

The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

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GOD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS

At moments in our lives we may wonder how we know who God is or what God is like. Today's readings help us to feel secure in placing our faith in God and being assured of God's unfailing love. When Moses went up the mountain as the Lord had commanded him, God powerfully described himself, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Jesus shows us the depths of this life of God. He came not to condemn the world but to save it. As people in relationship with God, we often fail. We walk away from God's ways, fall into sinfulness, and then, with the Lord's grace, come to our senses and return. God's words to Moses and the very life of Jesus show us that when we do so, we can still rely on God's mercy and kindness, because love is God's very nature.

CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD

We might consider this testimony to the life and love of God and think to ourselves, so what? Knowing that God loves us is reassuring, and may help us place our faith and trust in the Lord, but something more naturally follows—as followers of Jesus, we are called to become more like him. When others look at us, they should be able to say that we are "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This gets at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Our daily decisions, words, and actions are to reflect the merciful graciousness of God. We are able to do this through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you becoming more Christ-like? May the grace of the Lord, love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you renew your commitment to show and share God's kindness to others!

Today's Readings: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 54, 55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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DIOS ES MISERICORDIOSO Y COMPASIVO

Hay momentos en nuestra vida en los que podemos preguntarnos cómo sabemos quién es Dios o cómo es. Las lecturas de hoy nos ayudan a sentirnos seguros al poner nuestra fe en Dios y a estar seguros del amor constante de Dios. Cuando Moisés subió a la montaña, como le había ordenado el Señor, Dios poderosamente se expuso. "El Señor, el Señor, un Dios misericordioso y compasivo, lento para enojarse y rico en misericordia y bondad". Jesús nos muestra las profundidades de esta vida en Dios. Él no vino a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Como personas en una relación con Dios, a menudo fallamos. Nos alejamos de los senderos de Dios, caemos en el pecado y luego, con la gracia de Dios, venimos a nuestros sentidos y regresamos. Las palabras de Dios a Moisés y la misma vida de Jesús nos muestran que cuando lo hacemos, todavía podemos confiar en la misericordia y bondad de Dios, porque el amor es la misma naturaleza de Dios.

LLAMADOS A SER COMO DIOS

Podríamos considerar este testimonio de la vida y amor de Dios y pensar "¿y qué?" Sabiendo que Dios nos ama es alentador y nos puede ayudar a poner nuestra fe y confianza en el Señor, pero algo más naturalmente fluye, como seguidores de Jesús, se nos llama a seguir su ejemplo. Cuando otros nos miran, ellos deberían poder decir que somos "misericordiosos y bondadosos, lentos para enojarnos y ricos en amabilidad y fidelidad". Esto llega al corazón de lo que significa ser una persona cristiana. Nuestras decisiones de cada día, palabras y acciones reflejan la misericordia y gracia de Dios. Podemos hacer esto a través de la fuerza interna y presencia del Espíritu Santo. ¿De qué maneras te estás volviendo más como Cristo? ¿Qué la gracia del Señor, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo estén contigo y renueven su compromiso de mostrar y compartir la bondad de Dios con los demás!

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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.



sharing the gifts we have been given

WEEK OF MAY 30 - 31, 2020

5:00 p.m. -\$1,146.00 (048)

9:00 a.m. -\$ 847.00 (049)

11:00 a.m. -\$1,859.00 (060)

Religious Educ. -\$ 243.43 Second Collection

Mail/Drop In -\$ 202.00

Online -\$ 129.00

TOTAL -\$4,696.52

***\$800.00 Special Donation - Good Samaritans**

Second Collection

Sunday, June 7, 2020: Capital Improvements

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/30- 5/31/2020 \$ 111.05

RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL \$ 6,747.82

Announcements

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Saturday, June 6 - St. Norbert

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
Gift of Life Ella Jade Santos by Nani & Tia

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
In Thanksgiving Chad and Chantal

Monday, June 8

Tuesday, June 9 - ST. EPHREM

12:00 p.m. † Raul V. Rodriguez - Rodriguez Family
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

Wednesday, June 10

12:00 p.m. † Pedro & Felipa Enriquez - Family
† Eudelio Velasquez - Sister
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

Thursday, June 11 - ST. BARNABAS

12:00 p.m.
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

Friday, June 12

12:00 p.m.
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

Saturday, June 13 - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

5:00 p.m.
Gift of Life Chayo Gomez - Parish Friends
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

Sunday, June 14

9:00 a.m. † Jose M. Canales - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Eddie C. Vasquez - Wife
Gift of Life Richard Santoyo
11:00 a.m. † Helen Lloyd - Riley Family
† Antonia Veliz - Family
Gift of Life Virginia A. Lucio
For Health Pablo Martinez - Family



We pray for the souls of our dearly departed who have who have passed away from our parish community:

† Hope Perez
† Alejandro Adolfo Ramon

Sanctuary Light

† Angie Flores



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This past Monday June 1st, 2020, I proudly celebrated my 18th year of priesthood. Your continued love and support have inspired me to continue the journey and to be the best that I can be. God has been great and merciful to me while Mary, Mother of God, has been by my side every day. I humbly continue to ask for your daily prayers to strengthen and support me.

As I celebrate my priesthood anniversary, I am also fully aware of the COVID-19 Corona virus that has devastated the world and in particular our great nation. As we completed 76 continued days of rosary prayer seeking the intercession of the Virgin Mary, we pray for a vaccine and medications to stop this pandemic and restore a sense of normalcy.

I chose this great nation to become a proud citizen and it devastates me to view the dilemma my adopted country is currently undergoing. Thousands of persons are demonstrating their constitutional liberty of protesting due to the death of Mr. George Floyd while in custody of a police officer. A video has surfaced to generate tensions and raise questions of justice and fairness.

My parishioners and friends, I strongly encourage you to pray for all the parties involved. Pray for the family of Mr. George Floyd to find peace as they mourn the loss of their loved one. We also pray for our police officers for the difficult job they render every day. We pray for those in positions of power, leadership and authority to promote understanding, dialogue and justice. Let us be confident that our country will resurface to be once again strong with the prayers and assistance of all its citizens.

I implore the Holy Spirit to guide us in our limitations, weaknesses and lead us to a peaceful world with justice for all.

God bless our great nation, the United States of America, and all of its citizens. Stay Safe!
God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalms — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Events of the Week ~ June 7 - June 13, 2020

Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church
Facebook Livestream
11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church

Monday, June 8

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 11

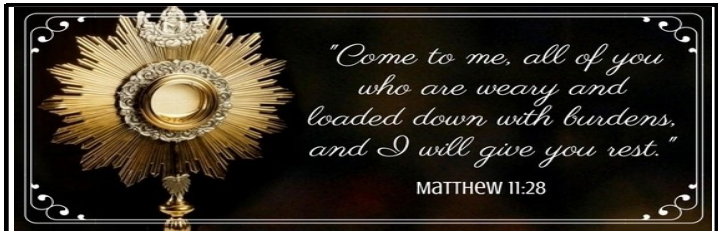
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

Friday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 13

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!

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES SCHEDULED FOR SACRAMENTS

First Communion (CCD) Sunday, June 14 at 12:30pm
First Communion (School) Sunday, June 21 at 12:30pm
Confirmation (CCD) Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 pm
Additional information forthcoming in next weeks bulletin.



*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 you all 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 school year 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
- Venmo: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com
- Or call the office to use your credit card.



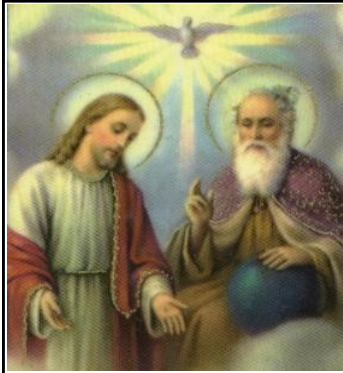
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com 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.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday in honor of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs - belief in the Holy Trinity.

This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God, Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; and on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Re 17:1-6; Sal 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
- Martes: 1 Re 17:7-16; Sal 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
- Miércoles: 1 Re 18:20-39; Sal 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
- Jueves: Hch 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Sal 98:1-6; Mt 5:17-19
- Viernes: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-16; Sal 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
- Sábado: 1 Re 19:19-21; Sal 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
- Domingo: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Moisés subió al Monte Sinaí y luego el Señor pasó delante de él (Éxodo 34:4b-6,8-9).

Salmo — ¡Gloria y alabanza por siempre! (Daniel 3).

Segunda lectura — Trabajen para ser perfectos, anímense, tengan un mismo sentir y vivan en paz. (2 Corintios 13:11-13).

Evangelio — Dios mandó a su Hijo único al mundo para salvar el mundo por él (Juan 3:16-18).

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GRACIA Y VIDA ETERNA

Moisés es un hombre como nosotros, ¿acaso no hemos tratado también con cabezas duras? De hecho, ¿acaso no hemos sido nosotros mismos los cabezas duras? Quejumbrosos. . . impacientes. . . rápidos para enojarnos. ¡Qué suerte la de Moisés y qué suerte la nuestra que Dios es precisamente lo opuesto! Y ni siquiera tenemos que adivinarlo. El Señor nos lo dice directamente. Y en concordancia, Moisés hace lo que todos necesitamos hacer. Pese a tener las tablas en las manos, se postra y pide el perdón y la gracia de Dios.

Alentándonos a vivir juntos en paz y con el favor de Dios, el apóstol Pablo sabe de esta gracia, e invoca con alegría la gracia del amor de Dios y del Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros. “Estén alegres”, dice. Y cuando se trata de alegrarnos, Juan nos ofrece las palabras más regocijantes: la seguridad de la vida eterna en Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿De qué manera respondo a la generosidad de Dios? ¿Cómo puedo compartir lo que se me ha dado de manera que emule la generosidad de Dios?