

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

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BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE

Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.

WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teachings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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PRESENTE Y FUTURO

Mateo continúa en el Evangelio de hoy el Sermón de la Montaña, que es la extensa enseñanza de Jesús sobre el tema central de su ministerio, el Reino de los Cielos. Mateo destaca a Jesús como un maestro como Moisés, y que hunde sus raíces en la ley de Moisés. Jesús interpreta la ley intensificando su significado, yendo a los valores fundamentales que subyacen a las enseñanzas específicas de la ley. Éstos incluyen la reconciliación con los demás; el cuidado mutuo de todas las personas como algo sagrado, especialmente las mujeres; y ser digno de confianza y honesto.

El Reino de los Cielos se describe tanto en el presente como en el futuro. Cuando estos valores se viven en la vida cotidiana dentro de la comunidad, el Reino se hace presente allí y demostrable a los demás. Jesús también habló de la vida en el futuro, cuando Dios cumpla las promesas divinas de establecer plenamente la justicia y la paz en la tierra. La reconciliación, el cuidado y la confianza que se viven ahora alcanzarán su plenitud en el Reino prometido.

LOS UNOS CON LOS OTROS

El Sermón de la Montaña de hoy gira en torno a las relaciones dentro de la comunidad. Jesús entiende las enseñanzas tradicionales sobre las relaciones a la luz del Reino venidero. Describe una profunda confianza y responsabilidad entre los miembros de la comunidad. No se conforma con cumplir unos requisitos mínimos, sino que orienta a su nueva comunidad hacia el conocimiento íntimo y el cuidado mutuo, para que todos puedan prosperar como individuos y como conjunto.

Aunque subraya la dignidad de cada persona, Jesús también imagina una vida comunitaria en la que existe una responsabilidad mutua. Los miembros deben atender a las luchas y penas de los demás. Los miembros son conscientes de que sus opciones individuales y su estilo de vida serán un ejemplo para los demás. Debemos encontrar la manera de seguir a Jesús juntos en comunidad, no sólo como individuos. Discernimos y vivimos la vocación de nuestra comunidad, no sólo la nuestra. Nuestra unidad con Dios es también entre nosotros.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Eclo 15:15-20; Sal 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



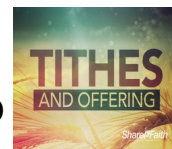
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Frances Lozano	Bobby Rollins	Jennifer Olivarez
Irma Urias	Darlene Lopez	Juanita Martinez
Mary S. Martinez	George Garnica	Maria Rios
Galilea Romero	Adam Alonzo, Jr.	Virginia R. Lucio
Flora Torres	Raymond Serna	Teresa Moreno
Iris Luna Sullivan	Mary Martinez	Guadalupe Rodriguez
Sandy Guerra	Mark Martinez	Gayle Beaver
Abraham Guerra	Cecilia Rodriguez	Rick Peña
Emma O. Velasquez	Albert Rodriguez	Lori Bañuelos
Leticia Lopez Barrera	Albert Casillas	Jesus Lopez
Leticia Martinez	Robert Sanchez	Joe Villanueva
Kenny De La Rosa	Santos Tello	Edith Flores
Raymond Sarabia	Fred Guerra	Isaiah Vasquez
Frank Rodriguez	Vanessa Quintero	Esther Nicholson
Julissa Rodriguez	Mary Alice Vasquez	Valerie Vigil
Miliana Bullock	Suzanne Gutierrez	

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 THE WEEK

ENDING FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$1,047.00
9 AM Mass	-\$1,304.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,509.00
Capital Expenditures	-\$ 645.00 2nd Collection
Black & Native American Churches	-\$ 245.00 Special Arch. Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 440.00
On Line	-\$ 110.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 216.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,516.00



SECOND COLLECTION

February 12, 2023 - Good Samaritans of SJB

2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Feb. 5, 2023	\$ 216.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,021.40

Announcements

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Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. † Pedro E. Martinez - Family
† Gilbert Yanes - Family
† Juan Garces - Socorro & Raquel
† Maggie Quintanilla - Family
For Health Mary Martinez - Family

Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
† Rodney Bruce Winn - Rodriguez Family

11:00 a.m. † Felipe Guadalupe Saldaña - Family
† William George Wohlfarth - Family
† Paul & Juan Salinas - Grace Salinas
For Health Joe Villanueva - Family

Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY

12:00 p.m. † Pedro B. Martinez - Family
For Health Hope Esquivel - Family
Gift of Life Fr. Rudy Carrola - SJB Friends
Gift of Life Kasandra Rae Martinez - Family

Wednesday, February 15

8:15 a.m. † Amy J. Weddel - Sister

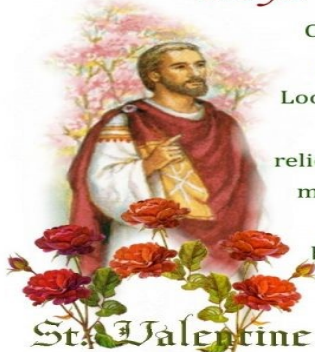
Thursday, February 16

12:00 p.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Familia
† Maggie & Rudy Robles - Friends

Friday, February 17

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

Prayer to Saint Valentine



O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Share Catholic
www.ShareCatholic.com

REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners who have experienced a death in their family:

† Teresa Medina
† Maria I. Bustamante

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This Tuesday, February 14th, we celebrate Valentine's Day. This is an official day when we remember special loved ones and friends in our lives. Please remember that our loved ones should be honored every day of the year.

Have a blessed Valentine's Day with your loved ones and friends.

Enjoy your Super Bowl!

We mourn alongside our brother and sisters in Turkey and Syria, victims of a massive earthquake of 7.8 magnitude with a toll of over 15,000 declared dead. The aftermath and those who are still trapped, may end up increasing the death toll.

We pray for the victims and their families and keep the countries of Turkey and Syria in our prayers as they navigate through this very difficult time.

May all the deceased rest in peace and we hope those still trapped will be rescued.

May God bless and protect our planet.

Please join me in congratulating our sister Mrs. Kimberly Mata who has received the 2023 Lumen Gentium Award (Light the Nations Award) by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. This award is given to lay persons who have demonstrated faithfulness and dedication in parish ministry.

Kimberly Mata, has been a member of St. John Berchmans Parish for several years. She has proven to be dependable, friendly, yet reserved and is knowledgeable in the Christian faith. She is very professional and is respectful and patient with everyone. She is well-known and well-liked among the parishioners because of her involvement in the following ministries: member of the Leaders of the parish, ACTS organization, Joy Ministry, Youth Program, CCD Catechist, Quinceañera coordinator, and a Lector at the 11 morning Mass. Mrs. Mata also serves as the Synod Parish Representative and member of the Festival Planning Committee.

Mrs. Kimberly Mata is well deserving of this award. She is a blessing to our parish community.

God Bless you.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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Announcements

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10;
 Mk 8:14-21
 Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
 Mk 8:22-26
 Thu: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
 Mk 8:27-33
 Fri: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
 Sat: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sun: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

THIS WEEK!
 Here's What's On The Calendar!

ShareFaith

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, February 15

8:15 a.m. Mass - Church
 10:00 a.m. Faith Enrichment Session - Formation
 2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle
 7:00 p.m. Faith Enrichment Session - Formation

Thursday, February 16

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, February 17

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, February 18

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church



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

2023 LUMEN GENTIUM
RECIPIENT
MRS. KIMBERLY MATA

CONGRATULATIONS
AND THANK YOU!

WE ARE BLESSED TO
HAVE YOU IN OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY!



HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023



"It is the presence of the Lord, who reveals Himself and the gift of His grace, that will render your marriage profoundly true."

~Pope Francis

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

Pedro B. Martinez
William George Wohlfarth



It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

We welcome anyone to assist us with cleaning our beautiful church every

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Ministry Scheduled for
February 18, 2023
SCOUTS



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.

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Matthew 5:33

Today’s readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God’s law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God’s commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God’s ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both “hidden” and “revealed.” God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew’s Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God’s law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

For those individuals requiring a Tax letter for their 2022 parish contributions, you are asked to please contact the Parish office during the work week, to set up a date and time for pickup. Office number (210) 434-3247.

We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



GRACE COUNSELING provides quality, holistic, and affordable counseling 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. Specialties include:

- Anxiety, depression and stress management
- Grief and loss
- Relationship and marriage counseling
- Anger management
- Family conflict

Spanish-speaking therapists and teletherapy virtual appointments are also available. Visit us online to learn more about Grace Counseling and to begin the intake process online. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (210) 377-1133

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CYO SPORTS

Our organization is currently registering for the 2023 Baseball/Softball season.

Registration Period runs through Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Registration Fee \$75.00-First child/\$50 each additional child within family. We highly encourage online registration to be completed at: Family Registration Link: reg.sportspilot.com/106373

Or contact: Rosario Estrada (210) 722.1007 Email: restradajr1@att.net

OR Andrew Dominguez (210) 725-6137 Email: ardmed05@gmail.com



LA GLORIA DEL CAMINO DIVINO

Las lecturas de hoy nos llevan a profundidades eternas y vibrantes. Seguidores de la ley de Dios, pertenecemos a tradiciones antiguas. Hijos de Dios, nos maravillamos ante la frescura de la creación. Las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento, del Eclesiástico y de los Salmos, celebran las ricas bendiciones que recibimos cuando observamos los mandatos de Dios, no porque seamos esclavos de la ley, sino porque la ley da vida en abundancia. La carta de san Pablo a los Corintios confirma la gloria de la ley divina, pero advierte que los caminos de Dios tienden a ser impopulares e incomprensidos en este mundo. Pablo habla de la antigua sabiduría de Dios, que está misteriosamente “oculta” y “revelada”. Dios no tiene códigos secretos que los mortales terrenales no podemos entender; en el amor, Dios revela la gloria del camino divino en Jesús. El Evangelio de san Mateo subraya la importancia de vivir en la ley de Dios, animada por una relación profunda y personal con Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cómo las tentaciones del enojo, la lujuria o el engaño afectan lo que digo o hago? ¿Cómo puedo cultivar el hábito de tratar a todos las personas con honestidad, misericordia y amor?