

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

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## DO NOT BE AFRAID

In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, the way our parish is being run, or a zillion other things. The problems may not even be evil but may be simply life and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads others to addiction as a means of coping. In our Gospel today, God lovingly calls us beyond that darkness to light.

## YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God's love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment, look at the world around you, breathe, take it in, and ask God for the help you need. Turn matters over and place your trust in a loving God.

Remember, though, Jesus seldom heals without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concern over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary. Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or time for the sacrament of reconciliation? Evil's power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone but share our concerns with someone, we can begin to grow and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long arduous process. But we hold on to the simple reminder, "You are worth more than many sparrows!"

**Today's Readings:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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## NO TENGAS MIEDO!

En nuestro mundo actual, parece que hay muchas cosas que nos hacen temerosos. Podemos ponernos angustiados por nuestras finanzas personales, relaciones, decisiones mediocres que nuestros hijos hacen, problemas en el trabajo, el cambio climático, la manera en que nuestra parroquia es administrada o un millón de otras cosas. Los problemas quizá ni siquiera son malos, sino que solo es la vida y todos sus cambios. Pero estas dificultades son auténticas y algunas veces buscamos soluciones malsanas. Muchas personas sufren problemas de ansiedad y depresión, y la angustia lleva a otras hacia la adicción como una forma de enfrentarlas. En el Evangelio de hoy, Dios amorosamente nos llama de la oscuridad profunda a la luz.

## ERES MÁS VALIOSO QUE LOS PÁJAROS

Algunas veces buscamos respuestas complejas cuando una solución simple está frente a nosotros. Al estar escribiendo y viendo por la ventana, veo la mitad de una docena de pájaros pequeños parados en un arbusto. Su presencia nos recuerda al amor de Dios y su cuidado por cada uno de nosotros. Si algo que parece tan insignificante o fortuito lo conoce Dios, ¡cuánto más nosotros somos amados y cuidados! Toma un momento, mira el mundo alrededor tuyo, respira, inhala, y pide la ayuda de Dios en tus necesidades. Dale vuelta a ese asunto y pon tu confianza en un Dios amoroso. Recuerda, sin embargo, Jesús pocas veces sana sin algún tipo de acción de nuestra parte. Cuando pongas tus preocupaciones en las manos de Dios, quizá pueden ser necesarios otros pasos. ¿Es tiempo de sacar una cita con un profesional? ¿Hora de ponerle nombre al problema? ¿O es el tiempo para confesarse en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación? La fuerza del mal surge por permanecer en la oscuridad. Cuando ya no nos cerramos o sufrimos solos, sino que compartimos nuestras preocupaciones con alguien, podemos empezar a crecer, sanar y empezar a superarlos. Rara vez es mágico o instantáneo. Es un proceso prologado y difícil. Pero nos aferramos a un recordatorio sencillo, "¡tú eres más valioso que muchos pájaros!"

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

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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

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.



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sharing the gifts we have been given

## WEEK OF JUNE 13-14, 2020

5:00 p.m.	-\$1,125.00	(061)
9:00 a.m.	-\$ 2,032.00	(041)
11:00 a.m.	-\$ 487.00	(078)
Mass First Comm.	-\$ 356.00	(064)
Good Samaritans	-\$ 288.16	Second Collection
Mail In	-\$ 195.00	
Online	-\$ 86.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 118.01	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,569.16</b>	

**Second Collection**  
**Sunday, June 21, 2020: Altar Flowers**

## 2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 6/13 - 6/14/2020	\$ 118.01
<b>RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,005.94</b>

# Announcements



## Saturday, June 20

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family  
Healthy Birth for Alicia & Jacob Garcia -  
Campos Family

## Sunday, June 21 - FATHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Jose, Jesus & Victor Castillo - Family  
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas  
† Jesus Gurrola - Family & Friends  
† Juan C. Velasquez - Family

11:00 a.m. † Gloria Lloyd - Children  
† Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family  
† Katy Cynthia De La Cruz - Sister Evelyn Parra

## Monday, June 22

### Tuesday, June 23

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

### Wednesday, June 24

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

### Thursday, June 25

12:00 p.m. † Pete Pastrano - Raquel & Socorro

### Friday, June 26

12:00 p.m. For All Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, June 27

5:00 p.m. For All Afflicted by COVID-19

### Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Daniel C. Arzola - Family  
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Margarita Ventura - Ventura Family  
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas

11:00 a.m. Gift of Life Cynthia Sandoval - MaryAnn Arocha  
Gift of Life MaryAnn Arocha - Family

# FROM THE PASTOR

## Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist this past Sunday, June 14, 2020. May this be the start of a beautiful union with our Lord. I thank all the CCD Coordinators, Catechists and parents who have prepared these children and supported them throughout their journey.

Indications 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 along with several other video incidents involving police and Blacks. I join many other citizens of this great nation to demand justice and fair treatment for all ethnicities present in the United States of America. All lives matter including blacks. Many good and honest police officers exist who do a great job to the best of their ability considering how risky and unpredictable their job can be. Honest dialogues and discussions need to take place and pave the way for a better America. Let us rely on the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, to guide us in navigating these very important and complicated issues. We also ask for Her intercession to assist our scientists and physicians to produce a vaccine and medications to stop the COVID-19 deadly pandemic and restore a sense of normalcy. I implore the Holy Spirit to guide us in our limitations, weaknesses and lead us to a peaceful world and justice for all.

The **11:00 morning Sunday English Mass** will be livestreamed on my personal and church Facebook page. Tune in for those of you who are able to join us on Sunday.

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

Sincerely in Christ,



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AS THEY RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020.

Claudia Garai  
Avery Gonzales  
Gavin Torres  
Katelyn Ramirez  
Jasmine Serna  
Noah Rodriguez

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

† Juan C. Velasquez



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## Events of the Week ~ June 21 - June 27, 2020

### Sunday, June 21

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 22

### Tuesday, June 23

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

### Wednesday, June 24

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

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

### Thursday, June 25

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

### Friday, June 26

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

### Saturday, June 27

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

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



## 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.

## CONFIRMATION MASS

- **Confirmation (CCD) Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 pm. Only 4 tickets per Confirmation candidate** (For Parents, sponsor and candidate)
- 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.

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF THE SAN ANTONIO AREA

## Apply to vote by mail if you are eligible!

You are eligible to vote by mail if you:

- will be away from your county during all of Early Voting and on Election Day
- are sick or disabled
- are 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- are confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote

You can get an application to vote by mail:

- by phone: call Bexar County Elections Dept. at 210-335-8683 to have one sent to you
- online: print an [application](#) to mail in

**Deadline:** Applications to vote by mail must be **received by July 2** at the Bexar Co. Elections Dept.

Mail to: Early Voting Clerk, Bexar County Elections  
Department 1103 S. Frio Street, STE 100, San Antonio, TX  
78207



**This Sunday, June 21, 2020, we celebrate Father's Day.** We congratulate all Fathers for the job they have done in raising their children and nurturing them for a better future. We also extend our appreciation to grandfathers, uncles, single fathers, and to those entrusted to care for children, regardless of, or not being, the biological parent of a child. We also remember those Father's who have gone to be with the Lord. May they rest in peace. We also pray for those fathers in prison, or battling addictions or on the streets either for mental illness or abandoned by their families and loved ones. May God extend that healing touch upon all of you. Celebrate safely!

**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.

Thank you and we appreciate your commitment.

**Ministry Cleaning Schedule**

**Saturday, June 27, 2020 - Youth/Young Adults**

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: 2 Re 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Sal 60 (59):3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
 Martes: 2 Re 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Miércoles: Vigilia: Jer 1:4-10; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17;  
 1 Pe 1:8-12; Lc 1:5-17  
Día: Is 49:1-6; Sal 139 (138):1-3, 13-15;  
 Hch 13:22-26; Lc 1:57-66, 80  
 Jueves: 2 Re 24:8-17; Sal 79 (78):1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29  
 Viernes: 2 Re 25:1-12; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Mt 8:1-4  
 Sábado: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Sal 74 (73):1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17  
 Domingo: 2 Re 4:8-11, 14-16a; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor ha salvado al desamparado de los manos de los malvados (Jeremías 20:10-13).

**Salmo** — Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno (Salmo 69).

**Segunda lectura** — Por gracia, el don generoso del Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, nos ha salvado de todo pecado. (Romanos 5:12-15).

**Evangelio** — No hay miedo cuando el amor de Dios se recibe como don precioso (Mat 10:26-33).

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**ENTUSIASMO Y GRAMÁTICA**

Hay una buena razón para que los escritos de Pablo no se usen como modelos de gramática correcta hoy. La lectura de hoy nos ofrece un buen ejemplo de que para Pablo el mensaje tenía precedencia sobre la gramática. La primera oración es bastante larga y deja a los lectores sin aire; luego hay una serie de declaraciones que están hilvanadas sólo en la mente de Pablo. Pero, ¿qué importa? El fervor de Pablo es tan evidente que las palabras no le salen lo suficientemente rápidas para expresar sus ideas de manera ordenada. Los estudiosos de la Escritura regularmente interpretan su falta de sentido gramático como señal de la importancia de un pasaje en la Iglesia joven; como algo tan importante para ellos que el lenguaje que usaron nunca fue refinado.

¿Qué puede causar tal estado? ¿Contar la trama de una película de acción o describir jugada por jugada de un juego de fútbol? ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que estuvimos tan excitados por nuestra fe en Cristo que nos faltaba el aire al contarle, o cometíamos errores gramaticales por hablar con tanto entusiasmo? ¡Puede que sea ejemplo de mala gramática, pero es una manera excelente de inspirar a otros con el mensaje de Cristo! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Cuándo es que no estoy dispuesto a defender lo que creo? ¿Cuáles son los temores que me cohiben de sacar mi fe a la luz?