

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

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WE NEED TO GROW

We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to "grow up" and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a "do-over." Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and "gather the wheat." Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15-16: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant."

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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NECESITAMOS CRECER

Vivimos en un mundo instantáneo de microondas, comida rápida entregada en ventanillas y en una sociedad desechable en la que las cosas se vuelven obsoletas tan rápido, por lo que el mensaje de hoy es muy extraño. En todas las lecturas de hoy y especialmente la del Evangelio, vemos la transformación, pero no es algo que ocurra de la noche a la mañana, ni tampoco pasa sin esfuerzo. Nos encontramos con parábolas de un Dios paciente y amoroso que puede ver un resultado positivo al final y está dispuesto a esperar, a alimentarnos y ayudarnos a todos a llegar allí. Las semillas del sembrador necesitan de un tiempo para crecer y de cuidados. Para preparar el pan, se debe amasar la masa y esperar pacientemente. Al plantar una semilla de mostaza, algo tan pequeño que produce grandiosos resultados, pero solo hasta que cumpla un periodo de inactividad y espera.

¿CUÁL ES NUESTRA LEVADURA?

En nuestro propio crecimiento, por lo general algo nos estimula y nos llama a cambiar. Para una pareja joven que descubre que están esperando un bebé, esto puede ser el impulso para "crecer" y fortalecer sus hábitos de gastos. Para otros, un ataque al corazón o una enfermedad terminal y prolongada puede llamar a un despertar y dar una segunda oportunidad en la vida. Perder un trabajo, una esposa o sobrevivir a un accidente automovilístico puede significar que es la hora de "volver a empezar". ¿No es asombroso darse cuenta de que estamos bendecidos con un Dios cariñoso y amoroso que pasará por todos estos cambios en nuestras vidas, que nos está engatusando para que seamos mejores? Aquí hay un Dios que no se desconecta a causa de nuestros pecados, sino que está dispuesto a esperar, clasificar y "reunir el trigo". Seamos agradecidos por este regalo de amor misericordioso. Recordemos la sencilla oración que está en el salmo 86:15-16 "Mas tú, Señor, eres un Dios compasivo y lleno de piedad, / lento para la ira y abundante en misericordia y fidelidad. / Vuélvete hacia mí, y tenme piedad; / da tu poder a tu siervo, / y salva al hijo de tu sierva."

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 12:13, 16-19; Sal 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 JULY 11 - 12, 2020

5:00 p.m.	-\$	418.00	(039)
9:00 a.m.	-\$	473.00	(028)
11:00 a.m.	-\$	544.25	(049)
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$	194.26	Second Collection
Cruz Funeral	-\$	212.00	
Drop In	-\$	1,571.00	
Mail In	-\$	419.00	
Daily Mass	-\$	192.00	
Online	-\$	103.70	
Gift of Giving	-\$	65.40	
TOTAL	-	\$4,192.61	

Second Collection

Sunday, July 19, 2020: Altar Flowers

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/11 - 7/12/2020	\$	65.40
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$	7,302.62

Announcements

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, July 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Leroy Tobar - Ray Garza
† Helen Lloyd - Cruz Family

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Gloria Lloyd - Children
† Camilo Juarez - Angelita Canales
† Ana B. Canales - Angelita Canales

11:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

12:00 p.m. † Daniel Traspaña

Wednesday, July 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENA

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

Thursday, July 23 - ST. BRIDGET

12:00 p.m. For All Front Line Workers

Friday, July 24

12:00 p.m. † Mary Esther Arriaga

Saturday, July 25 - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

5:00 p.m. † Ginny Cruz - Socorro & Raquel
† Helen Lloyd - Socorro & Raquel

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Roland Cuellar - Mom & Dad
† Margarita Ventura - Ventura Family
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Tomasita Garza - Daughter and Son

11:00 a.m. † Mary A. Hernandez - Family
Gift of Life John R. Escobedo - Mom



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

† Genevieve "Ginny" Cruz
† Audelia Garcia
† Mary Arriaga

SANCTUARY LIGHT

For All Battling
Illness



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As your Pastor, your wellbeing and spiritual needs are my top priority. The rapid increase of COVID-19 and its spread across San Antonio, the state of Texas and Bexar County is alarming and very concerning. Some persons within our St. John Berchmans community have tested positive and/or have been exposed to this virus. Each person is now under quarantine. It is urgent to take precautions in order to limit the spread of the virus within our parish community and to prevent the spread of the virus within our parish community and to protect our most vulnerable parish members.

As your Pastor, I have made the decision to diligently follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines effective immediately:

- ◆ **All church celebrations** will be maintained to a **maximum of 10 persons**. Daily Masses are celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 12 noon in the Church. Three Masses are celebrated during the weekends: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday Bilingual Mass at 9:00 am and Sunday English at 11:00 am. Solely the 11 am Mass will be live streamed on my Facebook page
- ◆ Please call the Parish office if you wish to attend Mass on the weekend. These masses are on a first call first named basis.
- ◆ All persons who are sick, or exhibiting signs of the virus or who have been exposed to someone with the virus are urgently requested to stay home.
- ◆ Sunday 11:00 am English Mass will be live streamed. I highly encourage you to remain at home and participate through my personal and church Facebook page.
- ◆ Your temperature will be taken as you enter church property which also includes the office and the sanctuary.
- ◆ The door of the Parish office will remain locked for the safety of all, but you are invited to ring the bell for further assistance. You will be allowed to enter the office solely when it is necessary. We encourage you to call for any questions, or assistance, to avoid any unnecessary outside contact. Your home is the best and safest place for you and your family.
- ◆ We have placed a table outside the parish office with bulletins for your convenience with information, and envelopes for your donations. Please use the slot near the door, that is our mail box to insert your envelope (s).
- ◆ Confessions and Adoration are suspended until further notice.
- ◆ Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has exempted anyone at high risk, underlying medical conditions, the elderly and those of you who feel uncomfortable attending Sunday Mass and days of obligation. You are encouraged to participate for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist through live streams or Catholic televisions.

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PASTOR MESSAGE (continued)

My sincere gratitude is extended to each of you who send us your donations whether by stopping by the office to drop off your envelopes or money, by mailing your envelopes or by utilizing the apps created for your convenience or by calling the office to use your credit card. Our church will not be able to survive without your generous donations, so for this, I truly appreciate your generosity and financial support.

As your Pastor, I invite you to remain calm and vigilant as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. I thank you for following these guidelines and in protecting, and ensuring that our staff, volunteers and my safety so that we may continue serving you, our parish community. We will overcome it through our daily prayer, rosary, faith, vigilance and in keeping up with guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). May God bless our great nation, our great state of Texas, our great city of San Antonio, our great Bexar county, and our community of St. John Berchmans Catholic Church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor

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Events of the Week ~ July 19 - July 25, 2020

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church

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

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

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

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

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

Wednesday, July 22

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 23

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

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

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

4:00 p.m. **Rosary** - Church

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tue: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wed: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thu: Jer 2:1-3, 7-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sun: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52



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 25, 2020 - All Choirs
August 1, 2020 - Guadalupeans



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.

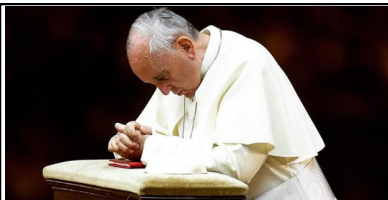
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SPECIAL THANKS

We wish to recognize all of our parish frontline volunteers who work diligently, and tirelessly in the important task of cleaning and sanitizing our church after all church functions. You ensure our safety and we are grateful to each and everyone of you!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2020 OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

These are difficult times our country is experiencing. The need is no different within our parish community. **Good Samaritan's Ministry** needs your help with donations for the following food items:

- **Canned goods:** (corn, green beans, assorted beans, tomato & spaghetti sauce)
- **Dried products:** Noodles (pastas, fideo, spaghetti, rice)
- **Cereals** (any kind)



During the course of the year, the students of St. John Berchmans School provide canned goods. However, due to home learning the last few months of the academic year, this has not taken place. Sadly, we are experiencing an **increase** a high number of food requests from families with children.

Our parish community has always been supportive and we appreciate your help for the needy. Call the Parish office to arrange drop off.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Miq 6:1-4, 6-8; Sal 50 (49):5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Martes: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Miércoles: 2 Cor 5:14-17; Sal 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Jueves: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Sal 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Viernes: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Sábado: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-2

Domingo: 1Re 3:5, 7-12; Sal 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tenemos la esperanza bien fundada de que se nos perdonarán nuestros pecados (Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19).

Salmo — Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente (Salmo 86).

Segunda lectura — Cuando no sabemos qué pedir, el Espíritu ruega por nosotros (Romanos 8:26-27).

Evangelio — El Hijo de Hombre siembra buena semilla, que son los hijos del reino (Mateo 13:24-43).

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BUENAS SEMILLAS

Hoy Jesús continúa hablando en parábolas con sus seguidores. ¡Qué rico tesoro nos regalan las tres parábolas sobre el Reino de los cielos! El Reino se parece: a un hombre que siembra buena semilla en su campo, a una semilla de mostaza y a la levadura que se mezcla en la harina. Al igual que la semana pasada, hoy los discípulos piden que Jesús les interprete una de las parábolas –la parábola del hombre que siembra buena semilla. Para que no pensemos que estas parábolas son simples anécdotas entretenidas, la interpretación de Jesús debe considerarse como lo que es –una advertencia. Llanto y desesperación esperan a los hijos del maligno. Esta parábola señala la lucha del creyente de hoy. A veces, por el pecado, sembramos cizaña y evitamos que el amor de Cristo florezca. Que el Evangelio de hoy nos ayude a retornar al buen camino. Comprometámonos a prepararnos para los días finales, para el tiempo de cosecha, floreciendo como buenas semillas creadas por el amor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿De qué manera la paciencia de Dios con la cizaña cambia mi manera de actuar para con los demás?
¿A quiénes necesito mostrarles clemencia esta semana?