

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

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AN APPROACHABLE GOD

Many years ago, there was a very popular Christian poster that did nothing but list names for God from the scriptures. While it included powerful names like “Lion of Judah” and “Wonderful Counselor,” as a whole it was a sharp contrast to the simple and beautiful images present in our scriptures today. The prophet Zechariah prefigures the Christ coming in meekly and mildly on an ass—the vision we might have of Palm Sunday. In Romans Saint Paul reveals to us our truer selves, calling us to embrace the Spirit of Christ, put aside our fleshly beings, and live more fully in Christ. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus bypasses the learned, and God reveals things to the childlike. We are presented with a simple, straightforward approach to God, and to finding God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalms — My God and King, I will bless you forever (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

UN DIOS ACCESIBLE

Hace muchos años, había un póster cristiano muy popular que no hacía más que enumerar nombres de Dios de las Escrituras. Aunque incluía nombres poderosos como “León de Judá” y “Consejero maravilloso”, en su conjunto contrastaba con las sencillas y bellas imágenes presentes en nuestras escrituras de hoy. El profeta Zacarías prefigura al Cristo que viene manso y suave sobre un asno, la visión que podríamos tener del Domingo de Ramos. En Romanos, san Pablo nos revela nuestro verdadero yo, llamándonos a abrazar el Espíritu de Cristo, a dejar de lado nuestro ser carnal y a vivir más plenamente en Cristo. En el Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús deja de lado a los sabios, y Dios revela las cosas a los niños. Se nos presenta una aproximación sencilla y directa a Dios, y a la búsqueda de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - Nuestro Salvador es un pacificador que reina hasta los confines de la tierra (Zacarías 9:9-10).

Salmo — Mi Dios y rey, los bendeciré para siempre (Salmo 145).

Segunda lectura — Si por el Espíritu matan las obras de la carne, vivirán en el Espíritu de Dios (Romanos 8: 9, 11-13).

Evangelio — Vengan a mí los que se sientan cargados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviaré (Mateo 11:25-30).



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



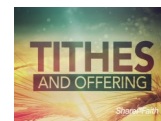
Sarah Contreras	Mary Martinez	Rena Heard
Marty Carrera Tobias	Mark Martinez	Marty Wind
Frances Lozano	Albert Rodriguez	Maldonado Family
Irma Urias	Albert Casillas	Margie Zuniga
Mary S. Martinez	Robert Sanchez	Joyce Ochoa
Galilea Romero	Vanessa Quintero	Ann Marie Eickenroht
Flora Torres	Joe Cevallos	Rosemary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

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 JULY 2, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$1,165.00
9 AM Mass	-\$1,223.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,531.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 825.00 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 455.00
Online	-\$ 130.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 191.65
TOTAL	\$5,520.65



SECOND COLLECTION

July 8-9, 2023

Good Samaritans of SJB

2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending July 2, 2023	\$ 191.65
TOTAL	\$ 10,078.71

Announcements

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Saturday, July 8

5:00 p.m. † Roger G. Garcia - Robert Buchanan
† Henry Z. Vidal - Wife Janie Vidal
† Beatrice Barron - Children

Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. † Pauline Juarez - Angelita Canales
† Stephanie Weddell - Aunt
† Roland Cuellar - Mom & Dad
† Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas
† Dolores Crittall - Angelita Canales
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
Joe Villanueva - Family

Health

11:00 a.m. † Maria Isabel Castro - Family
† Infant Robert Chance - Family

Gift of Life Deborah Barnes - Friends

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11 - ST. BENEDICT

12:00 p.m. † Antonio Zapata - SJB Family

Gift of Life Evelyn Parra - Family

Gift of Life Maria Millard - Friends

Wednesday, July 12

12:00 p.m. † Tina Garcia - SJB Family
† Jeannie Ybarra - SJB Family

Thursday, July 13 - ST. HENRY

12:00 p.m. † Frances Ramirez - SJB Family

In Thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary
Reynaldo & Sandra Martinez

Gift of Life Lucia Mares - Dolores Montez

Friday, July 14

12:00 p.m. † Elena Garcia - SJB Family

Gift of Life Mary S. Martinez - Family

Gift of Life Sarah Cervantes - Friends

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe
that you are one God
in three divine persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son
became man and died for our sins,
and that he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths
which the holy catholic Church teaches,
because in revealing them
you can neither deceive nor be deceived.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Our Fall festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 2:00 in the afternoon until midnight. I invite each one of you to support our efforts to make this fall festival a success.

The festival committee has been working hard to organize and plan this yearly celebration. We have several bands in place, DJ, food booths, silent auction, children's rides, raffle, etc.

Please remember that our fall festival is the only yearly fundraiser for our parish. Please be as generous as you can by either selling raffle tickets, donating towards chicken plate or volunteering in different capacities. Let us come together to celebrate all the blessings and also raise the money for our church community.

Last weeks financial report provided you with information that you, my Parishioners and friends, have accomplished for our parish community. Your continued faithfulness, cooperation, prayers, participation and generosity are greatly 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 weeds on our parish property, most especially the baseball field. This has been a community effort.

Special appreciation is given to:

- Gabe Lara
- Felix and Genevieve Perez
- Louis Gonzales
- Alfred Garcia
- Alfred Riojas
- Charles De Hoyos
- Adam Arevalos
- Antonio Mendoza
- † Antonio Tony Zapata

More volunteers are still needed to continue maintaining 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.

May God bless you!

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

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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 9

9:00 a.m.

Bilingual Mass - Church

11:00 a.m.

Mass - Church

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, July 12

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 13

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Friday, July 14

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Saturday, July 15

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:

† ANTONIO ZAPATA
† LUCRECIA MUZQUIZ



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.



We are fortunate to have an organization that addresses our community concerns.

We invite you to our next neighborhood association meeting to learn of events happening in our community.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

1626 W. THOMPSON PLACE

6:00 P.M.



PROJECT COOL IS UNDERWAY

Project Cool, which donates new box fans to senior citizens, is underway.

To donate or request a fan, call 210) 226-6178.

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 15, 2023
SCOUTS**

WHATEVER YOUR CROSS, YOU ARE NOT ALONE...

"CARRY YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME"

MATTHEW 16:24



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Announcements!



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?

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.

MEEK AND HUMBLE HEART

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is "meek and humble of heart." Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty? Jesus' meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words "learn from me." We must learn to do God's will as completely as Jesus did.

First, to be complete means that we do all that God wants from us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. For example, we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God's will completely means doing it without reservation.

Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God's will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

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ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

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The Archdiocese of San Antonio requires that all ordained ministers, volunteers and staff members complete and keep current their Virtus Online Safe Environment training. Your certifications must be renewed every three years. All volunteers must also pass a background check.

FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Go to 'VIRTUS' safe environment training at <https://www.virtusonline.org> create an account and complete your training and background check.

FOR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Sign in to your Virtus account and see if you need to update your certifications, background check or personal information.

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

To learn more about Caritas Legal Services, visit ccaosaorg/caritas-legal-services or call (210) 433-3256.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 28:10-22a; Sal 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Martes: Gn 32:23-33; Sal 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Miércoles: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Sal 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Jueves: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Sal 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Viernes: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Sal 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Sábado: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Sal 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Domingo: Is 55:10-11; Sal 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

LITURGIA DEL DIA

Aunque venimos aquí para celebrar la Eucaristía, los agobios de la vida pueden pesarnos mucho, tanto en la mente y en el corazón, hasta aun físicamente. Puede que estemos cansados por trabajar seis días a la semana. Puede que estemos ansiosos por la salud de un miembro de la familia. Puede que estemos de luto por la pérdida de un ser querido. O puede, sencillamente, que estemos agotados físicamente o emocionalmente. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús estimula a las multitudes: "Vengan a mi, todos los que estén fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo les dare alivio." El nos dice lo mismo a nosotros hoy. Recurrámos al Señor para que nos consuele, pues su yugo es suave y su carga ligera.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA ¿A quiénes puedo ayudar esta semana para tratar de hacerles más ligera su carga? ¿Cómo podemos compartir su yugo, como los bueyes que trabajan conjuntamente?