

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

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## UNLOCK THE DOORS

When we put the Gospel in its context, John 20 starts with the empty tomb and the appearance to Mary Magdalene. Still, the disciples were scared and confused. They gathered together to regroup. They locked the door for fear of the Jews, whom they had just experienced as an angry mob, whom they had just seen crucify their friend Jesus. These disciples were afraid of the Jews, but they may also have been feeling guilty and confused for running away from Jesus at the cross, for hiding, for trying to protect themselves.

Now the risen Jesus comes to them saying, "Peace be with you," showing them his wounds, and greeting them again. Jesus is modeling something very powerful here. Most of us hate to be vulnerable. We try to hide our wounds and scars. We try to protect ourselves and show everybody that we have it together. In order to be healed, to receive the Spirit, to move on in our lives, we need to unlock our internal doors. We need to let Jesus into our house, into our hearts, and into those darkened corners of ourselves. It might be frightening. It might mean going to the sacrament of reconciliation or speaking with a spiritual director or even with a therapist.

## RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

We often worry about how others will respond if we are less than perfect. Jesus knew the disciples were flawed humans. He did not get angry or give them a guilt trip. He said, "Peace be with you." He was gentle. Jesus gave them the gift of new life through a simple gesture. He breathed the Spirit into them. This is reminiscent of Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam, and Ezekiel, when God breathed life back into the dry bones. Jesus concluded with, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So not only did Jesus entrust them with this role, this power, he first showed them how it is done. How do we in turn breathe life into our families and friends? Our coworkers? The stranger we meet?

**Today's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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## ABRIR LAS PUERTAS

Cuando ponemos el Evangelio en su contexto, Juan 20 empieza con el sepulcro vacío y la aparición a María Magdalena. Aún así, los discípulos estaban asustados y confundidos. Se reunieron para reagruparse. Cerraron la puerta con llave por miedo a los judíos, a quienes habían vistos furiosos en una turba, quienes acababan de crucificar a su amigo Jesús. Estos discípulos tenían miedo de los judíos, pero también podían haberse sentido culpables y confundidos por haber huido de Jesús en la cruz, por esconderse, por tratar de protegerse ellos mismos.

Ahora Jesús resucitado viene hacia ellos diciéndoles: "la paz sea con ustedes", mostrándoles sus cicatrices, y saludándolos una vez más. Jesús está moldeando algo muy poderoso aquí. Muchos de nosotros odiamos ser vulnerables. Intentamos esconder nuestras heridas y cicatrices. Intentamos protegernos y mostramos a todos que todo está bien. Para poder ser sanados, para recibir al Espíritu, para seguir con nuestras vidas, necesitamos abrir nuestras puertas interiores. Necesitamos dejar a Jesús entrar a nuestra casa, a nuestros corazones, y en aquellas esquinas oscuras de nosotros. Podría ser aterrador. Podría significar ir al Sacramento de la Reconciliación o hablar con un director espiritual o incluso con un terapeuta.

## RECIBIR AL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Frecuentemente nos preocupamos por cómo los demás responderán si no somos perfectos. Jesús sabía que los discípulos eran humanos con defectos. Él no se enojó ni los hizo sentir culpables. Él dijo: "la paz sea con ustedes". Fue gentil. Jesús les dio el don de la vida nueva por medio de un gesto simple. Él sopló en ellos el Espíritu Santo. Esto es una reminiscencia del Génesis, cuando Dios sopló vida en Adán; y Ezequiel, cuando Dios volvió a soplar vida en los huesos secos. Jesús concluyó con: "a quienes les perdonen los pecados, les serán perdonados; y a quienes se los retengan, les serán retenidos". Así que no sólo les confió Jesús este papel, este poder, sino que primero les mostró cómo se hace. ¿Cómo nosotros insuflamos vida a nuestras familias y amigos? ¿A nuestros compañeros de trabajo? ¿Al extranjero que encontramos?

**Lecturas de hoy:** Hch 2:1-11 Sal 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Irma Urias	Henry Vidal	Diana Calderon
Mary S. Martinez	Hope Esquivel	Janie Ramirez
Frances Lozano	Victor Cruz	Liz
Mary Escalera	Tomas Johnson	Ana Garcia
Maximus James Tobar	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez	Gina
Suzanne Gutierrez	Rosalinda Esparza	Pedro Maldonado, Sr.
Terry Moreno	Daniel Rodriguez	Sandra Garza
Sarah Contreras	Rosie Flores	Elena Gonzales
Jose Flores	John Ruiz	Roxanne Joseph
Frances Ramirez	Jessica Diaz	Matthew Reyna
Marty Carrera Tobias	Robert Campos	Joe G. Martinez
Jesse R. Diaz	Gloria Martinez	For All Afflicted with
Celina Herrera	Carlos Guardiola, III	Coronavirus
Kevin Ryan Martinez	Joe R. Martinez	Melissa Muñoz
David Santoyo	Baby Sophia	Angelita Canales
Paul Muñoz, Sr.	Antonio Mendoza	Deacon Joe Diaz
Joe Espinoza	Sophie Alonzo	Roland Valverde
Virginia & Jose Ponce	Odilion G. Flores	Maria Langley
Victoria Orosco	JoAnn Almaguer	Angie Flores

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  
sharing the gifts we have been given

May 23, thru	May 24, 2020
All Masses	\$3,058.00 (146)
Altar Flowers	\$ 223.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 93.00
Online	\$ 320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,374.00</b>

**Second Collection**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2020: Religious Education**

### 2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/23- 5/24/2020 \$ 104.00  
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL \$ 6,636.77

# Announcements



## Saturday, May 30

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family  
† L/CPL Fernando Camarillo - Family

## Sunday May 31

9:00 a.m. † Pauline Juarez - Angelita Canales  
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Paul Salinas - Wife Grace Salinas  
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
Celia Villanueva - Sisters

## Gift of Life

11:00 a.m.  
Gift of Life Enrique Castro - Castro Family

## Monday, June 1 - Mother, Mary of the Church

## Tuesday, June 2 - Saints Marcelino and Peterj

12:00 p.m.. † Jose & Braulia Castillo - Family  
† Eudelio Velasquez

## Wednesday, June 3

12:00 p.m. † Elvira Moreno

## Thursday, June 4

12:00 p.m. † Irene Reidy Lackey - Castro Family

## Friday, June 5 - St. Bonifacio

12:00 p.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Wife & Daughters

## Saturday, June 6 - St. Norbert

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family

## Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Paul Salinas - Wife Grace Salinas  
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family  
11:00 a.m. † Cruz Cardenas - Family

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

After 10 weeks of absence in the house of the Lord, I warmly welcomed my parishioners back home. The church is in jubilation in reopening its doors to the faithful. We have put in place a Task Force Committee for the purpose of dealing with the challenges of the COVID-19. I salute all the volunteers who have been working diligently around the clock to ensure your safety in resuming our worship. Please be advised that the success of the implementations of the guidelines published two weeks ago, emailed to you, mailed to you and posted on Facebook, depends solely on your sincere cooperation and active involvement in the process. Please follow the guidelines and the directives of the ushers and hospitality.

Parishioners who are at high risk, vulnerable, elderly and those who feel extremely uncomfortable attending public mass are strongly encouraged to remain at home and participate by means of Catholic Television or live streaming of their parish. **They are exempt from the obligation of attending Sunday mass and day of obligation.**

**As of this past Tuesday, May 26th**, our Parish Office was opened for business. Following the guidelines of social distancing only 2 parishioners will be allowed in the office, one parishioner in the main office, and another may sit in our waiting area. If there are more than 2 parishioners, we ask that others wait outside. We strongly encourage you to call the office rather than come in person. Thank you for your cooperation so that we may be able to serve our parishioners safely.

Our prayer of the rosary in the church will **end on Sunday, May 31st, at 6:00** p.m. on the celebration of Pentecost and the Solemnity of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have been praying the rosary daily since March 14th **at 6:00** p.m. for a total of 76 days as of May 31st. We encourage you to continue praying the rosary with families, friends or individuals as we continue to implore the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Thank you to all who have been able and extremely generous to financially support our parish during these troubling times.

I challenge you to open up to our Mother, Mary, Mother of God as we pray our daily rosary. May she intercede for us through her son Jesus Christ, our Savior, to guide our scientists in developing vaccines and medications to defeat COVID-19 and allow us to resume a normal life. I pray for those of you who may not be able join us for a variety of reasons but rest assured of my prayers. We are all together in this situation.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,



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



Happy Anniversary  
Thank you  
for your faithful service  
to the people of God.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER FIDÈLE AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR 18TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PRIEST.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON YOU AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND OUR ST. JOHN BERCHMANS COMMUNITY. WE LOVE YOU!!!



## Sanctuary Light

† Helen Lloyd



# Announcements

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27  
**Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34  
**Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37  
**Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44  
**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

## Events of the Week ~ May 31 - June 6, 2020

### Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church  
Facebook Livestream  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
6:00 p.m. Final Rosary—Church

### Monday, June 1

### Tuesday, June 2

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

### Wednesday, June 3

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church  
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee Break with Father Fidèle—Facebook Livestream

### Thursday, June 4

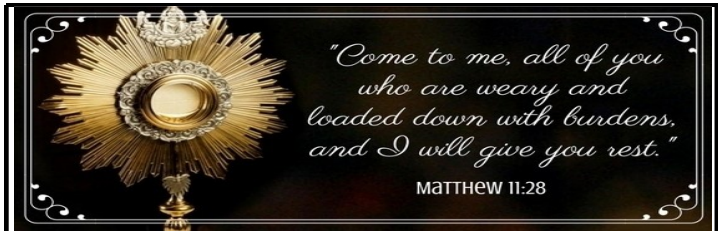
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

### Friday, June 5

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

### Saturday, June 6

5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church



**Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled and the Chapel is closed until further notice. Thank you!**



I would like to take this opportunity to **THANK** everyone in the St. John Berchmans community for your thoughts and prayers during my convalescence.

I appreciated your support, and was humbled by the love and affection that this community shared for me and my family. It was a long and difficult road to recovery but **thanks to our Dear Lord** I am doing so much better.

I will be ready to serve our school and parish community as the time approaches.

**God Bless You!**

**Sincerely, Diana Calderon**

**St. John Berchmans PTC President**

**THANK YOU** to all who have been extremely generous and financially able to support our parish during these troubling times. Your donations are greatly appreciated and assist us to fulfill our financial obligations.

**Donations can be made as follows:**

- Mail your check to the parish or stop by the office and deliver your weekly donation.

**Or you may use any of the following:**

- Cash App: \$StJohnBerchmans.Pay
- Pay-Pal: [administrator@stjohnberchmans.com](mailto:administrator@stjohnberchmans.com)
- Venmo: [administrator@stjohnberchmans.com](mailto:administrator@stjohnberchmans.com)
- **Or call the office to use your credit card.**



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

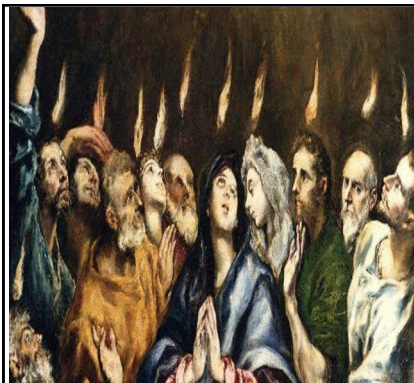
All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.





**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is the great feast of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the Apostles and were granted the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all the languages, that the Jews who were baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called, **“the Birthday of the Church.”**

Pentecost is also the last and greatest feast of Easter’s 50 days. Jesus reassures us, He will satisfy our thirst, lead us beyond our fear, and strengthen us to live our baptismal mission of evangelization.

**CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY**

Now that our weekend Masses have begun, so has our ministry to clean, disinfect and sanitize our place of worship. We are living in a “different day and time”, and it is all the more important to ensure the cleanliness, safety and well being of our parish community.

Father Fidèle asks that **all ministries please follow through on your assigned weekend** (schedules already emailed). In the past, it has created a hardship for Father and the parish staff, to then clean the entire church with only a handful of individuals when the designated ministry does not follow through.

Thank you and as always, we appreciate your commitment.

**Cleaning Schedule**

June 13, 2020 - Altar Servers/Liturgy Committee  
 June 20, 2020 - Eucharistic Ministers/Good Samaritans of SJB



**ORACION DEL ROSARIO**

Nuestra oración del rosario terminará hoy domingo 31 de Mayo sobre la celebración de Pentecostés y la soledad de la Visitacion de la Bendita Madre de Dios.

Hemos rezado el rosario desde el 14 de Marzo y este domingo será por un total de 76 días. Te animamos a que sigan rezando el rosario con familiares, amigos o otras personas, mientras seguimos implorando la intercesión de la Virgen María, Madre de Dios.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo y se pusieron a hablar idiomas distintos (Hechos 2:1-11).

**Salmo** — Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, y renueva la tierra (Salmo 104).

**Segunda lectura** — Hay diferentes dones, pero el Espíritu es el mismo (1 Corintios 12:3b-7,12-13).

**Evangelio** — Así como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envió a ustedes (Juan 20:19-23).

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**LA RIQUEZA DEL ESPÍRITU**

Los estudiantes y la mayoría de los adultos que recuerdan sus días de escuela, están familiarizados con la frase “compara y contrasta” que de tanto en tanto aparece en las pruebas. Hoy escuchamos dos relatos diferentes sobre la venida del Espíritu. Contrastemos y luego comparemos. El relato de Lucas en Hechos está lleno de detalles impresionantes: el viento poderoso, llamas de fuego como lenguas, el milagro de las diferentes lenguas. El relato de Juan parece tímido: discípulos temerosos, el Cristo llagado, el soplo de aliento viene de su cuerpo resucitado y no del cielo. Mientras nuestras mentes modernas y literales se preguntan de qué manera sucedió; nuestra ruidosa cultura probablemente nos hará preferir el primer relato. Pero si comparamos los dos, la deslumbrante riqueza del Espíritu llena ambos relatos, ya que es el mismo aliento del Cristo resucitado, ascendido a los cielos en Lucas, el que se aparece a sus discípulos en Juan y envía a sus seguidores a llevar a cabo su misión de perdonar los pecados y proclamar los portentos de Dios.

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**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Como puedo emular a los primeros discípulos? ¿Puedo soportar e sufrimiento sin protestar? ¿Puedo dedicarme a la oración? ¿Puedo hacerme consciente de la acción del Espiriítu Santo en mi vida?