

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

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LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY'S READINGS: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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ESCUCHAR DURANTE EL VIAJE

¿Has hecho alguna vez un viaje largo con un familiar o un amigo y se ha encontrado hablando de las cosas más profundas de la vida? Con el tiempo, lo mundano puede dar paso a temas de significado y propósito. A veces hablamos de nuestro paso por la vida y la fe como de un viaje. La metáfora del viaje es adecuada, ya que no se trata sólo de ir de un punto a otro de la misma manera que hacemos un viaje rápido o damos una vuelta a la manzana: el proceso de vivir en la fe es un proceso de crecimiento y cambio a lo largo del tiempo. En el viaje de la vida y de la fe, podemos encontrar la gracia de hablar profundamente con el Señor y escuchar la voz de Dios, que nos fortalece para afrontar los retos de vivir como seguidores de Cristo.

DIOS ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS

Puede resultar difícil comprender que el Dios de la gloria, del poder y del amor eterno está siempre con nosotros. Verdaderamente, éste es uno de los grandes misterios de nuestra fe cristiana. Cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz, recordamos la vida que sale a la luz en Cristo. La vida misma, la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús son la prueba de la determinación de Dios de amarnos a través de todo. Jesús no sólo es la prueba del amor de Dios, sino que su misma presencia con nosotros y dentro de nosotros es una efusión de ese amor. Esta Cuaresma, dedica tiempo a escuchar al Señor y deja que lo que oigas te ayude a alejarte del pecado y a acercarte a la vida y la inmortalidad del discípulo cristiano.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Syl Vasquez, Jr. | Lydia Soriano | Jennifer Olivarez |
| Sarah Contreras | Bobby Rollins | Juanita Martinez |
| Marty Carrera Tobias | Darlene Lopez | Maria Rios |
| Frances Lozano | George Garnica | Virginia R. Lucio |
| Irma Urias | Adam Alonzo, Jr. | Teresa Moreno |
| Mary S. Martinez | Raymond Serna | Guadalupe Rodriguez |
| Galilea Romero | Mary Martinez | Gayle Beaver |
| Flora Torres | Mark Martinez | Rick Peña |
| Iris Luna Sullivan | Cecilia Rodriguez | Lori Bañuelos |
| Sandy Guerra | Albert Rodriguez | Jesus Lopez |
| Abraham Guerra | Albert Casillas | Joe Villanueva |
| Emma O. Velasquez | Robert Sanchez | Edith Flores |
| Leticia Martinez | Santos Tello | Isaiiah Vasquez |
| Kenny De La Rosa | Vanessa Quintero | Esther Nicholson |
| Raymond Sarabia | Mary Alice Vasquez | Valerie Vigil |
| Frank Rodriguez | Suzanne Gutierrez | Rena Heard |
| Julissa Rodriguez | Heath Herring | Marty Wind |
| Miliana Bullock | Joe Cevallos | Logan |
| Hope Esquivel | Oscar Arcos | Margie Zuniga |

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 26, 2023

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 5 PM Mass | -\$1,532.00 | |
| 9 AM Mass | -\$1,056.00 | |
| 11 AM Mass | -\$1,632.00 | |
| IGBO Mass | -\$ 95.00 | |
| Religious Education | -\$ 375.00 | |
| Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities | -\$ 1,127.00 | 2nd Collection |
| Black/Indian Missions | -\$ 299.00 | Arch. Sp. Coll. |
| Mail In | -\$ 835.00 | |
| On Line | -\$ 30.00 | |
| Gift of Giving | -\$ 439.20 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,420.20 | |

SECOND COLLECTION

March 5, 2023 - Capital Improvements

2023 GIFT OF GIVING

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| Contributions ending Feb. 26, 2023 | \$ <u>439.20</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,487.70 |

Announcements

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Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Diaz - Mary Jane Gomez
† Frankie Weddel - Aunt
† Roger G. Garcia - Robert Buchanan
† Alamar Jaramillo - Socorro & Raquel
† Paul Sifuentes (RIP) - Wife Lucy
For Health Mary Martinez - Family

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
For Health Joe Villanueva - Family
11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Felipe & Guadalupe Saldaña - Family
† Paul & Juan Salinas - Grace Salinas
Gift of Life Analisa Alaniz - Family

Monday, March 6

12:00 p.m. For our Parish Community

Tuesday, March 7

12:00 p.m. † Father Frank Torres - David Ochoa
Gift of Life Libby Castillo - Tías
For Health Lori Banuelos - Tía Gloria

Wednesday, March 8

8:15 a.m. † Cecilia Espinoza - Guadalupanas
For Health Nora Garcia - SJB Family

Thursday, March 9

12:00 p.m. † Jesse & Pauline Arocha - SJB Family
For Health Nora Garcia - SJB Family

Friday, March 10

12:00 p.m. † Baltazar Vasquez - Mary De Los Santos
† Inez De Los Santos - Mom-Mary De Los Santos
For Health Margie Zuniga - Guadalupanas

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Lenten Talks scheduled for this week:

Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. AND Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Topic will be, "HOW JESUS PRAYED". Our Guest Speaker will be Msgr. Rev. Dennis C. Darilek.

Father Fidèle strongly encourages everyone to come and share in these special Lenten messages to help strengthen our Lenten journey.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The Lenten Season officially commenced on Ash Wednesday. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to cultivate and improve your relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ by praying, fasting and almsgiving. We need your full participation in all spiritual activities organized by the community. Have a prayerful Lenten Season.

I invite you to join me **Sunday through Friday at 6pm and on Saturday at 4pm**, in the church, as we pray the **rosary until the end of the Lenten season**. You are also encouraged to participate in **daily adoration Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm with a lunch break from 12:30pm thru 2pm**.

Our **daily Mass is at 12 noon Monday through Friday except on Wednesday at 8:15am (School Mass)**. We encourage you to boost your spiritual life and have a prayerful Lenten season.

J.S. Paluch company that has assisted our parish in producing our bulletins has now ceased its communication tools to Catholic parishes across the United States. Please join me in thanking them for a remarkable job and the resource help they have afforded us over the past ten years under my leadership. I thank Olivia Santoyo for having taken the initiative to continue editing the bulletin on her own. We hope to use the last page of the bulletin for ads and advertisement.

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend the Lenten workshop presented by Msgr. Fr. Dennis Darilek on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7th and 8th at 7:00 in the evening. Please make an effort to attend.

We pray for the victims and their families and we 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.

We also continue praying for the end of war in Ukraine. May God bless and protect our planet.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat: Mi 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42



Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass - Church
 11:00 a.m. Mass - Church
 1:00 p.m. Guadalupana Bingo - Cafeteria
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Monday, March 6

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel
 12 p.m. Mass - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Tuesday, March 7

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Talk - Church

Wednesday, March 8

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church
 9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel
 2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Talk - Church

Thursday, March 9

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - church

Friday, March 10

9am-12 Noon & 2-5pm Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning
 4:00 p.m. Rosary - Church
 5:00 p.m. Mass - Church



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
(IN THE CHAPEL)
9:00 AM - 12 Noon AND
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

A CATHOLIC'S MARCH TO-DO LIST

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| STAY STRONG DURING LENT | LEARN THE PRAYER OF ST. JOSEPH | PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS | READ A BOOK ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS |
| GO TO CONFESSION | PRAY THE 7 SORROWS OF MARY | FIND OUT WHAT JESUS' LAST WORDS WERE | START PLANNING YOUR MARY GARDEN |
| MARCH 17 LEARN ABOUT WHAT ST. PATRICK ACTUALLY DID | MARCH 19 MAKE AN ALTAR FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH | ALL MONTH PRAY FOR THE POPE'S INTENTION: CATHOLIC'S IN CHINA | MARCH 25 CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION |



REST IN PEACE

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

† ZULEMA GALLEGOS MARTINEZ

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

MINNIE TALAMANTES

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
March 11, 2023
LECTORS



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.



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." Matthew 17:5
"Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; escúchenlo." Mateo 17:5

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night at 7 p.m. our parishioners remember Jesus as we trace the footsteps of Christ, on his journey from being condemned to death and up to his resurrection. This 14 step Catholic devotion commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth.

In knowing that our Lord and Savior died such a violent death for love of us, meditating on the Stations of the Cross becomes an experience where one can unite with Christ.

Ministry Scheduled for FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 at 7pm - Youth/CYO/Altar Servers



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS GUADALUPANA MEAT BINGO

DATE: Sunday, March 5, 2023

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: St. John Berchmans Cafeteria

COST: \$10 per card - Good for 15 regular games

Delicious food and Drinks are available for purchase.

Please join us for a fun afternoon and support this important ministry!

Orders are now being taken for **Holy Thursday Candles**. The cost is **\$5 each or \$60 for the case**. You may also place your order for **Easter Lilies for \$10 each**. Please contact the Parish office (210.434-3247) to place your orders.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103:1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

PUNTOS DE INFLEXIÓN

Nuestras lecturas de hoy describen puntos de inflexión para aquellos a quienes Dios ha elegido. En el Génesis, Dios llama a Abram para que abandone su tierra natal, con la promesa de formar un pueblo en una nueva tierra. En el Evangelio, los discípulos ven a Jesús literalmente bajo una nueva luz, la luz brillante de la transfiguración de Jesús. Empiezan a ver a Jesús, y a ellos mismos, de una manera nueva. Son momentos en los que Dios presenta un nuevo camino hacia adelante, proporcionando un nuevo propósito y energía. Nuestras vidas también tienen sus propios puntos de inflexión, en los que Dios trabaja (normalmente de forma menos espectacular) para llevarnos a una mayor madurez y a una unidad más profunda con Dios y con los demás. El camino que tenemos por delante, como el de Abram, Jesús y los discípulos, puede ser largo y difícil. La Cuaresma puede ser un tiempo en el que reflexionemos sobre estos puntos de inflexión en nuestro pasado, y consideremos cómo Dios puede estar suscitando algo nuevo en nosotros hoy.

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué cruces me han sido difíciles de cargar o no he estado dispuesto a cargar? ¿Qué cruces no he ni siquiera pensado en cargar, pero sé que cargarlas le aliviaría la carga a alguien que conozco bien o a alguna persona necesitada? ¿Qué cruz puedo cargar que transfigure mi vida en esta Cuaresma?