

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

THE VOICE

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Earlier in this Good Shepherd discourse, John the Evangelist explains that Jesus is using "figures of speech." We cannot take Jesus' words literally, since we are people, not sheep. We understand the Lord figuratively, then, discovering all the helpful ways that we are similar to sheep. A quick Internet search reveals a number of videos showing how sheep ignore every human voice except that of their shepherd. It is remarkable to see how single-minded sheep are, totally absorbed in grazing, disregarding everything around them. Even when impersonators imitate the shepherd and call the sheep in the same way the shepherd does, the sheep do not bother to look up. The instant the real shepherd calls out, however, the sheep snap to attention, call back in their own way, and come running.

CATCHY!

It can be helpful to think of our connection to Jesus in terms of sheep. Our hearts long to hear the voice of Jesus and respond as readily as farm animals. In reality, however, not one of us living today was alive in first century Palestine. We never heard Jesus tell us, in his own accent, how he will never allow anyone to take us out of his hand. Here again we think figuratively, then, imagining those "voices" in daily life that help us snap to attention and draw close to Jesus. Today's Gospel invites us to spend time thinking of all that brings us to the Lord. Conversations, scriptures, athletics, hospitality, service, music, laughter, struggle—any of these things might help our ears perk up as we look to the Lord. As we practice listening for "the voice," we may be surprised to realize how often Jesus has been calling to us in the business of our days. Once we get his voice into our ears, we hope never to lose the sound.

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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LA VOZ

Jesús dice: "mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen". Un poco antes en el discurso del Buen Pastor, Juan el evangelista explica que Jesús está usando "un lenguaje figurado". No podemos tomar las palabras de Jesús literalmente, ya que somos personas, no ovejas. Entendemos al Señor figurativamente, luego, descubrimos todas las formas útiles que son similares a las ovejas. Una búsqueda rápida en Internet pone de manifiesto un número de videos mostrando cómo una oveja ignora la voz de cada persona excepto la de su pastor. Es sorprendente ver cómo las ovejas son de una mente firme, totalmente absortas pastoreando, ignorando todo lo que está a su alrededor. Aun cuando imitadores reproduzcan al pastor y las llame de la misma manera que el pastor lo hace, las ovejas ni siquiera se molestan en voltear a ver. El momento en que el verdadero pastor las llame, es entonces cuando prestan atención, respondiendo al llamado a su manera y vienen corriendo.

¡PEGADIZO!

Es de gran ayuda pensar en nuestra conexión con Jesús en términos de oveja. Nuestros corazones anhelan escuchar la voz de Jesús y responder tan rápido como lo hacen los animales de una granja. Sin embargo, en realidad ninguno de nosotros, hoy en día, vivió en la Palestina del primer siglo. Nunca escuchamos a Jesús decirnos, en su propio idioma, cómo él nunca permitiría que alguien nos alejara de su presencia. Aquí otra vez pensamos en forma figurada, luego imaginamos esas "voces" en la vida diaria que nos ayuda con un chasquido a poner atención y acercarnos a Jesús. El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a dedicar tiempo pensando en todo lo que nos lleva al Señor. Las conversaciones, las Escrituras, los deportes, la hospitalidad, el servicio, la música, las risas, las dificultades, cualquiera de estas cosas podría ayudar a nuestros oídos a reaccionar mientras vemos al Señor. Al practicar escuchar "la voz", podemos sorprendernos darnos cuenta lo frecuente que Jesús ha estado llamándonos durante los asuntos de nuestros días. Cuando tengamos su voz en nuestros oídos, esperemos nunca perder ese tono de voz.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 13:14, 43-52; Sal 100:1-5; Ap 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Philip Saldaña	Estela De La Vega	Baby Violet Flores
Linda Davila	Diana Ledesma	Trini Torres
Elva Benavides	David Santoyo	Martin Ramos
Marco Mermea	Suzanne Gutierrez	Daniel Hernandez
Robert Campos	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.
Olivia Lopez	Arturo Parra	Sandra Amaya
Hortencia Rodriguez	Baby River Yanes	Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr.
San Juanita Sanchez	Frances Vasaldua	Sandra Jean Guerra
Cecilia Espinoza	Tisha De La Vega	Kayla Scott

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

May 4 - 5, 2019

5:00 PM	-\$ 970.30	(095)
8:00 AM	-\$ 473.42	(083)
10:00 AM	-\$ 1,422.94	(174)
12:00 NOON	-\$ 1,738.81	(507)
School Mass	-\$ 85.98	
Capital Expenditure	-\$ 939.78	2nd Collection
Assumption Seminary	-\$ 327.00	2nd Collection
2019 Gift of Giving	-\$ 238.33	3rd Collection
Mail/Drop In	-\$ 220.00	
TOTAL	\$6,416.56	
SECOND COLLECTION		
May 12, 2019 - Good Samaritans		

2019 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 5/4-5, 2019	\$ 238.33
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$12,355.59

Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11

5:00 p.m. For All Deceased Mothers - Campos Family
† George Hernandez - Wife & Family
† Ramona Jeddery - Family
† Ignacio & Beatrice Gomez - Family
Gift of Life Bibi Perez - Family

Sunday, May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

8:00 a.m. Las Guadalupanas
† Guadalupe Cadena - Grace Salinas
† Guadalupe & Ernestina Huerta - Family
† Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Jacinta Weddel - Daughter
† Elvira Moreno - Rosemary Semersky
Gift of Life Becky Rodriguez - Family
10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Edward Moreno - Wife & Family
† Rose Ann Villarreal - Villarreal Family
† Prudencia Torres - Sustaita Family
12:00 p.m. † Guadalupe Flores - Rosa Moreno
† Estela Jaramillo - Family
† Rosalinda Ramos - Hector Ramos Family

Monday, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

12:00 p.m. Isaias de Ecuador

Wednesday, May 15

8:15 a.m. For our St. John Berchmans Community

Thursday, May 16

12:00 p.m. For All Active Military Personnel

Friday, May 17

12:00 p.m. † M/M Vidal M. Ruiz - Daughter

Saturday, May 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family
† Ramona Jeddery - Family
Gift of Life Giselle Velasquez - Mom

Sunday, May 19

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Petra Chavez - Sisters
† Elvira Moreno - Rosary Makers
Gift of Life Daniel Lira - Family
10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Daniel Arzola - Family
† Ana Rodriguez - Family
Gift of Life Daniel Lira - Family
12:00 p.m. For our St. John Berchmans Community

The Loving Memory

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



Sanctuary Light
In Thanksgiving Padre Pio
† Jacinta Weddel
† Petra Chavez



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our children from St. John Berchmans School and parish who received for the first time the Body and Precious Blood of Christ. May God the Risen Lord nurture and guide them and prepared them for this encounter with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. I thank Cassandra Lee, Victor and Karen Araguz, Grace Salinas, Mary Ann Arocha and Monica Rodriguez. Let us continue to carry the narrative of the Risen Lord to our neighbors, place of work, school, church and in our own families. We need to follow our shepherd Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

Today, May 12th, we celebrate Mother's Day. I am very proud to congratulate all the mothers for a wonderful job well done in raising children and nurturing them for a bright future. My appreciation is extended to all the grandmas (abuelitas), aunts (tias), single mothers, mothers and those who have been invested with the responsibility to care for children regardless of, or not being, the biological parent of a child. What makes you special is the love and care you unconditionally give to the little ones. We remember also those mothers who have gone to be with the Lord. May they rest in peace. We pray also for those mothers either in prisons, or battling addictions or on the streets for either mental illnesses or abandoned by their families and loved ones. May God extend that healing touch on/upon them.

I thank all those parishioners who have participated in the Capital Campaign and urge those on the fence to become part of this unique opportunity to support the archdiocesan projects, enhance its infrastructure, encourage its efforts to evangelize, and also for the impact this campaign will have in our community. Please consider even making a one time donation or a pledge for the next two years to support the archdiocesan Capital Campaign. We intend to put a new floor in our church with 40% that will be returned to us based on our over all monetary participation.

May God bless you always,

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm - We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading - I had a vision of a great multitude (Rev. 7:9-17)

Gospel - My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tue: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Wed: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 12:44-50

Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-27; Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Events of the Week ~ May 12 - 19, 2019

Sunday, May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

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, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Formation House

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

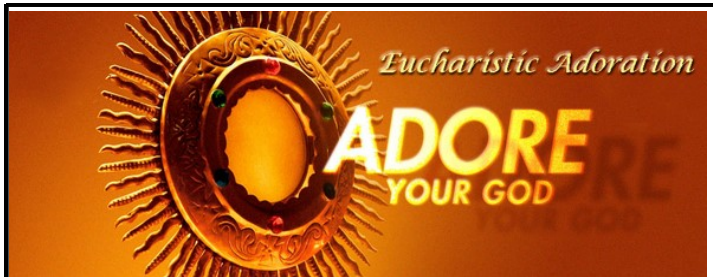
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8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church

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

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

2:00 p.m. Festival Bingo - Cafeteria



THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



FESTIVAL BINGO

Our Parish Festival Committee will be hosting a Bingo on **Sunday, May 19** in our school cafeteria.

Event begins at 2:00 p.m. and cost is \$7.00 per card. There will be 15 games, 3 specials and 3 early birds.

Concessions will also be available.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias

Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer

Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

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

May 18, 2019 - SJB School

May 25, 2019 - CCD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b



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.

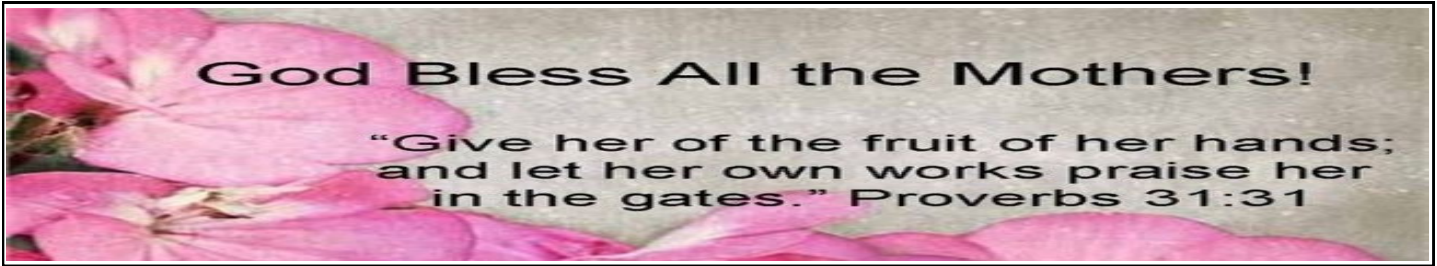


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

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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REMEMBER MAY IS THE MONTH TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have the power of God in your hands. It will help you to find peace and serenity in your life.

The rosary is the weapon for these times. -Saint Padre Pio

The Guadalupe organization invites all parishioners and encourages all families to attend our recitation of the Holy Rosary the entire month of May. We gather Monday through Friday (weather permitting) in the Grotto at 6:00 p.m.



OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS ROSARY MAKERS



Special Thanks for your loving support during our recent successful fundraiser.

We are blessed as a church community and may God bless all of you and receive our Love and Prayers on behalf of Our Lady of the Missions Rosary Makers.

GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS MONEY MANAGEMENT CLASSES

Learn how to gain financial independence. Attendees will learn about overcoming financial hardship, setting realistic financial goals, and living on a budget to work toward self-sufficiency. We can help!

- ⇒ Set realistic financial goals
- ⇒ Make wise spending decisions
- ⇒ Earn a good credit score
- ⇒ Understand your debt
- ⇒ Budget during financial hardships

FREE CLASSES:

Wednesday, May 22; Wednesday, June 5th, June 26th. All classes begin at 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Alejandra Sanchez @ Guadalupe Community Center, 1801 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd., (210) 222-2975.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

- MAY 12 -

Pray with us for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



POPE FRANCIS has asked the entire Church - 1.2 billion Catholics-to earnestly pray for vocations on May 12, 2019. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

Remember that you are the first collaborators with our families in building the culture of your vocations in the Archdiocese. Therefore, we want to encourage you to pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life. **PRAY FOR OUR 21 SEMINARIANS!**

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I try to hear Jesus' voice in the voices of those I encounter? Through whom is Jesus speaking to me?