

Palm Sunday

JESUS ANNOUNCES GOD'S KINGDOM OF LOVE

Jesus had walked, healed, forgiven sins, performed miracles, and eaten with the people. His message was simple yet profound: in Christ, the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus announced God's kingdom of love, teaching all who would listen. In God's kingdom, the greatest is as the youngest; the leader is the servant. Those who follow Jesus are called to wash feet, attend to the last and the least, show mercy to the sinner, and love enemies. Even in the hour of his passion, Jesus did not turn away from his mission of love. He healed the ear of one who had come to arrest him, did not lash out at Pilate or Herod, consoled the women who wept, and forgave those who crucified him. He heard the cry of the criminal who called out to him from the cross, and promised him a place in Paradise. Jesus shows us that God's way is the way of love at all costs, even when it means giving more than we think appropriate or possible.

WE SHARE CHRIST'S MISSION

Let us not be mistaken. Jesus' mercy and forgiveness led him to the cross, and we who follow him will surely experience trial and be misunderstood in our determination to live as disciples. We will be called to make difficult decisions about the way we live our lives, serve others, give of our time and money, show patience, and favor those who are poor and vulnerable. Friends may turn away, family members may question our commitment to Christ above all else. Jesus remained singularly focused on God's will. And so must we. Jesus gave without counting the cost, and so must we. In Christ, we also have a mission of love. We, too, are called to stay focused on God's will. In this, we will announce God's kingdom and be assured of our place in it when Christ returns in glory. In this Holy Week, let us reflect deeply on the mystery of God's love for us in Christ and renew our commitment to live as Christian disciples in the world.

Today's Readings: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56

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JESÚS ANUNCIA EL AMOR DEL REINO DE DIOS

Jesús ya caminó, sanó enfermos, perdonó pecados, hizo milagros y comió con las personas. Su mensaje fue simple pero muy profundo; en Cristo, el reino de Dios está cerca. Jesús anunció el amor del Reino de Dios, enseñando todo a quien escuchaba. En el reino de Dios, el más grande es como el más joven, el líder es el servidor. Aquellos que siguen a Jesús están llamados a lavar los pies, atender a los más abandonados, ser misericordiosos con el pecador y amar a los enemigos. Aún en la hora de su pasión, Jesús no rechazó su misión de amor. Él sanó la oreja de Malco, uno de los que habían ido a arrestarlo, no atacó verbalmente a Pilato o Herodes, consoló a las mujeres que lloraban y perdonó a los que lo crucificaron. Él escuchó el grito del criminal que le hablaba desde la cruz y le prometió un lugar en el Paraíso. Jesús nos mostró que el camino de Dios es el camino del amor a toda costa, incluso cuando signifique dar más de lo que pensamos es apropiado o posible.

COMPARTIMOS LA MISIÓN DE CRISTO

¡No nos equivoquemos! La misericordia y el perdón de Jesús lo guio a la cruz y nosotros quienes lo seguimos seguramente experimentaremos una prueba y no seremos comprendidos en nuestra decisión de vivir como discípulos. Seremos llamados para tomar decisiones difíciles acerca de la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas, servimos a nuestro prójimo, a lo que dedicamos nuestro tiempo y dinero, mostramos paciencia, apoyamos a los pobres y más abandonados. Los amigos pueden darnos la espalda, familiares pueden cuestionar nuestro compromiso con Cristo sobre todas las cosas. Jesús permaneció centrado en la voluntad de Dios. Y también nosotros debemos hacerlo. Jesús dio sin considerar lo que costaba, y también lo debemos hacer nosotros. En Cristo, nosotros también tenemos una misión de amor. Nosotros, también, somos llamados a permanecer enfocados en la voluntad de Dios. En esto, anunciaremos el reino de Dios y aseguraremos nuestro lugar en el cuándo Cristo regrese en su gloria. En esta Semana Santa, reflexionemos profundamente en el misterio del amor de Dios por nosotros en Cristo y renovemos nuestro compromiso como discípulos cristianos en el mundo.

Lecturas de hoy: Lc 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 :8-24; Filip 2:6-11; Lc 22:14 - 23:56

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Please Pray for the Sick



Prayer List Updates

Olivia Ibarra	Olivia Lopez	Arturo Parra
Baby Violet Flores	Hortencia Rodriguez	Baby River Yanes
Connie Flores	San Juanita Sanchez	Frances Vasaldua
Philip Saldaña	Cecilia Espinoza	Tisha De La Vega
Linda Davila	Estela De La Vega	Minnie Ramirez
Elva Benavides	Diana Ledesma	Trini Torres
Marco Mermea	David Santoyo	Martin Ramos
Robert Campos	Suzanne Gutierrez	Daniel Hernandez
Petra P. Chavez	Jerry Ramirez	Debra Sendejo
Frances Ramirez	Mary S. Martinez	Michael Sendejo
Sister Louise - OLLU	Xavier Gerard Moreno	Ashley Arthur
Frances Lozano	Aurora Perez	Annette Vega
Alfredo M. Moreno	Angelina Castillo	Kevin Ryan Martinez
Celina Herrera	Susana Flores	David Ortiz
Yolanda Verastegui	Maria del	Sammuel Cortez
Amy Gomez	Carmen Langley	Mary Lou Medina
Virginia & Jose	Jesse Jack Villarreal	Inez De Los Santos
Ponce, Jr.	Crystal Davis-Perez	Clara Perez
Santos Aguilar	Louie & Estefana Reyes	Esteban Pedro Gonzales, 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.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 6 - 7, 2019

5:00 PM	-\$1,361.00	(209)
8:00 AM	-\$ 519.15	(057)
10:00 AM	-\$1,318.00	(102)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,069.14	(183)
Children's Basket	-\$ 28.89	
School Mass	-\$ 81.66	
Capital Expenditures	-\$ 792.85	2nd Collection
2019 Gift of Giving	-\$ 193.60	3rd Collection
Mail/Drop In	-\$ 145.00	
TOTAL	\$5,509.29	

SECOND COLLECTION

April 14, 2019 - Good Samaritans of SJB

2019 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 4/6-7, 2019	\$ 193.60
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$11,504.11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
† Virginia Ramos - Campos Family
For Health Baby Pedro Esteban Gonzales, Jr.

Sunday, April 14 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. † Librada Cadena - Grace Salinas
† Guadalupe & Ernestina Huerta - Family
† Mr. Rosario Juarez
† Eddie A. Vasquez - Mom
Gift of Life Frances Emma Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Daniel Arzola - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Edward Moreno - Wife & Family
† Juan Pascual Torres - Torres Family

12:00 p.m. † Rosalinda Ramos - Hector Ramos & Family
† Travis Burkhart - Wife

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 p.m. † Adolf Hernandez

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. For All On our Parish Prayer List

Thursday, April 18 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

Friday, April 19 - THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Daniel Traspaña, Jr. - Family
† Pete Morales - Penny & Family
† Tina Flores - Penny & Family

10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Jimmie Rodriguez - Wife Leonor

Gift of Life Joe Ray & Max Castillo - Tias

12:00 p.m. For the People of our Parish Community

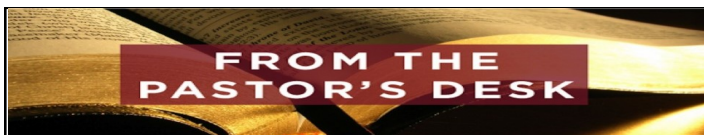
In Loving Memory

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

† Chance T. Reilly
† Adolf Hernandez

Sanctuary Light

Baby Pedro
Esteban Gonzales, Jr.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today, Sunday April 14th, 2019, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus knowing his fate, marched into Jerusalem to face his death and resurrection. After a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are commencing Holy Week to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. I hope our sacrifices, prayers and actions of charity will allow us to experience the risen Lord in a very deep and personal way in our daily lives.

I invite each one of you to commit to the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These three days are essential to our faith. They highlight the mysteries of death and resurrection. As St. Paul said: "If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then our faith is in vain..." These mysteries constitute the foundation of our faith. Make a special effort to participate and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

I invite you to join me on Holy Thursday for Christ Mass at 7:00 in the evening followed by adoration and visitation of 7 churches within our West Urban Deanery. On Good Friday, the passion of Christ will be acted out by our students from St. John Berchmans Catholic School at 3:00 in the afternoon followed by the Liturgy of the Word, the adoration of the cross, communion service and pèsame a la Virgen. Holy Saturday will begin at 8:00 in the evening with a blessing of the fire around the bell tower and a lit paschal candle will lead us into the church for the celebration of the resurrection. One candidate will be baptized and three will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will also renew our baptismal promises. We will continue celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 21st. All the masses are maintained on Sunday. Please make a special effort to participate in the Holy Week celebrations.

Our major registration campaign ended on Sunday, **March 24th**. If you still wish to register, please stop by the office during office hours. I thank all of you who participated in this project which has helped to upgrade our parish records, find the exact number of registered parishioners and eventually register more parishioners. The endeavor has also cut down the cost of envelopes we order each year, and provide the chancery with an exact number in order to avoid being over charged for campaigns, which can be based on the number of registered parishioners. Your collaboration and participation have ensured the success of this campaign.

May God bless you always,

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Phil 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 - 23:56)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tue: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thu: **Chrism Mass**: Is 61:1-9; Ps 89:21-27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:12-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2-25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19

Sat: Gn 1:1 - 2:2 ; Ps 104:1-35; Lk 24:1-12

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-23; Col 3:1-4

Events of the Week ~ April 14 - 21, 2019

Sunday, April 14

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church

10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church

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

Monday, April 15

5:30 p.m. Diabetes Self-Mgmt Program - Formation

Tuesday, April 16

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

6:30 p.m. Bible Class - Formation

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. **Children's Mass** - Church

6:30 p.m. Bible Class - Apostle Room

Thursday, April 18 - HOLY TRIDUUM

6:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** - Youth Ministry - Church

7:00 p.m. **Bilingual Mass and Washing of the Feet** - Church

9:00 p.m.- Midnite **Adoration**

Friday, April 19 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

11:00 a.m. ACTS Fish Fry - School Cafeteria

3:00 p.m. **Via Crucis Passion of Christ** - Church

Saturday, April 20 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. **Bilingual Mass** - Church

Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

NO CCD CLASSES

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church

8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church

10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church

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



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 ADORATION SCHEDULE

9pm - 10pm - Guadalupanas/SJB School/
Youth/CYO

10pm - 11pm - Ultreya/CCD/Rosary Makers

11pm - 12 Midnight - ACTS/Knights of Columbus

YOUTH MINISTRY - SPONSOR A TEEN

Eight teens will be attending the Stuebenville Lone Star Life Teen Conference this June in Irving, TX

Cost for each teen starts at \$180, this does not include transportation, hotel stay or meals. Please consider sponsoring a teen or two in order to make this conference possible! The teens and their families are grateful for any assistance the SJB community is willing to give? If you are interested in sponsoring a child or two, please reach out to Dominique Dominguez at (210) 601-8680 or email her at dominiquedominguez9957@yahoo.com

Cash, check and all cash apps are welcome!



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ACTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Date: Good Friday, April 19

Time: Lunch: 11 am - 2:00 pm

Dinner: 5pm - 7pm

Cost: \$7.00 per plate

Location: SJB School Cafeteria,
1147 Cupples Rd

Please join us for a delicious meal!

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. Let us all be reminded that, "A short time devoted to the taking care of the Lord's House is a small price to pay for all He does for us each and every day."

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

April 20, 2019 - CCD

April 27, 2019 - CYO



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidele. 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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PALM SUNDAY commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ in Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday.

It thus marks the beginning of the Holy Week, the final week of lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's death and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

PASSION OF CHRIST

We encourage all parishioners to attend this traditional Lenten service as we gather to reflect on the Passion of the Lord. Come and experience the love of Jesus for yourself. This play is enacted by the students of St. John Berchmans School.



GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

2019 GUADALUPANA ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John Berchmans' Guadalupe Organization is accepting scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

Application packets are available for pick up in the Parish office, from 9am-5pm. Deadline submission for applications is **Wednesday, May 8, 2019 by 5pm**. Late applications will not be accepted after this date. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Semersky at (210) 420-4288.

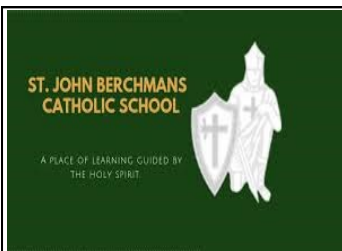
GUADALUPANA FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14!!

Please come by and support our fundraiser **Sunday, April 14**. We will be selling sausage wraps after all masses. This will help our organization raise funds to award our annual scholarships to students within our SJB community. Thanks for your support!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Holy Thursday candles**, please contact the Parish Office. Orders taken through Thursday, April 18.
- **Easter lilies** are still available cost is \$10.00 each.
- **Tour of the Seven Churches** April 18th from 9 pm - 12 midnite. Cost \$10.00 per person which helps defray the cost of the bus rental. Seating is limited to 54 individuals.

Please contact Rosa Moreno at the Parish Office (210) 434-3247, regarding any of the above.



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Pk3 - 8th Grade

- **REGISTRATION** currently underway for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our school focuses on the **WHOLE** child, academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. Big things are happening at our little school!

If you have any questions about our St. John Berchmans School, please call us at (210) 433-0411.

THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How is Jesus a model for me when I suffer?