

# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023

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## RECIPE FOR RIGHT LIVING

Our readings today could be seen as a simple recipe for right living. In the Hebrew Bible, hospitality is regarded as one of the highest virtues. Conditions were harsh, and when people received guests or strangers, they washed their feet, provided a meal, and offered shelter if they could. In Second Kings, a woman's generosity is rewarded with the prospect of a child. In Romans we are called to recognize our baptism in Christ. We are called to be "dead to sin, and living in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel passage from Saint Luke, Jesus bids us to take up our cross, and to receive others as if we were receiving Christ. Put them together, and all of them are a call to see the holy, to see God in others, and to live our lives in Christ.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalms** — I will always sing of the Lord's promises (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

## RECETA PARA VIVIR BIEN

Nuestras lecturas de hoy podrían considerarse una sencilla receta para vivir bien. En la Biblia hebrea, la hospitalidad se considera una de las virtudes más elevadas. Las condiciones eran duras, y cuando la gente recibía invitados o extraños, les lavaban los pies, les proporcionaban una comida y les ofrecían refugio si podían. En la segunda carta de los Reyes, la generosidad de una mujer es recompensada con la posibilidad de tener un hijo. En Romanos se nos llama a reconocer nuestro bautismo en Cristo. Estamos llamados a estar "muertos al pecado, y vivir en Cristo Jesús". En el pasaje del Evangelio de san Lucas, Jesús nos pide que tomemos nuestra cruz, y que recibamos a los demás como si recibiéramos a Cristo. Si los ponemos juntos, todos ellos son una llamada a ver lo santo, a ver a Dios en los demás, y a vivir nuestra vida en Cristo.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — La hospitalidad genuina se alaba mucho (2 Reyes 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Salmo** — Siempre cantaré las promesas del Señor (Salmo 89).

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan para Dios en Cristo Jesús (Romanos 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — El que los recibe a ustedes, a mí me recibe. (Mateo 10:37-42).



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Adam Alonzo, Jr.	Valerie Vigil
Marty Carrera Tobias	Mary Martinez	Rena Heard
Frances Lozano	Mark Martinez	Marty Wind
Irma Urias	Albert Rodriguez	Maldonado Family
Mary S. Martinez	Albert Casillas	Margie Zuniga
Galilea Romero	Robert Sanchez	Joyce Ochoa
Flora Torres	Vanessa Quintero	Ann Marie Eickenroht
Iris Luna Sullivan	Joe Cevallos	Rosemary Flores
Sandy Guerra	Oscar Arcos	Jennifer Flores
Abraham Guerra	Juanita Martinez	Anthony Ramirez
Emma O. Velasquez	Maria Rios	Carmen Garza
Leticia Martinez	Virginia R. Lucio	Gloria Rubio
Kenny De La Rosa	Guadalupe Rodriguez	Duncan Paul Brown
Raymond Sarabia	Lori Bañuelos	Lisa Brown
Frank Rodriguez	Jesus Lopez	Mary Herrera
Julissa Rodriguez	Joe Villanueva	Rebecca Zuniga
Miliana Bullock	Edith Flores	Rosa Elva Villanueva
Lydia Soriano	Isaiah Vasquez	Irene Lloyd
George Garnica	Esther Nicholson	Fred Guerra

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 JUNE 25, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$ 997.00		
9 AM Mass	-\$ 628.20		
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,648.00		
IGBO Mass	-\$ 430.00		
Festival Expenses	-\$ 425.00		2nd Collection
Peter's Pence	-\$ 259.00		Arch Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 875.00		
Gift of Giving	-\$ 202.95		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,464.95</b>		

## SECOND COLLECTION

July 1-2, 2023

Capital Expenditures

## 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending June 25, 2023	\$ 202.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,078.71</b>

# Announcements

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## Saturday, July 1

5:00 p.m. † Infant Robert Chance - Family  
For Health Edith Flores - SJB Family  
Gift of Life Lori Nicole Flores - Family

## Sunday, July 2

9:00 a.m. † Dolores Crittall - Angelita Canales  
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Dolores Crittall - Victoria Sanchez  
Health Joe Villanueva - Family  
Health Edna Mosely - Victoria Sanchez  
Health Edith Flores - Rosary Makers  
Health Joe Crittall - Victoria Sanchez  
11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family  
† Mr. Vidal M. Ruiz - Daughter  
† Arturo Parra - Family  
† Olga C. Nava - Nava Family  
† Maria N. Villaseñor - Nava Family  
Health Joshua Perez - Grandmother

## Monday, July 3 - ST. THOMAS

## Tuesday, July 4 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

## Wednesday, July 5 - ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA

12:00 p.m. † Tony Zapata - SJB Family  
Health Michael Zerda - Joanne Zerda  
Gift of Life Baby Asher Jordan Martinez - Family

## Thursday, July 6 - ST. MARIA GORETTI

12:00 p.m. † Beatrice Barron - Family  
† Infant Robert Chance - Family

## Friday, July 7

12:00 p.m. † Lucy Hermosa Villarreal - SJB Family  
† Belen Granados - SJB Family

### **CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

#### **Morning Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works, joys,  
and sufferings of this day  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world.

I offer them for all the intentions  
of your Sacred Heart:  
the salvation of souls,  
reparation for sin,  
and the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops,  
and of all the Apostles of Prayer,  
and in particular  
for those recommended by our Holy Father  
for this month.

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Congratulations to our great country of the United States of America on its 247th birthday! We are so fortunate to be citizens of a country that allows us such freedoms in our daily lives. Let us acknowledge the many persons who have sacrificed so that we may have a country that is the envy of so many.

Please remember the members of our Armed Forces, past and present, who chose to defend our rights. May God bless our country and inspire us to maintain our freedoms by becoming responsible citizens. Happy Fourth of July!

The financial report insert provides you with information over what you, my Parishioners and friends, have accomplished for our parish community. Your continued faithfulness, cooperation, prayers, participation, and generosity are truly appreciated.

May God continue to bless our parish community, parish organizations, ministries, SJB school and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been cutting the grass and weed on our parish property, especially the baseball field. It has been a community effort.

Special appreciation is extended to: Gabe Lara, Felix and Genevieve Perez, Louis Gonzales, Alfred Garcia, Alfred Riojas, Charles DeHoyos, Adam Arevalos, †Tony Zapata and Antonio Mendoza. Many more volunteers are still needed in order to maintain our property clean.

The season of summer has finally arrived! I hope that everyone has a restful and fun time with their family and friends. Please remember to attend Sunday mass and respect the Lord's house by maintaining the appropriate dress code.

If traveling, access [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to locate a church in the area. (Mass times for travel website).

We continue praying for the end of war in Ukraine and for peace.

**May God bless you!**

**Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MEN'S ACTS RETREATS - AUGUST 24 - 27, 2023**

Location: Cordi Marian. Details forthcoming.

## BBO PLATE FUNDRAISER

(Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans & Trimmings)

**DATE: Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**TIME: 11AM - 4 PM**

**COST: \$12.00 (Tickets will be available after all Masses and in Parish Office)**

**PLATES WILL BE PICK UP AND TO GO ONLY!!**



### Sunday, July 2

9:00 a.m.

Bilingual Mass - Church

11:00 a.m.

Mass - Church

### Monday, July 3

### Tuesday, July 4 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

### Wednesday, July 5

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House

2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House

### Thursday, July 6

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

### Friday, July 7

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

### Saturday, July 8

8:00 a.m.

Church cleaning

5:00 p.m.

Mass - Church

## REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners and their families who have experienced the loss of their loved ones:

† SYLVIA ANN ALVAREZ  
† INFANT ROBERT CHANCE



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

† INFANT ROBERT CHANCE

We are reminded of the faithful presence of Christ, and is a profession of HIS love and affection.

## ASK A LAWYER ABOUT WILLS - CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Creating a Last Will and Testament is an important legal step that allows you to have control over how your assets and property will be distributed after your passing. It also allows you to make your wishes known about the management of your property and disposition of your remains. It's important to work with a qualified attorney who can guide you through the process of creating a legal document that reflects your wishes.

At Caritas Legal Services, (Catholic Charities) we specialize in helping individuals prepare Wills and other estate planning documents, such as Financial or Medical Powers of Attorney. Our team of attorneys is dedicated to providing you with the guidance and support you need to navigate this complex process with ease.

Attend our next Ask A Lawyer event to talk to our Caritas attorneys about your Will and Testament.

**Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 9am - 12pm**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd, 1065 E. Live Oak Rd Schertz, TX 78154**

We welcome anyone to assist us with cleaning our beautiful church. Every weekend we are faced with needing assistance.



**When: Every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Ministry Scheduled for Saturday, JULY 8, 2023**  
**VIGIL TEAM**

## 5 THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1 HE IS A PERSON**  
The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.
- 2 HE IS FULLY GOD**  
All three persons of the Trinity are fully God and "equal in glory".
- 3 HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED**  
God eternally exists as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 4 YOU RECEIVE HIM AT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION**  
We receive Him first in Baptism, and then is strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.
- 5 CHRISTIANS ARE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
We have the Holy Spirit indwelling in us. We must live accordingly.

INFORMATION FROM CHURCHPOP.COM

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## 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?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



And if  
you give  
even a cup  
of cold water  
to one of  
the least of  
my followers,  
you will  
surely be  
REWARDED."

### WHO DO YOU LOVE?

Jesus asks his disciples to have total dedication to following him. As an example, he tells us that to be worthy we must love him more than we love our parents or children. If we see someone in our family stray from the faith, we try to bring them back by our prayers, example, and encouragement.

Jesus then gives examples of three kinds of disciples. First are the prophets. These are people who have lived the faith and are able to teach others the wisdom they have learned. Second are the righteous, those whose quiet lives teach by example. Many good parents practice this type of discipleship. Children may not listen to their parents' advice, but still grow up with memories of how they lived. Finally, there are the "little ones."

These, like children, follow Jesus with great joy and love. They may be elderly, or disabled. When we respect and cherish them, we are able to see Jesus in them. And anytime we can experience Jesus through another person is a wonderful reward for a disciple.

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### 7 SUMMER TIPS FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS

- 1.) **PRAY** - Schedule prayer time not only for yourself but also for your children. Prayer is so basic, yet in the chaos of family life it can easily be neglected.
- 2.) **MAKE A SUMMER BUCKET LIST** - Sit down as a family and make a list of the things that you would hope to do. Talk about a fun vacation destination or simple service project like making cookies for neighbors or writing letters to a sponsored child. Include something for everyone to enjoy, keep it realistic but fun. Tip: Choose one day of the week as your field trip day.
- 3.) **READ A LOT** - Don't let your children forget all that they've learned during the school year over the summer. Make time for reading every day and pick a good book to read together as a family. Library programs also help keep kids focused and motivated.
- 4.) **PLAY OUTSIDE** - Everyone feels better with fresh air and exercise. Although the weather has been extremely hot use common sense and try activities or swimming. Tip: Try self-filling water balloons.
- 5.) **TIME TO RELAX** - Days spent in PJ's watching movies, sleeping in, or playing occasional video games can be a treat. Of course, not too much screen time. Tip: Find apps and online games that help your kids learn.
- 6.) **VACATION** - Studies continually show that experiences bring more joy than things. Save your money for adventures. Tip: When you vacation, look for Catholic destinations like shrines or cathedrals to make a part of your trip.
- 7.) **MAKE IT TO MASS** - It should go without saying, but summer vacation does not mean a vacation from Mass. Keep this your priority no matter what season we're in! Tip: Summer is a great time to give daily Mass a try. Try going to Mass one extra day a week and maybe add in time for Confession **too**.



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2023.**

We will resume normal working hours on **Wednesday July 5th at 9:00 am**. Thank you and have a safe 4th!

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 117 :1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
 Martes: Gn 19:15-29; Sal 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27  
 Miércoles: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Sal 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
 Jueves: Gn 22:1b-19; Sal 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
 Viernes: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Sal 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Sábado: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Sal 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17  
 Domingo: Zac 9:9-10; Sal 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

### LITURGIA DEL DIA

El Espíritu Santo nos convoca a este lugar santo cada semana para reunirnos como comunidad de fe y celebrar la Eucaristía. Eucaristía significa, al pie de la letra, "acción de gracias" y nosotros estamos eternamente agradecidos a Dios por enviar a su Hijo, que nos da su cuerpo y su sangre para nutrirnos, redimirnos y darnos la vida eterna. Que el Señor, que acepto su cruz, nos de la valentía para cargar nuestras propias cruces, para identificarnos con los demás que llevan sus cruces y para ayudar a aquellos cuyas cruces son demasiado pesadas para cargarlas solos.

### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cómo me pide Dios hoy que doblegue mi voluntad? ¿A quién puedo ayudar a cargar su cruz en un acto de solidaridad cristiana?