

# 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023

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## CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PROMISES

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Psalm** — Near is the Lord's salvation to those who fear God (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

## CONFIANZA EN LAS PROMESAS DE DIOS

Nuestras lecturas de hoy exploran cómo comienza la fe y cómo funciona. La fe comienza con la iniciativa de amor de Dios, junto con la promesa de Dios sobre el futuro. El pasaje de Hebreos insta a los lectores a tener una confianza segura en Dios, que prometió y entregó un legado duradero a Abraham. El libro de la Sabiduría recuerda a los lectores al Dios que prometió y liberó de la esclavitud durante el Éxodo. En el pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús comienza con la promesa de que "su Padre se complace en darles el Reino", antes de describir cómo vivir con fidelidad en los momentos en que Dios parece ausente. Las promesas de Dios significan que Dios está plenamente implicado en nuestro futuro. Viviendo en estas promesas, podemos dejar de lado con confianza el miedo y la inseguridad. Podemos anticipar que cuando Dios interviene en nuestras vidas, será para nuestro beneficio. Y podemos convertirnos en socios de Dios en el cumplimiento de estas promesas divinas.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Sal afuera y ponte de pie en el cerro ante el Señor (1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Salmo** — Cerca está la salvación del Señor para aquellos que temen a Dios (Salmo 85).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo es uno de los israelitas, quien como Dios, está por encima de todo (Romanos 9:1-5).

**Evangelio** — Señor, si eres tú, manda que yo llegue hasta ti caminando sobre el agua (Mateo 14:22-33).



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras  
Marty Carrera Tobias  
Frances Lozano  
Irma Urias  
Mary S. Martinez  
Galilea Romero  
Flora Torres  
Iris Luna Sullivan  
Sandy Guerra  
Abraham Guerra  
Emma O. Velasquez  
Leticia Martinez  
Kenny De La Rosa  
Raymond Sarabia  
Frank Rodriguez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Miliana Bullock  
Lydia Soriano  
Albert Casillas

Robert Sanchez  
Vanessa Quintero  
Joe Cevallos  
Juanita Martinez  
Maria Rios  
Virginia R. Lucio  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Lori Bañuelos  
Joe Villanueva  
Edith Flores  
Isaiah Vasquez  
Esther Nicholson  
Valerie Vigil  
Dolores Muñoz  
Marty Wind  
Maldonado Family  
Margie Zuniga  
Ann Marie Eickenroht  
Rosemary Flores

Anthony Ramirez  
Carmen Garza  
Gloria Rubio  
Duncan Paul Brown  
Lisa Brown  
Mary Herrera  
Rebecca Zuniga  
Rosa Elva Villaseñor  
Irene Lloyd  
Fred Guerra  
Lupe Gomez  
Mary Cano  
Angie Canales  
Joseph Kavanaugh  
Rosie Gallegos  
Isidoro Munoz  
Aurora Moreno

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.



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## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

ENDING AUGUST 6, 2023

5 PM Mass -\$ 1,832.00

9 AM Mass -\$ 789.00

11 AM Mass -\$1,276.00

Capital Improvements -\$ 765.00 2nd Collection

Mail In -\$ 490.00

On Line -\$ 100.00

Gift of Giving -\$ 184.85

**TOTAL \$5,436.85**

## SECOND COLLECTION

August 12 - 13, 2023

GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

## 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending August 6, 2023 \$ 184.85

**TOTAL \$ 10,803.87**

# Announcements

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## Saturday, August 12

5:00 p.m. † Enrico Paoletti - Socorro & Raquel  
† Gabina Arocha - Family

## Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas  
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Anastacio Gonzales - Cantu Family  
† Paul & Juan Salinas - Salinas Family  
† Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family

11:00 a.m. † Aurelio Alvarado - Daughters  
**Health** Rosie Gallegos - SJB Family  
**Health** Aurora Moreno - SJB Family

## Monday, August 14

### Tuesday, August 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -Holy Day of Obligation

8:15 a.m. † William Valdez  
7:00 p.m. † Justin Rey Martinez - Family

## Wednesday, August 16

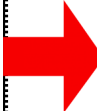
12:00 p.m. † Lucy Hermosa Villarreal - SJB Family

## Thursday, August 17

12:00 p.m. † Hilda Valdez - SJB Family

## Friday, August 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family

 **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THANK YOU!**

### ONLINE DONATIONS:

- Cash App: \$StJohnBerchmans
- Pay-Pal: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com
- Venmo: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would watch over our children as they return to school.

Keep them safe from all harm and guide them in all their ways.

Lord, we also ask that you would protect our teachers and school staff.

Given them strength and wisdom as they work with our children each day.

And finally, we pray for all parents who are sending their children back to school.

May we find comfort in knowing that you are carrying them all in the palm of your hand.

**In your name we pray,  
AMEN**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who made the Guadalupana Bingo so very successful! They raised a net profit of \$5,067.50! I thank all of you who contributed by buying, selling tickets, playing Bingo and buying food. A special thanks goes to the Guadalupanas for their dedication to our community and to Our Lady of Guadalupe. May God continue to bless our community.

This **Tuesday, August 15th**, is a **Holy Day of Obligation** as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God into heaven. Please join your fellow parishioners **at 7:00 in the evening for a bilingual Mass.**

I invite you to join me on **Saturday, August 19th, and 26th, 2023** as we walk in the neighborhood to recruit CCD and CYO children for our upcoming program. We will meet at **8:30am** at the Santa Maria Restaurant (across the street) for prayer and breakfast before we embark on our mission. The CCD registration is open as well as CYO. It takes a village to raise a child. Please make a special effort to join us for this adventure with the Lord in our community.

The new Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time on Wednesday, July 19th to commence the process of setting goals and manners on how to implement them. The Parish Pastoral Council is a body that has an advisory and consultative role with the Pastor of the Parish (1983 Code of Canon Law, c. 536).

Its role is to enhance the process of:

1. Pastoral planning and goal setting
2. Development and implementation of pastoral programs
3. Improvement of pastoral services
4. Evaluating pastoral effectiveness

The Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council cannot accomplish its goals without our parishioners input and feedback. A suggestion box will be placed at the entrance of the church, in the cafeteria, and parish office to allow you to input your constructive criticism. You may remain anonymous or choose to write your name and telephone number in case we need to explore more of your suggestions or ideas. I hope this process will bring us closer and allow us to focus on what matters the most in our community.

Our Eucharistic celebrations will continue taking place, provisionally, in the school cafeteria. A new floor is being placed in our church. The church will remain sealed until the completion of the project. I will not be able to celebrate funerals, Quinceñeras, weddings and baptisms until we resume our celebrations in the church by the end of September. I implore your patience and attendance in our daily masses and on

# Announcements

## PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

We are excited and blessed with the opportunity of a new floor in our sanctuary.

Our Good Samaritans ministry attend to the need of those unfortunate in our community. The service takes place two days a week, Monday and Friday from 3pm-5pm. We offer food and may also assist with utility bills and prescriptions. I thank the volunteers" John and Angie Diaz, Carlos and Minnie Sandoval, Jose Gallegos and Dora Duran. We still need volunteers. You may donate 1 or 2 hours a week. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:31-46

Our Fall Festival 2023 is scheduled Saturday, September 30th from 2pm until midnight. I invite each one of you to support our efforts to make this Fall festival a huge success. We have several bands, DJ, food booths, children's rides, raffle, drinks, silent auction... Please remember our Fall festival is our only yearly fundraiser for the parish. Please be as generous as you can by selling raffle tickets, donating towards chicken plate sale or volunteering in different capacities. Let us come together to celebrate all our blessings and also raise the money needed for our church community. Please pick up 100 raffle tickets and sell as many as you can. **May God bless you!**

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
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### Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass - Cafeteria  
11:00 a.m. Mass - Cafeteria

### Monday, August 14

**Tuesday, August 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
8:15 a.m. School Mass - Cafeteria  
7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Cafeteria

### Wednesday, August 16

12:00 p.m. Mass - Formation House  
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

### Thursday, August 17

12:00 p.m. Mass - Formation House

### Friday, August 18

12:00 p.m. Mass - Formation House

### Saturday, August 19

5:00 p.m. Mass - Cafeteria

## ⇒ BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER

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

**TIME: 11AM - 4 PM COST: \$12.00**

(Tickets available after all Masses and in Parish Office)

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

## CLARIFICATION ON BBQ PLATE TICKETS

Ticket reflects Saturday, August 20. Event is scheduled on SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th. Date is correct however the day is incorrect. Thank you!

## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MENS ACTS RETREAT

**Dates:** August 24 - 27, 2023

**Retreat Fee:** The cost of the retreat is \$210.00 for the entire weekend.

**Contact Info:** Director - John Diaz (210) 799-6927  
Co-Directors: Tomas Torres III (210) 313-4204  
Bobby Gallegos (210) 379-1984  
Spiritual Companion: Sam Hernandez  
(210) 749-2188

## FESTIVAL NEWS

**Festival T-Shirt orders will be taken through Sunday, September 3.**

This year's T-Shirt was designed by a St. John Berchmans 7th grader.

**COST:** \$10.00 per shirt for children and adults  
\$12.00 for 2XL - 4XL

This year's colors will be heather gray, hunter green and pink. **All T-Shirt orders will be pre-paid.**

## GUADALUPANA BINGO FINANCIAL REPORT

Tickets	\$ 2,360.00
Specials	\$ 1,446.00
Kitchen	\$ 774.00
Cake/Drinks	\$ 487.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,067.50</b>



We started a bit late but we all came together and it led to a successful bingo. We had a full house!

Our Guadalupanas always have great food, desserts and awesome prizes and we thank them for their hard work and commitment to our church.

**We are grateful for your continued support of our Guadalupanas parish ministry!**



## 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. Bulletins are printed on Thursdays.



## 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.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th  
BILINGUAL MASS AT 7:00 PM - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

*“For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:48-49*

Mary’s assumption is a wonderful realization that she, the humblest of creatures is lifted up, body, soul and spirit, into heaven and crowned as Queen of heaven and earth. When we see how Mary said yes to all that God asked of her, we can surely find the courage to say yes to the Lord in whatever he is calling us to do.

As we celebrate Mary’s assumption, we honor the one who gave a wholehearted YES to God’s plans—even the most unexpected and painful plans. Mary’s life affirms God’s promise: he will lift us up and reward us when we embrace a spirit of humility and obedience.

“Blessed Mother, teach me to embrace humility so that I can be lifted up with you.”

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD & RCIA**

**REGISTRATION underway for Catechism K - 10th grade, and RCIA through Sunday, September 3rd.**

Our Director for Religious Education, Cynthia Sandoval, will be in the SJB school office, Room 22, on Saturdays: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm, and on Sundays 10am-2pm. For an appointment during the week, leave a message at the rectory, or email Cynthia Sandoval, at [ventimochafra@yahoo.com](mailto:ventimochafra@yahoo.com).

We need your help in recruiting students. Please reach out to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Help us to build our community of faith. We are in need of **CATECHISTS** (English & Bilingual).

**CCD classes begin at 9am, Sunday, Sept. 10th. Breakfast will be provided.**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:**

**Edith Flores, Linda Campbell, & Joe Villanueva**

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

**RETROUVAILLE**

Is your marriage struggling? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland? Have you considered separation or divorce? There is help through Retrouvaille, a highly successful program to help couples heal and renew their marriage. The next program in San Antonio will be September 8-10. For questions about the program **call (210) 848-3278**.



**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Dt 10:12-22; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27  
 Martes: **Vigilia:** 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28  
**Día:** Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45: 10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56  
 Miércoles: Dt 34:1-2; Sal 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  
 Jueves: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Sal 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 - 19:1  
 Viernes: Jos 24:1-13; Sal 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12  
 Sábado: Jos 24:14-29; Sal 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15  
 Domingo: Is 56:1, 6-7; Sal 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA**

**Esta Noche**

Mira, Oh Señor, a los que se despiertan, o miran, o lloran esta noche y da a tus ángeles la carga sobre los que duermen.  
 Cuida a tus enfermos, oh Señor Cristo.  
 Da descanso a quienes están cansados.  
 Bendice a tus moribundos.  
 Calma a los que sufren. Ten piedad de tus afligidos.  
 Protege a tus jubilosos.  
 Y todo por el bien de tu amor. Amén.

