments of \$10 each will make great gifts as well. I am confident that my St. John Berchmans community will support me and our children with your generosity. May God bless you.

I seek your support of our Christmas Raffle Ticket project which 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 tickets and make a special effort to sell as many as possible for the benefit of our parish community.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fidèle Okitembo Dikete".

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

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On behalf of Father Fidèle and the entire office staff we pray that you have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving Day with your family.

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, 2022. Regular office hours will resume on Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 a.m.

REMINDER: Parishioners who wish to have their bread blessed for their Thanksgiving meals are asked to bring them to the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, November 20

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

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Wednesday, November 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church
2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidele

Thursday, November 24 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

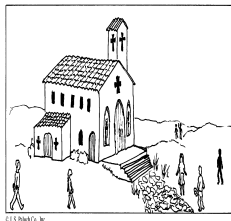
10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass - Church

Friday, November 25 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 20, 2022
*I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the
house of the LORD."
— Psalm 122:1*



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

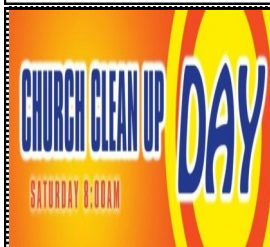
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43). The English translation of the Psalms Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11- 21; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;
Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44



We welcome anyone to help us clean our beautiful church.

**Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.
Ministry Scheduled**

**November 26, 2022
ACTS/JOY**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

**All Souls in Purgatory
Teresa Moreno
Hope Esquivel**



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.



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This is celebrated the last Sunday of the liturgical year and on this day, we contemplate the Kingship of Jesus our Redeemer. It leads into Advent, when the Church anticipates Christ's second coming.

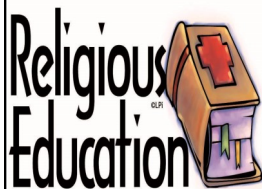
We gather in our churches this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to worship Christ our King. We celebrate the memorial of His death and resurrection. Our Eucharistic King strengthens us to overcome evil with good and hatred and violence with forgiveness and love. May we serve, honor and obey Him in our daily lives.

Come and bow down to him and let him reign in your heart through love!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!!

Father Fidèle will continue his tradition of playing Santa this year. On Friday, December 16th, after the Christmas concert, he will be handing out gifts to all children in attendance.

In order for this event to be successful, Father needs your help and is asking for **toy donations for children ranging from 18 months to teenagers**. We ask that you kindly wrap your toy and specify gender and age. Or if purchasing toys is not an option for you, gift cards in increments of \$10 each will make great gifts as well. Thank you as always for your support of our efforts.



Our Religious Education program will **NOT** conduct classes this weekend **November 20th** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Classes will resume on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

We pray that you and your families enjoy a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday and we thank all parents for continuing to support their children and serving as role models as they walk this spiritual journey.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND -

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - WORKING ON THE MARGINS

With your gift, you help communities change existing structures of poverty and build an economy based on justice and the dignity of the human person. Thank you for your generosity!

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 14:1-3, 4b-5; Sal 24:1-6; Lc 21:1-4

Martes: Ap 14:14-19; Sal 96:10-13; Lc 21:5-11

Miércoles: Ap 15:1-4; Sal 98:1-3, 7-9; Lc 21:12-19

Jueves: Ap 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Sal 100:1-5; Lc 21:20-28

Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia): Sir 50:22-24; Sal 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19

Viernes: Ap 20:1-4, 11 - 21; Sal 84:3-6a, 8a; Lc 21:29-33

Sábado: Ap 22:1-7; Sal 95:1-7ab; Lc 21:34-36

Domingo: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

LA VERDADERA REALEZA DE JESUCRISTO

¿Qué clase de Rey es Jesús? ¿Cómo te lo imaginas? Recordando que se les prometió un rey del linaje de David, los israelitas esperaban a un Mesías que arreglara sus problemas políticos y trajera un reino terrenal de poder judaico. Incluso el salmo 122 parece describir este tipo de gobernante. El Evangelio de Lucas de hoy destruye esta imagen después de que el látigo de los soldados romanos desgarrara la carne de Jesús. Sin embargo, los romanos hicieron alarde de esa noción tradicional con la inscripción irónica en el letrero que pusieron sobre la cabeza de Jesús que está coronada con espinas. Los soldados y la gente de a pie se burlaban de su titulo de realeza. Sin embargo, el trono de Jesús era la cruz de Cristo, desde la que administraba misericordia y justicia majestuosa hacía el criminal humilde que compartía su ejecución. Al escribir a los colosenses, san Pablo describe la verdad sobre Jesús y su realeza, utilizando palabras como plenitud, paz y perdón. Así que ¡vamos a alegrarnos!
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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿A quién puedo perdonar esta semana, imitando así la misericordia del Señor, cultivando las semillas del Reino y llevando una clase de paraíso al corazón de alguien?