

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

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NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans concludes Chapter 8 with a flourish. It is the exclamation point of Paul's teaching on the presence of the Spirit within them and among them. The church in Rome faced great suffering as they were marginalized and persecuted for their faith. Paul names both social and cosmic forces that oppress them, over which they have no control. Their trials likely provoked questions that led them to wonder, "Where is God?"

Paul teaches that God is so deeply present within us that nothing can separate us from God. This includes our own forms of resistance. Even when we find myriad ways to avoid and run away, God is waiting patiently. Even when God seems distant or absent, God continues to invite, to welcome, and to speak to us.

IMAGINING GOD'S ABUNDANCE

When reflecting upon today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the story of the feeding of the multitude, we might consider the role of Jesus' disciples. Unlike the very similar story in Matthew 15, Jesus responds to the disciples by saying, "Give them some food yourselves". Jesus is pushing his disciples to think beyond the apparent scarcity, and to open their imaginations to God's abundance. They are to join in with what God is doing. Jesus then takes, blesses, breaks, and shares the bread (anticipating his action at the Last Supper), and the disciples share the loaves with the crowd.

The stories of the feeding of the multitudes also point ahead to the practice of Eucharist in the Church. The Eucharist itself points ahead to God's banquet at the consummation of the reign of God, when all will share God's abundance. We the Church are called to open our imaginations to God present and active, who continually works toward God's promised future. We are to share in God's passionate desire to feed the people, and join in what God is doing here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-18; Rom 8:35-39; Mt 14:13-21

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NADA PUEDE SEPARARNOS

El pasaje de hoy de la carta de san Pablo a los Romanos, capítulo 8, termina con una frase muy adornada con diferente y bellas palabras que contrastan. El punto de exclamación es el punto de la enseñanza de Pablo acerca de la presencia del Espíritu dentro y en medio de ellos. La Iglesia en Roma en ese tiempo enfrentó un gran sufrimiento pues la comunidad fue marginada y perseguida a causa de su fe. Pablo menciona fuerzas tanto sociales como cósmicas que los oprimen, sobre las cuales no tienen control. Sus dificultades probablemente hicieron que tuvieran dudas que los hicieran preguntarse: "¿dónde está Dios?"

Pablo enseña que Dios está tan profundamente presente en nosotros que nada puede separarnos de Dios. Esto incluye nuestras propias formas de resistencia. Incluso cuando encontramos innumerables formas de evitar y huir, Dios está esperando pacientemente. Incluso cuando Dios parece estar distante o ausente, Dios continúa invitando, dando la bienvenida y hablándonos.

IMAGINANDO LA ABUNDANCIA DE DIOS

Al reflexionar hoy en el pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo, la historia de alimentar a la multitud, podríamos considerar el papel de los discípulos de Jesús. A diferencia de la historia muy similar en Mateo 15, Jesús responde a los discípulos diciéndoles "denles ustedes de comer". Jesús fomenta a sus discípulos a pensar más allá de la aparente escasez, y a abrir su imaginación a la abundancia de Dios. Deben unirse a lo que Dios está haciendo. Entonces Jesús toma, bendice, parte y comparte el pan (anticipando lo que hará en la Última Cena), y los discípulos comparten los panes con la multitud.

Las historias en donde se alimenta a las multitudes también apuntan a la practica de la Eucaristía en la Iglesia. La Eucaristía misma apunta hacia el banquete de Dios en la consumación del reino de Dios, cuando todos compartiremos la abundancia de Dios. Nosotros, la Iglesia, se nos llama a abrir nuestra imaginación a Dios presente y activo, que obra continuamente hacia el futuro prometido de Dios. Debemos compartir el deseo apasionado de Dios por alimentar a las personas y unirnos en lo que Dios está haciendo aquí y ahora.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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 & Bela
John Ruiz	Pedro Maldonado, Sr.	Villalpando
Jessica Diaz	Sandra Garza	Joe Villanueva
Mary Martinez	Elena Gonzales	Lydia Soriano
Frances Lozano	Roxanne Joseph	Dominique & Mariah
Robert Campos	Matthew Reyna	Yanes Family
Gloria Martinez	Joe G. Martinez	Nicky Valtierra
Carlos Guardiola, III	For All Afflicted with	Edward Santoyo
Joe R. Martinez	Corona Virus	David Dominguez
Baby Sophia	Melissa Muñoz	Crystal Rose Luna

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 25 - 26, 2020

Weekend Masses	-\$ 662.00	
Religious Education	-\$ 27.00	Second Collection
Good Samaritans	-\$ 25.00	
Drop In	-\$2,105.00	
Mail In	-\$ 495.00	
Daily Masses	-\$ 110.00	
Online	-\$ 137.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 24.00	
TOTAL	- \$3,585.71	

Second Collection

Sunday, August 2, 2020: Capital Improvements

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 7/25 - 26/2020	\$ 24.00
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 7,326.62

Announcements

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Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. † Isidro Mata

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. † Jose M. Canales - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

11:00 a.m. † Maria Treviño - Cisneros Family
† Josue Hid - Wife
† Anastacia Muñoz - Cecilia Muñoz
† Isidro Muñoz - Cecilia Muñoz
† Fidela Regalado - Cecilia Muñoz

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4 - ST. JOHN VIANNEY

12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving Chad and Chantal
Gift of Life Felicia Martinez

Wednesday, August 5

12:00 p.m. † Roy Dorado

Thursday, August 6

12:00 p.m.
Gift of Life Oliver Calderon

Friday, August 7

12:00 p.m. † Isidro Mata

Saturday, August 8

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
Health of Ana Garcia - Socorro & Raquel
Gift of Life Aria Santos - Nani and Tia Des

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Daniel C. Arzola - Family
Gift of Life Kristin Treviño - Nora Treviño
11:00 a.m. † Anastacia Muñoz - Cecilia Muñoz
† Isidro Muñoz - Cecilia Muñoz
† Fidela Regalado - Cecilia Muñoz

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

We always welcome anyone to help us clean our place of worship. It is important to ensure the cleanliness, and safety of our parish community.



Ministry Cleaning Schedule

August 8, 2020 - CYO

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Family of Isidro Mata



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We commenced our daily rosary recitation on March 14, 2020 and continued until May 31, 2020. A month's break was taken as the virus leveled. Unfortunately, we were forced to resume the rosary in July as COVID-19 spread out of control not solely in San Antonio, Bexar County but the entire state of Texas. Our community has suffered from this deadly virus that has claimed so many lives and a number of our parishioners became infected. As we end our daily community rosary this **Saturday, August 1, 2020 in the church**, we encourage you to continue praying the rosary as individuals, and as a family, for an end to this deadly pandemic. I strongly believe in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

I encourage you to continue joining us on my personal and church Facebook page to participate in our Sunday Mass wherever you may be. Follow the Mass on my Facebook page or on Catholic TV and participate actively. Although you may not receive the Host, be reassured that Jesus Christ will come to you, and dwell within you. Please do not forget to support your community financially in order to allow us to live up to our financial responsibilities. You may come to the office to drop off your donation or utilize the apps created to donate. Thank you for your amazing generosity.

Our Archbishop's Appeal campaign this year has been successful in spite of COVID-19. We are short \$1,000 to meet our goal. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal in order to support the mission of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and attend to the needs of the communities.

I hope to resume taking the Blessed Sacrament to the neighborhood this August, on weekends, to allow you the opportunity to adore and receive Jesus into your homes. Let us pray for the opportunity and for better weather.

May God bless our great nation, our great State of Texas, our great city of San Antonio, and our community of St. John Berchmans Catholic Church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete,

Pastor
Fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matt 14:13-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 - 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Events of the Week ~ August 2 - August 8, 2020

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

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


Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

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

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Census 2020



Everyone counts!

How to respond to 2020 Census
The easiest way to answer is online

Online questionnaire is already available
at
<https://2020census.gov>

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](https://www.venmo.com/administrator@stjohnberchmans.com)
- Or call the office to use your credit card.



Whether you need help or can help, we all in this together. The uncertainty of this pandemic isn't going away anytime soon. If you need help, let us serve you with FOOD FROM THE HEART.

Catholic Charities is still serving! We are currently distributing about 55,000 pounds of food to thousands of people per week.

Shop and donate canned food and dry goods. Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:00 pm., St. Stephen's CARE Center, 2127 S. Zarzamora Street.

Follow us www.ccaosa.org or call (210) 222-1294. To get help or give help, contact Tara Ford.



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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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE - PROVIDES FREE TAX INFORMATION

What we do:

- Prepare 2016 to 2019 tax returns
- Prepare 1040X Amended tax returns (regardless of where they were initially prepared).

Requirements:

- Must provide picture I.D. and Social Security cards
- Income must be under \$55,000

Need an ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification #) to file a tax return? (By appointment only)

Meet with NTC Acceptance agent and show proof of foreign status and identify by presenting either a current passport or two of the documents listed below. For adults, one document must include a photo: 1) Birth Certificate 2) US Driver's license 3) US Visa 4) US Military ID 5) National ID Card (Matricula Consular)

Necesita un ITIN (Numero de identification fiscal) para declarar sus impuestos?

Reunirse con un Agente de Aceptacion del IRS y presentar prueba de estado extranjero y identidad con us pasaporte od dos de los documentos en la lista de abajo. Para adultos, un document incluye un foto.

1) Acto de Nacimiento 2) Licencia para conducir de Estados Unidos 3) Visa de Estados Unidos 4) Tarjeta de identificacion militar de su pais 5) Matricula Consular

Preguntas?? Llame a Guadalupe Community Center (210) 222-2975. (Solo por cita)

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — A ver ustedes, que andan con sed, ¡vengan a tomar agua! (Isaías 55:1-3).

Salmo — La mano del Señor nos alimenta; responde a todas nuestras necesidades (Salmo 145).

Segunda lectura — Nada podrá apartarnos del amor de Dios que encontramos en Cristo Jesús (Romanos 8:35, 37-39).

Evangelio — Todos comieron hasta saciarse (Mateo 14:13-21).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Martes: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 :16-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Miércoles: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Jueves: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Viernes: Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Sábado: Heb 1:12 — 2:4; Sal 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Domingo: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-13a; Sal 85 :9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

NUESTRAS NECESIDADES MÁS PROFUNDAS

La Palabra de Dios nos brinda hoy una tremenda fiesta. Isaías llama a todos los que tienen hambre y sed para que vengan a satisfacerse en el Señor. El salmista proclama: "Abres tú la mano, y sacias de favores a todo viviente" (Salmo 145:16). San Pablo nos dice que nada puede separarnos del amor de Dios. Finalmente, en el Evangelio, escuchamos sobre el milagro de la multiplicación de los cinco panes y dos pescados con que se alimentaron a más de cinco mil personas. Nuestras necesidades diarias suelen estar cubiertas. Sin embargo, estas lecturas tienen mucho que decir al creyente contemporáneo. Debemos preguntarnos: "¿Dónde está mi hambre más profunda? ¿De qué estoy sediento?". Una vez satisfechas las necesidades materiales y, en algunos casos, más que satisfechas, mucha gente sigue ansiando tener equilibrio y bienestar espiritual. Al multiplicarse los panes y pescados en el Evangelio de hoy, tal vez nuestra oración es anhelar que nuestras necesidades más hondas sean satisfechas por el único que puede hacerlo: Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cuándo he sentido una emoción intensa al ver a un familiar, un amigo o un desconocido pasando necesidad? ¿Recurro a Dios en mi hora de necesidad?