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| <b>Saturday</b>  | Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00pm  | Wedding of Juan Ortega & Crystal Serna     |
|                  |                       | 5:00pm  | I.T.G. St. Jude - C. Araguz & Family       |
|                  |                       |         | I.T.G. St. Anthony - Marian Otte           |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Raul Dorado - Wife                        |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Erasmus Alvarado - Traspenna Family       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> | 8:00am  | For the People of our Parish Community     |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Raul Dorado - Wife & Family               |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Rebecca Ramirez - Mrs. Dorado             |
|                  |                       | 10:00am | ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family             |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Jesus Castillo - Family                   |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Lucy M. Valdez - Ponce Family             |
|                  |                       | 12:00pm | ✠Josephine H. Hernandez - Lucy V. & Family |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8:15am  | For All Priests                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8:15am  | For All Priests                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 8:15am  | ✠Cayetano Valenzuela - Daughter            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>  |         | <b>No Services</b>                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:15am  | ✠Gilberto Terrazas - Angie                 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 5:00pm  | ✠Henry Orosco - Orosco Family              |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Paula Chapa - Family                      |
|                  |                       |         | I.T.G. St. Jude - C. Araguz & Family       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00am  | ✠Eddie Albert Vasquez - Mom & Dad          |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Raul Dorado - Wife                        |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Tommie Fonseca - Fonseca Family           |
|                  |                       | 10:00am | For the People of our Parish Community     |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family             |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Amos & Ida Burrell - Burrell Family       |
|                  |                       | 12:00pm | ✠Milton & Raymond Burrell - Burrell Family |
|                  |                       |         | I.T.G. Blessed Mother - Sarah Hernandez    |
|                  |                       |         | ✠Michell Wills - Mom                       |

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*No prophet is accepted  
in his own native place*

| THIS WEEK                        |        |  |
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| <b>Mon. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | 7:00pm | Share the Word (Café) / Ultreya (Church) |
| <b>Tues. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | 6:00pm | Guadalupanas (Cafe)                      |
|                                  | 7:00pm | Light of the World (Chapel)              |
| <b>Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | 6:30pm | Grief Group (Chapel)                     |
| <b>Thur. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup></b> | 6:00pm | Home Blessings Team (Rm 15)              |
|                                  | 6:30pm | Dir. Lay Out Committee (Library)         |
| <b>Sat. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | 6:30pm | Anointing of the Sick (Church)           |

| READINGS FOR THE WEEK |  |
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| <b>Monday:</b>        | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>       | Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>     | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6                  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>      | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13              |
| <b>Friday:</b>        | Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29                    |
| <b>Saturday:</b>      | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34                   |

| January 24, 2010 Collection |            |         |                  |
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| Envelopes                   | \$3,951.74 | 5:00pm  | \$1,235.35 (137) |
| Loose                       | \$1,255.80 | 8:00am  | \$1,040.45 (168) |
| School                      | \$ 134.43  | 10:00am | \$1,269.10 (205) |
| SVDP                        | \$ 491.57  | 12:00pm | \$1,137.64 (406) |
|                             |            | Mail In | \$ 525.00        |

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL**

The 2010 Archbishop's Appeal pledge weekend will take place the weekend of Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. 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. Garcia, María Espino, Lucy Clare Treviño, Jesse Mario Vega, Frances Ramirez, Edward Jiménez, Virginia Silva and George L. Hernandez.

**GRATITUDE**

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.  
It turns what we have into enough, and more.  
It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity.  
It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.  
Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

**SJB BOYSCOUTS**

Scouting in fun! All boys' grades 1 – 5 are invited to join the SB Cub Scouts. For more information contact Daniel Diaz at 771-4200 or at D40Diaz@SBCGlobal.net.

† **REST IN PEACE** †

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



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION**

January 31, 2010

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "Filled with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "If I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**GUADALUPANA MEETING**

All SJB Guadalupanas are reminded of their next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. These ladies do a lot of good for the parish and deserve our support. Besides paying the altar wine and host they also recently gave ten thousand dollars to the church for the renovations we want to do. If you are interested in becoming a Guadalupana please come to this meeting.

**SJB RENTALS**

We have been getting many requests lately for rental of our cafeteria, its tables and chairs. Because arson investigators stated the fire was most likely started by individuals who attended a function and hid in the building after it was over, Fr. Rudy decided the cafeteria would no longer be rented out for private functions and be used only for school and parish events. Several times individuals have pressured him to make an exception to this policy for them but he will not. We also do not lend out our cafeteria tables and chairs.

**SPANISH BAPTISMAL CLASSES**

Deacon Sandoval is giving baptismal classes in Spanish for those who prefer to have their instructions in Spanish. If you would like more information on this please give him a call at 315-2202.

**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 get in touch with him.

**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 got \$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.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Don't forget to read the February newsletter inserted in next weeks bulletin. Since Fr. Rudy cannot speak to each parishioner individually he uses this way to keep you informed about important things happening in our parish as well as his thoughts and feelings. If you want to respond to something he wrote please send him an email at fatherrudy@yahoo.com or call him at 434-3247.

**WWW.STJOHNBERCHMANS.COM**

If you haven't visited St. John Berchmans on the internet, you are missing a resource of valuable information. If your ministry is not listed yet or if you would like to have a parish event posted, we need you to call. Please phone the Parish Office to discuss what you would like display on our website. Call 434-3247 and ask for John. Have you misplaced the monthly church calendar and would like to know what is going on during a particular month or would like to see if a date is open? The church calendar is also 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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 6:30pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**WHO IS A CHRISTIAN STEWARD?**

A Christian steward is a disciple of Jesus Christ who incorporates four essential virtues into his or her daily living: gratitude, responsibility, generosity and the willingness to give back with increase. Stewardship begins with discipleship. First, we must freely accept the Lord's call to follow him without counting the cost. In order to respond wholeheartedly to Jesus' invitation, we must let go of our dependence on the things of this world. Then, we must cast off selfcenteredness and fear, and we must place our trust wholly and completely in the Lord.

It is not easy to follow Jesus, to be his disciple. Letting go is difficult for all of us. We are taught to be self-reliant. To look out for No. 1 (ourselves). To be rugged individualists who make our own way in the world without depending on others. And yet, the Lord tells us something radically different. "Go sell what you have; give to the poor.....and come, follow me." Jesus asks us to be dependent on Him alone, to trust in the providence of God, and to share freely with others-especially the poor and needy among us.

Discipleship requires us to make a choice: to surrender ourselves through the power of God's grace and to follow in the Lord's footsteps. Once we have made this choice- to let go absolutely and follow Jesus' way - stewardship is not an option. To be disciples of Christ, we must be grateful, responsible and generous stewards of all God's gifts. We must learn to invest everything we have, and all that we are, in living as He taught us. We must grow God's gifts and return them to the Lord with increase.

Most of us think of money when we hear the word stewardship. That's because too often stewardship is only spoken about when it's time to renew our financial commitment to the Church. This is a serious error of the concept of stewardship. As important as Church support is for our parish ministries, archdiocese and the universal Church, a true understanding of stewardship calls us to a much broader and deeper awareness of the ways in which we have been called and gifted as Christian disciples who develop and share "God's abundant blessings out of a profound sense of justice and charity.

**COPY MACHINE USAGE**

During the past two years many parishioners have wanted to use the churches' copy machine for their personal needs. While we do not mind helping our own people, the rising cost of toner and the extra money we have to pay for going over our copy limit has forced us to re-evaluate our practice of providing unlimited free copies. From now on those wanting to use our copy machine must bring their own paper and pay a charge of .10 cents a copy. This will not pay the total cost we incur when others use our copy machine but it will help a little.