

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

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OUR COMPLICATED LIVES

We live in an age and a society that has never been more educated or had a higher standard of living, yet never have we carried as much debt. Many are living beyond their means. We have so many resources and time-saving devices at our hands, yet our lives are more complex than ever. While many people may not engage in extreme manual labor we rarely escape our jobs. Many are connected through phones and constantly receive calls, texts, and emails. Others spend hours in traffic on their daily commutes or pack on the frequent flyer miles.

We spend hours binge-watching our favorite shows. Many children are accustomed to being in front of a screen all the time and no longer know how to play creatively. The statistics for those who continue to leave the Church and all forms of organized religion also continue to rise.

While there is no such thing as a "good old days" to return to, there was something to be said for sleeping soundly after putting in a good day's work, and for a family gathering around the table for a shared meal. For many, this model for eucharist rarely exists. Jesus knows and feels our pains, and calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

So how do we declutter? Downsize? Devote ourselves again to Christ and live out our gospel calling? Sign up for a liturgical ministry, or volunteer to help with a religion program. Join a small faith group. Volunteer at a food pantry or Habitat for Humanity. Become involved as an individual, or a family. Meanwhile, back at the house, make a commitment to go through one drawer a day, and take things to your local St. Vinnie's or secondhand store. Remember meal and bedtime prayers. Find a minute to read the daily scriptures. Take many baby steps. It's not rocket science. It is a continual commitment to bring ourselves as we are, and to respond to Jesus' call to "Come."

Today's Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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NUESTRAS COMPLICADAS VIDAS

Vivimos en una época y una sociedad que nunca ha sido tan educada o tenido un nivel de vida más alto, pero nunca hemos tenido tantas deudas. Muchas personas viven por arriba de sus necesidades. Tenemos a nuestra disposición muchos recursos y aparatos que nos ahorran el tiempo, y aún así nuestras vidas son más complejas que antes. Aunque muchas personas no se dedican a trabajos manuales extremos, rara vez evitamos nuestros trabajos. Muchos están conectados a través de teléfonos y reciben constantemente llamadas, textos y correos electrónicos. Otros pasan horas en el tráfico en sus viajes diarios o acumulan millas en sus programas de viajeros frecuentes.

Pasamos horas mirando compulsivamente nuestros programas favoritos. Muchos niños están acostumbrados a estar frente a una pantalla todo el tiempo y ya no saben cómo jugar creativamente. Las estadísticas de quienes van dejando la Iglesia y de otras religiones siguen aumentando.

Si bien no hay tal cosa como "en los buenos viejos tiempos" a los que volver, había algo que decir para dormir descansadamente después de un buen día de trabajo, y para una reunión familiar alrededor de la mesa para compartir los alimentos. Para muchos, este modelo de eucarística casi nunca existe. Jesús sabía y sentía nuestros dolores, y gritaba "vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y cansados y yo les daré descanso".

NO ES NINGUNA CIENCIA ESPACIAL

¿Cómo organizamos? ¿Reducimos? ¿Nos dedicamos de nuevo a Cristo y a nuestro llamado al Evangelio? Apúntate para ayudar en algún apostolado o ministerio, o se voluntario para ayudar en el catecismo para niños. Intégrate a un pequeño grupo de fe. Hazte voluntario en un banco de comida o en Hábitat para la Humanidad. Involúcrate personalmente o como familia. Mientras tanto, regresa a casa, comprométete a revisar un cajón cada día, y toma las cosas a la tienda de segunda cerca de tu casa o al banco de ropa más cercano. Recuerda las oraciones de los alimentos y de la noche antes de irte a dormir. Dedica un minuto para leer las Escrituras del día. Da pasos de bebé. No es ninguna ciencia espacial. Es un compromiso continuo de llevarnos a nosotros mismos como somos, y responder al llamado de Jesús a "venir".

Lecturas de hoy: Zac 9:9-10; Sal 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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.



WEEK OF JUNE 27-28, 2020

5:00 p.m.	-\$ 797.00	(045)
9:00 a.m.	-\$ 203.00	(021)
11:00 a.m.	-\$ 362.30	(039)
Confirmation	-\$ 731.00	(090)
Religious Education	-\$ 178.00	Second Collection
Online Donations	-\$ 210.00	
Mail In	-\$ 788.00	
Daily Mass Offerings	-\$ 28.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 61.10	
TOTAL	-\$ 3,358.40	

Second Collection

Sunday, July 5, 2020: Capital Improvements

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 6/27 - 6/28/2020	\$ 61.10
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 7,186.42

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

5:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving Chad & Chantal - Family

Sunday, July 5

9:00 a.m.

- † Pauline Juarez - Angelita Canales
- † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
- † Refugio Cuellar - Son & Daughter
- † Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
- † Adela Solis - Family
- † Concepción Solis - Family

11:00 a.m.

- † Eloy & Mary Alvarado - Riley Family
- † Anna Moreno - Margaret & Erica Moreno

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

12:00 p.m.

- † Juan C. and Jr. Velasquez - Sister

Wednesday, July 8

12:00 p.m.

For Health All Afflicted with COVID-19

Thursday, July 9

12:00 p.m.

- † Emilio Garza

Friday, July 10

12:00 p.m.

- † Maria Isabel Castro - Family

Saturday, July 11 - ST. BENEDICT

5:00 p.m.

- † Mr. George Hernandez - Wife & Family
- Gift of Life Robert Vidal - Tia's
- Gift of Life Evelyn Parra - Family

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m.

- † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
- † Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
- † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
- † Concepción Solis - Family
- † Helen Lloyd - Rosalinda Garza

11:00 a.m.

Gift of Life Raquel Castillo - Family



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

† Emilio Garza

SANCTUARY LIGHT

† Rose Loa Gallegos



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy 4th of July! I invite you to treasure the freedom we enjoy from our great country, the United States of America. As we celebrate Independence Day we are reminded that it came with a heavy cost. We pray for all those who are sacrificed for our freedom and for our great country. May God continue to bless and keep us safe, protect us against COVID-19 and allow us to defeat it eventually.

Remember to continue supporting your community financially to allow us to live up to our financial commitments. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

All indications suggest COVID-19 is quickly 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 church services on Saturday and Sunday, including daily Mass, require 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.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Events of the Week ~ July 5 - July 11, 2020

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Wednesday, July 8

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee Break with Father Fidèle - Facebook Livestream
6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Thursday, July 9

12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS to our young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday, June 28, 2020. We pray for them as they become adults in their faith, as well as his disciples and witnesses in this world divided by so much uncertainty.

I thank the CCD Coordinators, Victor and Karen Araguz, Catechists, sponsors and parents, who have prepared their children and supported them throughout their journey.

CONFIRMANDI

Ernest Acosta	Gabrielle Hernandez
Analisa Alaniz	Pablo Hernandez
Alexis Almaraz	Nicholas Herrera
Kassidy Arroyo	Abigail Martinez
Laura Chapa	Dominic Moreno
Devin Esparza	Viviana Rodriguez
Tristan Esparza	Emily Treviño
Claudia Garai	Tristan Treviño
Kenneth Garcia	Nathaniel Zapata



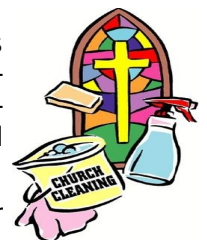
We are accepting Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact the school office at (210) 433-0411 information.

Students receive a solid foundation academically and religiously. We have committed faculty and teachers who commit themselves to the education of our students. Let us be supportive of our Catholic School and education. We need God in our lives now more than ever.

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, July 11, 2020 - Hospitality
Saturday, July 18, 2020 - Boys/Girls Scouts



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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MESSAGE FROM FATHER FIDELE

Last week there was an insert in the bulletin regarding guidelines and procedures that have kept us safe and as your spiritual leader it is my obligation to ensure our parish congregations safety.

Please make note of the following:

- Your temperature will be taken as you enter the church property including the office and the sanctuary.
- The door of the office will be locked for the safety of all, but you are invited to ring the bell for service.
- We encourage you to call the office for any questions to avoid unnecessary outside contact.
- A table will be placed outside of the office with bulletins and envelopes for your convenience and donations. Please use the slot near the door that is our mail box to insert your envelope (s).
- Confessions will be by appointment only on Saturdays. Please call the office for any questions.
- You are required to wear a mask at **ALL TIMES** whether it's to come to the office or to attend church celebrations.
- Maintain 6 feet distancing from each other. Please wash your hands regularly or sanitize them.
- All church celebrations in the church will continue to be kept a maximum of 100 persons.
- **AS A REMINDER**, we encourage parishioners not to wear gloves when receiving communion. Remember the sacrament of receiving communion is a holy one and should be received directly into the hand without gloves. You may sanitize before and after receiving communion.
- If you are sick or show any symptoms of COVID-19, we strongly advise you to stay home.

As of July 1, 2020, I will once again begin the recitation of the Holy Rosary in our Church at 6:00 p.m. (and via Facebook livestream). We must unite as a Christian family in this present tragic situation, and we fly to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. We seek refuge under your protection, and ask that you turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this pandemic.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Os 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Sal 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Martes:	Os 8:4-7, 11-13; Sal 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles:	Os 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Sal 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves:	Os 11:1-4, 8e-9; Sal 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes:	Os 14:2-10; Sal 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado:	Is 6:1-8; Sal 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo:	Is 55:10-11; Sal 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Nuestro Salvador es un pacificador que reina hasta los confines de la tierra (Zaca 9:9-10).

Salmo — Siempre bendeciré tu nombre, mi rey y mi Dios (Salmo 145).

Segunda lectura — Si por el Espíritu matan las obras de la carne, vivirán en el Espíritu de Dios (Rom 8: 9-13)

Evangelio — Vengan a mí los que se sientan cargados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviaré (Mateo 11:25-30).

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COMPARTE LA CARGA

“Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo los aliviaré” (Mateo 11:28). Estas palabras de nuestro Salvador son un gran contraste con el previo capítulo del mismo Evangelio, cuando nos dice que si no cargamos nuestra propia cruz, no somos dignos de Cristo. Relacionar estos dos mensajes puede ayudarnos en nuestro camino de fe. Ser seguidor de Cristo ciertamente significa que debemos abrazar la cruz, en su misterio que es sufrimiento y triunfo a la vez. Es algo que no necesitamos hacer solos, ya que la carga suele ser demasiado pesada para llevarla sin ayuda. ¿A quién volcarnos entonces? Podemos volcarnos al Cuerpo de Cristo, a la comunidad de discípulos reunidos para el culto. Cuando sintamos que la carga es demasiado pesada, recordemos que podemos compartirla con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que pueden traernos descanso. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cuándo he caído en la cuenta de que mis expectativas me han engañado? En relación a mis adversidades, ¿qué he aprendido por pedir ayuda?