

Saturday	Jan. 23 rd	3:00pm	Convalidation of Leonard & Magdalena Salas
		5:00pm	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Erasmus Alvarado - Traspenna Family ✠Baleriano & Guadalupe Rivera - Family
Sunday	Jan. 24 th	8:00am	✠Rebecca Ramirez - Mrs. Dorado ✠Raul Dorado - Wife ✠M/M Pablo Lucio - Lydia Melendez
		10:00am	✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family ✠Katie De La Cruz - Daughter ✠Irene Prado - Parents
		12:00pm	✠Consuelo Saucedo - Daughters & Family ✠Beatrice Arias - Esposo ✠Guadalupe Melendez - Wife & Family
Monday	Jan. 25 th	8:15am	✠Alice Garza - Husband & Family
Tuesday	Jan. 26 th	8:15am	✠Clara Villarreal - Johnny & Cassie ✠Clara Villarreal - Sister, Gloria
Wednesday	Jan. 27 th	8:15am	For All Priests
Thursday	Jan. 28 th		No Services
Friday	Jan. 29 th	8:15am	For All Priests
Saturday	Jan. 30 th	3:00pm	Wedding of Juan Ortega & Crystal Serna
		5:00pm	✠Raul Dorado - Wife ✠Erasmus Alvarado - Traspenna Family I.T.G. St. Jude - C. Araguz & Family I.T.G. St. Anthony - Marian Otte
Sunday	Jan. 31 st	8:00am	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Rebecca Ramirez - Mrs. Dorado ✠Raul Dorado - Wife & Family
		10:00am	✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family ✠Jesus Castillo - Family ✠Lucy M. Valdez - Ponce Family
		12:00pm	For All Priests



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SANCTUARY LIGHT
Clara Villarreal - Beverly V.
Health of Andrea Obledo - Matilde Rodriguez

THIS WEEK		
Mon. Jan. 25th	6:30pm	CCD Teacher Meeting (Rm 22)
	7:00pm	Share the Word (Café) / Ultreya (Church)
Tues. Jan. 26th	5:00pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Rm 13)
	7:00pm	Healing Svc (Church)/Light-World (Chapel)
Wed. Jan. 27th	6:30pm	Grief Group (Rm 15)
	7:00pm	Finance Council (Library)
Thur. Jan. 28th	7:00pm	English Bible Study (Rm 15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

January 17, 2010 Collection

Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the weekly collection information will appear in next week's bulletin.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2010 Archbishop's Appeal pledge weekend will take place the weekend of Feb. 13th-14th. Our parish goal is \$14,881. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Archdiocese each year. Education of our children and seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge.

† PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH †

Ray Almaguer, Cecilia Espinoza, Monica Younger, Ray & Anthony Pérez, Tommy Martinez, José & Lucila Flores, Hilda De La Zerma, Benito Agustín Perales, Connie Tenorio, Joe Julián Moreno, Rita Pérez, Catarina García, Joe Moreno, George Moreno, Amalia Moreno, Miranda Sanchez, Melanie Sanchez, Mary V. García, María Espino, Lucy Clare Treviño, Jesse Mario Vega, Frances Ramirez, Edward Jiménez, Virginia Silva and Juan De Hoyos, Jr.

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Take a look at our website! If your ministry is not listed yet or if you would like to have a parish event posted, we need you to call 434-3247 and ask for John. The church calendar is posted on our web site so there is no longer a need to call the office to see which date and location is open. Our site is a work in progress and needs your input to make it complete.

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY

Please come by the rectory to register your family as parishioners. The office is open M-F from 9:00am-5:00pm and on Saturday from 10:00am-2:00pm.

† REST IN PEACE †

We pray for the souls of our departed friends and relatives and those who were buried from our parish community, especially Andrea Valladares.



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
A HOLY TIME**

January 24, 2010

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays of "Ordinary Time" reflect this feeling of beginning.

Today's reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God's word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" (Nehemiah 8:9).

Today's Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus' public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet's words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:19). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today is for the church in Latin America. This money is for the support of priest, sisters, and catechist. Please be generous.

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Don't forget we still have church support envelopes for 2010. These are in a small box that has all the envelopes needed for the year. We are asking all wage earners to get a box and use them every Saturday or Sunday during 2010 fiscal year. Use of these envelopes is one way we give back to God for all he has first given to us.

GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK

Catholic Radio is on the air across South Texas on the Guadalupe Radio Network on 1380 AM KWMF with Spanish programming and on 89.7 FM KJMA with English programming. On this station you will hear wonderful programs that will strengthen and deepen your Catholic Faith. Programs that will explain away some of the many misunderstandings of the Catholic faith and programs that will help you raise strong holy Catholic families. You can hear everything from youth oriented programs to scripture studies and you can even call in to the live programs to get answers to some of your questions about Catholicism. Finally there's a place on the radio dial to hear the Good News from a Catholic perspective. An army of volunteers is needed to help with this wonderful effort of changing lives through Catholic radio. If you would like to help please contact the General Manager, Richard Reyna at 210-821-5050 or for more information please visit www.grnonline.com.

YARD WORK

We are in need of some generous person(s) to do some trimming along the fences, post, and bleachers behind the school. This can only be done when there is no school. The weeds along these areas have grown a lot and make the whole area look like an eye sore. If you are interested in this or know of someone else who might be please let Fr. Rudy know, (434-3247). The church property belongs to all of us and we need to make sure it is kept neat and clean.

NEW SEARCH ENGINE

The church has another way to earn money. It is easy, all you have to do is use a search engine called Goodsearch.com instead of the other search engines when you search the internet. To get on to this just go to the church's home page on the Web and click on to the Good Search icon. GoodSearch.com is the search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo, so you get the same great search results. Each time you do a search Good Search makes a donation to your cause! When you log on and are asked who you google for put down, St. John Berchmans Catholic Church & School-San Antonio, TX .

H.E.B. GIFT CARDS

We sell H.E.B. gift cards. The next time you get ready to go to the store please buy one of these cards from us. These cards are valid for all grocery and gasoline purchases. The church will get back 4% of what you spend. From July 2007 to June 2008 we received \$1,004.20 from H.E.B. Please consider purchasing your groceries this way and tell all your friends and neighbors about it. The more people that buy these cards from us the more money will be given back to the church.

WORDS TO REFLECT ON

Speaking Words of Love

Often we remain silent when we need to speak. Without words, it is hard to love well. When we say to our parents, children, or friends, "I love you very much" or "I care for you" or "I think of you often" or "You are my greatest gift," we choose to give life.

It is not always easy to express our love directly in words. But when ever we do we discover we have offered a blessing that will be long remembered. When a son can say to his father, "Dad, I love you," and when a mother can say to her daughter, "Child, I love you," a whole new blessed place can be opened up, a space where it is good to dwell. Indeed, words have the power to create life.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 6:30pm on the first Saturday of the month beginning February 6th. This will be offered every month to those who, for any reason, may need this Sacrament. Jesus desires to heal us in body, mind, and spirit. Not so much to add days to our life, but rather to add life to our days. It is our Catholic belief that the sacrament of anointing provides both spiritual and physical strength for those who are ill. All are encouraged to attend especially those in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing as well as those who are anticipating surgery.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND

A donation to the Capital Expenditure Fund has been made in memory of Cruz S. Guerrero by Escamilla and Poneck, Inc., Attorneys and Counselors. If you would like to make a donation to the fund in memory of someone please contact Fr. Rudy.

SCHOOL NEWS

The boys and girls basketball teams will be playing against Little Flowers teams on Thursday, January 28th, beginning at 4:30pm. Please make plans to come and cheer for our teams. Our school will be having its annual cowboy breakfast on Friday, January 29th, starting at 5:30am. First reconciliation will be in the church at 10:00am on January 30th and we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 31st – February 6th. We give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received from our school.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 5:00pm in room 15 in the school building. These people do a lot of good for our parish and community. If you would like to know more about their ministry please come to this meeting.

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION

Those who were not married in the Catholic Church and are wondering if they can have their marriage blessed by the church are encouraged to call Fr. Rudy at 210-434-3247 or email him at fatherrudy@yahoo.com to discuss this possibility. Many couples who think they cannot have their marriage convalidated are pleasantly surprised to find out they can. If you have been thinking about this please contact him.