

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 14, 2020

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Israelites who journeyed through the desert were fleeing slavery and certain death. But along the way, they encountered serpents and scorpions and experienced great hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna and quenched their thirst with water drawn from a rock. In these miraculous encounters, the people came to believe that God was truly with them on their journey, and with this assurance, grew to rely on and put their trust in God. Jesus began his ministry with a pilgrimage to the desert, where he prayed and placed his trust in his heavenly Father. Strengthened at God's hand, Jesus stayed true to his mission even in the face of cruel death, giving himself, his very life and substance to us in bread and wine at the Last Supper and for his disciples for ages unending.

WHAT IS YOUR DESERT?

Chances are you are not physically wandering in a desert, although millions of people throughout the world live without adequate clean water. All of us experience spiritual and emotional deserts, however. The food that Jesus gives in the Eucharist, his very Body and Blood, soul and divinity, nourish us in our desert moments and strengthen us to live as Christ's people in the world. Partaking in Christ's Body and Blood, we are to live as Christ's people in the world, standing in solidarity with those who are in deserts of their own—physical, spiritual, and emotional. We are called to act as Christ's body, nourishing others through our presence, prayer, and sharing. What is your desert? How does the Eucharist strengthen you as you journey through this dark and sometimes frightening place in life? What deserts of others are you called to address through your caring and sharing as a member of Christ's body, the Church?

Today's Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

COMIDA PARA EL CAMINO

Los israelitas que caminaron por el desierto estaban escapando de la esclavitud y de una muerte segura. Pero durante el camino, encontraron serpientes y escorpiones y sufrieron hambre y sed. Dios los alimentó con maná y sació su sed con agua que sacó de una piedra. En estos encuentros milagrosos, las personas llegaron a creer que Dios verdaderamente estaba con ellos en su camino y, con esta seguridad, su dependencia aumentó y pusieron su confianza en Dios. Jesús comenzó su ministerio con un peregrinaje en el desierto, donde rezó y puso su confianza en su Padre celestial. Fortalecido en las manos de Dios, Jesús permaneció fiel a su misión, incluso al enfrentar una muerte cruel, entregándose a sí mismo, su propia vida y esencia a nosotros en el pan y vino en la Última Cena y para sus discípulos por los siglos de los siglos.

¿CUÁL ES NUESTRO DESIERTO?

Es muy probable que no estés físicamente deambulando en un desierto, aunque millones de personas alrededor del mundo vivan sin agua potable. Sin embargo, todos nosotros experimentamos desiertos espirituales y emocionales. El alimento que Jesús da en la Eucaristía, su mismo Cuerpo y Sangre, alma y divinidad, nos nutre en nuestros momentos de desierto y nos fortalece para vivir como personas de Cristo en el mundo. Al participar del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, debemos vivir como el pueblo de Cristo en el mundo, siendo solidarios con quienes están en sus propios desiertos, físicos, espirituales o emocionales. Estamos llamados a comportarnos como el cuerpo de Cristo, alimentando a los demás por medio de nuestra presencia, oración y participación. ¿Cuál es tu desierto? ¿Cómo te fortalece la Eucaristía mientras caminas este oscuro y a veces alarmante lugar en la vida? ¿A qué desiertos de otras personas estás llamado a atender por medio de tu cuidado y participación como un miembro del cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia?

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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	Maria Langley
Henry Vidal	JoAnn Almaguer	Rose Loa Gallegos
Hope Esquivel	Diana Calderon	Luis Mendoza, Jr.

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 JUNE 6-7, 2020

5:00 p.m.	-\$1,444.00	(066)
9:00 a.m.	-\$ 864.00	(050)
11:00 a.m.	-\$ 873.00	(068)
Capital Improv.	-\$ 715.00	Second Collection
Priests' Pension	-\$ 302.00	Second Collection
Mail In	-\$ 329.80	
Daily Drop In	-\$1,737.40	
Online	-\$ 70.00	
TOTAL	-\$6,335.20	

Second Collection

Sunday, June 14, 2020: Good Samaritans

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 6/6 - 6/7/2020	\$ 140.11
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 6,887.93

Announcements

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, June 13 - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

5:00 p.m.

Gift of Life Chayo Gomez - Parish Friends
For Health Pablo Martinez

Sunday, June 14

9:00 a.m.

† Jose M. Canales - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Eddie C. Vasquez - Wife
† Paul G. Salinas - Wife Grace Salinas
† Eddie C. Vasquez - Wife

Health for Angelita Canales - Frances Ramirez

11:00 a.m.

† Helen Lloyd - Riley Family
† Antonia Veliz - Family

Gift of Life Richard Santoyo... - Family

Gift of Life Virginia A. Lucio - Parents

For Health Pablo Martinez - Family

First Communion

12:30 p.m. † Gregorio Ramirez - Wife Angie Ramirez

Monday, June 15

Tuesday, June 16

12:00 p.m. † Maria Treviño - Cisneros Family

Wednesday, June 17

12:00 p.m. † Eudelio Velasquez, Jr. - Sister

Thursday, June 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family

Friday, June 19

12:00 p.m.

Gift of Life Greg Sebold - Wife Colleen

Saturday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 21

9:00 a.m.

† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Jose, Jesus & Victor Castillo - Family
† Jesus Gurrola - Family & Friends
† Juan C. Velasquez - Family
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas

11:00 a.m.

† Gloria Lloyd - Children
† Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Katy Cynthia De La Cruz - Sister Evelyn Parra

SOMETHING

YOU

SHOULD

KNOW

We thank everyone for taking necessary precautions to stay safe while attending Mass.

However, we have noticed some parishioners wearing gloves upon entering the church and while receiving communion.

Please understand that the sacrament of receiving communion is a holy one and should be received directly into the hand without gloves. You are encouraged to use hand sanitizer immediately after receiving communion and/or during Mass.

Thank you for your understanding. Fr. Fidèle

Sanctuary Light



† Alejandro Adolfo Ramon



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

There are some indications that suggest COVID-19 is spreading within Bexar County. We must continue being vigilant by observing social distancing, wearing masks and washing our hands constantly in order to protect persons around us and ourselves. Our Saturday and Sunday services, including daily Mass, requires you to wear masks throughout the entire celebration and maintain it on until you arrive at your vehicle.

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.

I will be speaking about my personal experience as a Black man and priest in the United States of America this [coming Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00](#) in the afternoon on my personal and church Facebook. Please join me for an honest discussion and exchange on this important subject of our life time. Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may she assist our scientists and physicians to produce a vaccine and medications to stop this deadly pandemic and restore a sense of normalcy.

Effective this Sunday, June 14th at 11:00 in the morning the English Mass will be live streamed on my personal and church Facebook page.

I invite all the graduates of the academic year 2019-2020 to join us for a celebration and special blessing this Sunday, June 14th at the 11:00 morning English Mass. You may wear your graduation garment if you choose to do so.

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 — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Cor 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Events of the Week ~ June 14 - June 20, 2020

Sunday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church
11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
Facebook Livestream
12:30 p.m. ***First Communion CCD** - Church

Monday, June 15

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

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

Friday, June 19

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

Saturday, June 20

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

*** Due to limited seating, tickets are required to attend First Communion Mass.**

PLEASE NOTE DATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SACRAMENTS MASSES

- **First Communion (CCD) Sunday, June 14 at 12:30pm. Tickets required for attendance.**
- **First Communion (School) Sunday, June 21 at 12:30 pm. Tickets required for attendance. For questions or additional information, please contact SJB School for information at (210) 433-0411.**
- **Confirmation (CCD) Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 pm. Only 4 tickets per Confirmation candidate (For Parents, sponsor and candidate)**

We are following guidelines for attendance and must adhere to the limit. However, for those unable to attend ALL Masses will be live streamed.

We will continue to follow set COVID19 safety guidelines:

- Ushers will seat you and/or your household.
- Face coverings are required throughout the Mass
- Safe social distancing will be enforced by leaving every other pew vacant.
- A minimum of six feet must be maintained between groups and individuals that are not of the same household.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged before receiving communion.
- Communion will be received on the hand only.
- Please avoid socializing after Mass. We must clean and disinfect the church after the service.

We thank you for your understanding and patience and thankful to finally have our children receive the blessing and gift of their Sacraments. They have waited patiently for this wonderful life event.

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.

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In John's Gospel, Jesus gives a long discourse on the Bread of Life. In today's Gospel, he says that the bread he will give is his flesh. The leaders of the Jews don't understand. Hopefully, we can do better.

In the pagan world at the time of Christ and before, a sacrifice was also a meal. Jesus used that understanding of sacrifice to explain his gift of self. He would die on the cross as a sacrifice to the Father and we would share in the meal by consuming bread and wine, which are his Body and Blood. Better than the pagan sacrifice, the Eucharist unites us with God because Jesus is both human and divine. His humanity allowed him to represent us to the Father, as a lawyer represents a client to the court. Jesus' divinity allowed his sacrifice to be worthy of the Father, as no merely human gift could be.

The Eucharist also unites us to one another. Because the food we share is the Body and Blood of Christ, we in a sense become what we eat. We show this by our love, by sharing our faith, by forgiving each other, and by our service to each other. If we believe that Jesus is divine, we must believe his word that the Eucharist is truly his Body and Blood, given for us.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2020

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

We always welcome anyone to help us clean, disinfect and sanitize our place of worship. It is 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**. Thank you and as always, we appreciate your commitment.

Cleaning Schedule

Saturday, June 20, 2020 - Eucharistic Ministers/Good Samaritans of SJB

Saturday, June 27, 2020 - Youth/Young Adults

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Reyes 21:1-16; Sal 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Martes: 1 Reyes 21:17-29; Sal 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Miércoles: 2 Reyes 2:1, 6-14; Sal 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Eclo 48:1-14; Sal 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Viernes: Dt 7:6-11; Sal 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Sábado: 2 Cron 24:17-25; Sal 89:4-5, 29-34; Lc 2:41-51

Domingo: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El hombre no vive solamente de pan (Deuteronomio 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Salmo — Glorifica al Señor, Jerusalén (Salmo 147).

Segunda lectura — El pan es uno, y así nosotros, aunque somos muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo (1 Corintios 10:16-17).

Evangelio — El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna (Juan 6:51-58).

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ALIMENTO CELESTIAL

Dios sustentó al pueblo de Israel por cuarenta años en el desierto con maná venido del cielo, y Moisés no quiere que lo olviden. Dios hizo brotar agua de la roca para que bebieran, y Moisés tampoco quiere que olviden esto. Y Moisés se lo dice –dos veces—que el alimento que Dios envió era comida que ni ellos ni sus antepasados jamás habían probado antes.

Jesús, también habla del pan venido del cielo, comida que el pueblo judío jamás había probado antes. Recordando el maná del desierto, Jesús tampoco quiere que ellos lo olviden, explicándoles que él es pan y bebida para la vida eterna. Y Pablo les reitera a los corintios y a todos nosotros que en el pan y en la copa participamos en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Que diferencia hace en mi vida esta celebracion seminal de la Eucaristia?