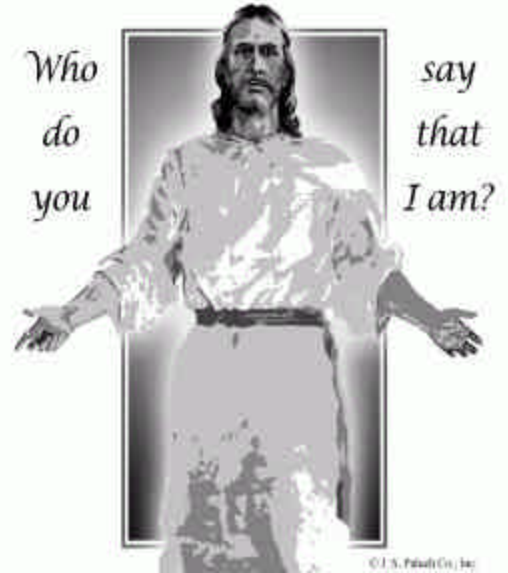


Saturday	Aug. 23 rd	5:00pm	+Francisco Villarreal - Family +Baleriano & Guadalupe Rivera - Family A.J. Perez's safe return from Iraq - Estela Perez
Sunday	Aug. 24 th	8:00am	+Tommie Fonseca - Familia Fonseca +Guadalupe Trevino - Nora Trevino +Basilisa Reynero - Maria Dorado
		10:00am	For the People of our Parish Community
		12:00pm	+Jose & Isabel Araguz - Cayetano Araguz & Family +Elia Tijerina - Family +Basilisa Reynero - Maria Gonzales
Monday	Aug. 25 th	8:15am	+Louis Benavides - Family +Lydia Bazan - Raymond & Mariella Matue Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #67-R. Persyn
Tuesday	Aug. 26 th	8:15am	+Ada O'Shea - Dr. & Mrs. O'Shea Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Crittell
Wednesday	Aug. 27 th	8:15am	+Albert & Margaret Suarez - Alma Ponce +Jose Estrada - Reynero Family +Basalisa Reynero - Maria Gonzales
Thursday	Aug. 28 th	8:15am	No Services
Friday	Aug. 29 th	8:15am	+Juan Chapa - Wife & Daughters +Katie De La Cruz - Sister +Elogio & Victoria Galvan - Rodriguez Family
Saturday	Aug. 30 th	3:00pm	Sweet Sixteen - Kasey Wear
		5:00pm	G.O.L Genevieve Cruz - Family I.T.G. St. Peregrine - Alicia Martinez A.J. Perez's safe return from Iraq - Estela Perez
Sunday	Aug. 31 st	8:00am	+Tommie Fonseca - Familia Fonseca +Guadalupe Trevino - Nora Trevino +Raul Dorado - Wife & Family



10:00am +Ryan Sanchez - M/M Robert Sanchez & Family
+Juan C. Chapa - Wife & Daughters
+Elia Tijerina - Family
12:00pm For the People of our Parish Community

+ = Deceased **G.O.L.** = Gift of Life **I.T.G.** = In Thanksgiving

THIS WEEK			
Mon.	Aug. 25th	7:00pm	Share the Word (Cafe) / Ultreya (Church)
Tues.	Aug. 26th	6:30pm	Men's ACTS (Cafe)
		7:00pm	Healing Service (Church)
		7:00pm	Dance Committee (Library)
Wed.	Aug. 27th	7:00pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Chapel)
Thurs.	Aug. 28th	7:00pm	Guadalupanas Exec.Exec. Board (Cafe)
		7:00pm	English Bible Study (Room 14)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	2 Thes 1:15, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Aug. 17, 2008 COLLECTION			
Envelopes	\$3,732.00	5:00pm	\$1,402.16 (115)
Loose	\$ 970.11	8:00am	\$1,027.72 (163)
SVDP	\$ 460.65	10:00am	\$1,107.31 (230)
Mail In	\$ 110.00	12:00pm	\$1,054.92 (224)

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Don't forget our new office hours. They will be: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. (The office will not be closed for lunch during this time.) On Saturday it will keep its usual hours from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

† PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH †

Mary Lou Montoya, Homero Martinez, Irasema Villanueva, Anastacia Muraida, Amparo Klebahn, Richard Gallegos, Robert Foegelle, Sylvia Galindo, Irene Rodriguez, Teresa Gutiérrez, Lupe Bersosa, Clarissa Pierce, Alyssa Badillo, Macrina López, Elena Huerta, Jesús Delgado, Samantha Cardoza, Connie Martinez, Phillip Cervantes, Bertha Ramirez, Aggie Vander Poorten, Stephanie Morin, Robert Gallegos, Mary Molina, Alejandro Martinez, Monica Gutierrez, James Herring, William Wingo, Larry Zimmerle, Edward & Annie Jimenez, Hector Villegas, Toby Villarreal, Catarina Gutierrez, Lucy Trevino, Delia Liefester, Verónica Villarreal, Olga Ramos, Eddie Polanco, J.T. Liefester, Anna Maria Martinez, Delia Kelley, Josie Guerra, Larry Rea, Carlos A. Cardenas, Irene Negrete, Michael Traspena, Aurora Garcia, Linda Cook, James Hill, Matilde Rodriguez.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

New to the parish? You are invited to register in the rectory office, Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

† REST IN PEACE †

We pray for the souls of our departed friends and relatives and those who were buried from our parish community this week, especially Arturo Dominguez.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

+Juan C. Chapa - M/M Ruben Verastigui
+Susie & Madaleno Meza - M/M Gallegos



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
BE A ROCK**

Aug. 24, 2008

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

ACTS NEWS

The Acts community will be having a taco sale after all masses today. The funds from this will go towards the expenses of their retreats. These retreats have had a positive effect on the lives of many people. Let's support this fundraiser so that the Acts community will be able to continue their good work.

We congratulate all the men who were commissioned during the 12:00 noon mass today. These men will be meeting on a regular basis to plan their October retreat. Please keep them and this process in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education (RE) Classes for students enrolled in Our Sacramental Program - Grades 2nd – 5th First Holy Eucharist, Junior and High School First Holy Eucharist and High School Confirmation – will begin on Sunday, September 28th, from 10:30am to 1:15pm, which includes attending the 12:00 noon Mass with their class.

RE classes for all other students enrolled in Grades 6th thru 12th will also begin on Sunday, September 28th, from 10:30 am to 1:15pm, which includes attending the 12:00 noon Mass with their class.

RE classes for Grades 1st, 3rd, thru 5th, and 2nd thru 5th Beginners First Holy Eucharist begin on Monday, September 29th, from 5:15pm to 6:30pm.

Registrations for our RE Program will be in the RE office, Room 22 of the school building on a walk in basis on the following dates and times:

- Sunday, August 24th ----- after all masses
- Sunday, September 7th ----- after all masses
- Sunday, September 14th ----- after all masses
- Saturday, September 27th ----- 10:00am to 12 :00pm
- Saturday, October 4th ----- 10:00am to 1:00pm

NO RE Registrations will be accepted after this date. For more details call the RE office at 434-2121 or visit the office in Room 22 of the school building.

RCIA

On Sunday, September 7th at 10:15am to 11:45am R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions will begin for those adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The sessions will end Sunday, May 3rd. We also welcome those whose faith journey will possibly lead to the reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Eucharist. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please fill contact the rectory office at 434-3247.

2009 MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR DATES

On Monday, August 25th, we will be taking dates for mass intentions for the year 2009. If you would like to have a mass said for someone or for a certain intention please make plans to come by. Due to limited bulletin space we can only take three intentions per mass.

All organizations wanting to get their fundraiser dates on the calendar for next year are asked to come to the rectory and take care of this as soon as possible. Because of limited available dates we ask everyone to be mindful of the needs of the others and as much as possible schedule your events in such a way as to allow everyone the same number of opportunities.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Hearing the Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If so, please call Lydia Ramirez at the rectory office (434-3247) or come to the next meeting, which will be on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. The SJB St. Vincent de Paul Society goes to the Sam Shelter to help feed the homeless, ministers to the residents of Retama Nursing Home, helps needy families with school supplies, and does a whole lot more. They see the face of Jesus in the poor, needy, and unloved and make a positive difference in their lives.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Hundreds of elderly go hungry. Good, tasty food is available to feed them. But there are not enough volunteers to deliver the meals. Meals on Wheels provides training, an established route in our community to drive, the insulated carriers to carry the meals in, a delivery sheet that will show who you are delivering to and the meal. One lunch hour a week or bi-weekly, you pick up the containers packed with 10 to 15 meals from a meal distribution center near us and make the deliveries. If you would like to get more information on this contact Meals on Wheels of San Antonio at 210-735-5115 or visit their web site at www.christianseniorservices.org.

BISHOP CANTU

When his schedule permits, Bishop Cantu loves to celebrate mass here at St. John Berchmans Church. Many have commented on what a great honor it is to have him here and how they felt privileged to go and speak to him after mass. They have also stated how they felt a little nervous and asked if there is any proper etiquette they should follow when addressing him in person. Bishop Cantu has stated it is not necessary to formally bow to him, kiss his ring, or address him as your Excellency. He wants to be addressed as "Bishop Cantu" and greeted with a respectful and firm handshake. It is hoped this information alleviates any nervousness anyone may have.

WORDS TO REFLECT ON

Spiritual Dryness

Sometimes we experience a terrible dryness in our spiritual lives. We feel no desire to pray, don't experience God's presence, get bored with worship services, and even think that everything we ever believed about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is little more than a childhood fairy tale. Then it is important to realize that most of these feelings and thoughts are just feelings and thoughts, and that the Spirit of God dwells beyond our feelings and thoughts. It is a great grace to be able to experience God's presence in our feelings and thoughts, but when we don't, it does not mean that God is absent. It often means that God is calling us to a greater faithfulness. It is precisely in times of spiritual dryness that we must hold on to our spiritual discipline so that we can grow into new intimacy with God. -- Fr. Henri Nouwen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All SJB Knights of Columbus members are reminded to be present together at the 10:00am mass next Sunday, August 31st. All those wishing to become a knight are encouraged to speak to some of these men to find out what it means to be a knight and how to become one.