

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God's message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah's king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah's king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God's prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God's message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays "of Pentecost." That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit's Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit's fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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FUEGO EN EL BARRO

Se ha descrito a los profetas como si estuvieran ardiendo con el mensaje de Dios. Hoy, ese fuego en Jeremías tiene que seguir ardiendo en el fondo de una cisterna de barro. Los gobernantes de su propio pueblo (incluido el rey de Judá, Sedecías) lo han colocado allí por decirles un mensaje impopular, aunque veraz. Los suyos lo dejan allí, hundido en el barro, para que se muera de hambre. Hace falta un extranjero, un forastero, para convencer al rey de Judá de que hay que rescatar a Jeremías y perdonarle la vida para que siga siendo el profeta de Dios. Como ocurre a menudo en la vida de los profetas, la ayuda y el poder salvador de Dios se manifiestan a través de personas inesperadas y de formas inesperadas. A menudo podemos encontrarnos empantanados en el barro de un tipo u otro. ¿Tenemos realmente el fuego del mensaje de Dios en nosotros, para poder buscar nuestro rescate en lugares que no esperamos?

EL FUEGO DEL ESPÍRITU EN EL VERANO

Hace una o dos generaciones, estos domingos de verano del tiempo ordinario se habrían conocido como domingos "de Pentecostés". Esa convención de nomenclatura ayudaba a recordar que el fuego de Pentecostés del Espíritu nos llevaba a través de todos los domingos hasta el final del año litúrgico. Aunque ya no utilicemos ese nombre para estos domingos, la realidad subyacente es la misma. El fuego del que habla hoy Jesús es el fuego del Espíritu. El fuego del que habló cuando dijo a sus seguidores que eran luz para el mundo era la llama del Espíritu encendiendo la lámpara del discipulado. Se necesitan discípulos valientes para permitir que el fuego ardiente del que habla Jesús entre en sus vidas, para permitir que su luz, su calor e incluso su limpieza actúen en ellos y a través de ellos. Aunque no queramos pensar en el calor del fuego del Espíritu en un domingo de verano, ese Espíritu está siempre con nosotros, ardiendo en nuestro interior.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Maria Langley	Virginia Morales	Deacon J. Rodriguez
Suzanne Gutierrez	Raymond Sarabia	Joanne Almaguer
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Frank Rodriguez	Antonia Degollado
Sarah Contreras	Pat Flores	Baby Zaylee Gaitan
Marty Carrera Tobias	Julissa Rodriguez	Jeanette Ortiz
Frances Lozano	Kay Towers	Bobby Rollins
Irma Urias	Oscar Arcos	Darlene Lopez
Mary S. Martinez	Miliana Bullock	George Garnica
Gina Gonzales	Hope Esquivel	Adam Alonzo, Jr.
Mike Mandujano	Mary Collazo	Raymond Serna
Galilea Romero	Terri Moreno	Mary Martinez
Flora Torres	Lydia Soriano	Mark Martinez
Iris Luna Sullivan	AB Cruz	Cecilia Rodriguez
Sandy Guerra	Robert Cruz	Albert Rodriguez
Abraham Guerra	Rita Prado	Albert Casillas
Emma O. Velasquez	Celia Garcia	Robert Sanchez
Leticia Lopez Barrera	Isidoro & Angie Muñoz	Leticia Hernandez
Leticia Martinez	Eva Flores	Santos Tello
Kenny De La Rosa	Roland Lozano	

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.

STEWARDSHIP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 726.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 962.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,884.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 798.00 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 315.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 232.41
TOTAL	\$4,917.41

SECOND COLLECTION

August 14, 2022
Good Samaritans of St. John Berchmans



2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Aug. 7, 2022	\$ 232.41
TOTAL	\$ 8,712.12

Announcements

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Saturday, August 13

5:00 p.m. † Pedro E. Martinez - Family
 † Raul Dorado - Maria Dorado, Mother
 Veronica Dorado, Sister

Sunday, August 14

9:00 a.m. † Margarita Ventura - Family
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia

For Health Adan Alonzo, Jr. - Family
 Gift of Life Kristin Treviño - Nora Treviño

11:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
 † Officer Jay Peña - Family

Gift of Life Jacob Arocha - Family

Monday, August 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, August 16

12:00 p.m. † Dolores Graham
 † Mary Orosco

Wednesday, August 17

8:15 a.m. † Aurora Perez
 † Deacon Librado Cena

Thursday, August 18

8:15 a.m. † Raul, Gloria & David Solis
 † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family

Friday, August 19

12:00 p.m. † Leroy & Yolanda Johnson

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

SYMBOLS of the HEART of MARY

HER HEART
Symbol of her maternal love

THE FIRE
Her heart burns with love for Jesus and us

THE SWORD
It symbolizes Mary's sorrows

THE ROSES
They represent her purity

AUGUST IS DEVOTED TO THE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Catholic Link

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I met with students, teachers and parents of the elementary school Mumiaminyi, Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke. They all expressed their gratitude to all of you who have been very supportive of Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation.

Dikete Foundation has served more than 2,000 students for the past 10 years by providing them with tuition, uniforms and maintenance for the facilities. However, students are faced with four major challenges such as desks, restrooms, school supplies and maintenance of the facilities. I understand that times are very difficult for us now, but I appeal to you to assist me in addressing one of the four challenges, desks. A desk may be purchased at \$50 each. Our goal is to purchase 400 desks. Your support is critical and greatly appreciated.

Our Catholic school has begun it's 2022-2023 school year! We are blessed to have more than 100 students enrolled in our school and have some very dynamic faculty members. Our teachers, faculty members and principal are well prepared to teach our students and guide them on a great path. We thrive academically and have a secret sauce, God! We pray that God blesses us with a great academic school year. We are still registering for all grades.

Let us continue to ask for peace and the end of the war in Ukraine. We pray for all parties involved to put their ego aside and focus on the good of the dignity of every human being. Prayer is a powerful tool that allows us to cultivate our relationship with God and to listen to what God wants for us.

The use of masks in our church is optional. I invite you to be sensitive and considerate of each other. We are our brother's and sister's keepers.

The Hospitality Ministry will continue taking your temperature and sanitizing your hands before you enter the house of the Lord. The use of masks is still required for parish office visits. We pray that God will continue to protect us all.

May God bless each of you,

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

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TODAY'S FEAST DAY



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15TH

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022**, IN OBSERVANCE OF THIS FEAST DAY.

Also schedule revision for Eucharistic Adoration. Will now be conducted **Tuesday - Friday** from 9am - 12 Noon and 2pm - 5pm.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).
Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).
Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).
Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rv 11:19; 12:1-10; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Tue: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-36; Mt 19:23-30
 Wed: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thu: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Fri: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Sat: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sun: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



We welcome anyone to help us clean our beautiful church. We meet every **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.**

Ministry Scheduled
Saturday, August 20, 2022
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CYO REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL AND FLAG FOOTBALL

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106373>

Questions? Please contact Natica Rivera at (210) 550-1236.




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.



"Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
TUESDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 12 Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.



Sunday, August 14
 9:00 a.m. **Guadalupe Mass - Church**
 11:00 a.m. **Mass - Church**

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Tuesday, August 16
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm **Adoration - Chapel**
 12:00 p.m. **Mass - Chapel**

Wednesday, August 17
 9:00am - 5:00 pm **Adoration - Chapel**
 8:15 a.m. **School Mass - Church**
 2:00 p.m. **Coffee with Fr. Fidèle**

Thursday, August 18
 9:00am - 5:00pm **Adoration - Chapel**
 12:00 p.m. **Mass - Chapel**

Friday, August 19
 9:00am- 5:00 pm **Adoration - Chapel**
 12:00 p.m. **Mass - Chapel**

Saturday, August 20
 5:00 p.m. **Mass - Church**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
 Friday: St. John Eudes

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF

Pedro E. Martinez
Eva Lugo
Community of Uvalde



SET OUR HEARTS ABLAZE

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!’ (Luke 12:49).

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that he came to stir our hearts into action and his burning zeal for our salvation. What is the fire that he set ablaze in your life? How can I find hope in the fire of the Holy Spirit?

In his apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis writes, “Jesus can bring all the young people of the Church together in a single dream, “a great dream, a dream with a place for everyone. The dream for which Jesus gave his life on the cross, for which the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost and brought fire to the heart of every man and woman, to your heart and mine. To your heart too, he brought that fire, in the hope of finding room for it to grow and flourish. A dream whose name is Jesus, planted by the Father in the confidence that it would grow and live in every heart.”

May the fire of Christ keep us faithful to our call as missionary disciples.

CALLING ALL ACTS MEMBERS!!!!

ACTS will begin celebrating the 11 am Mass every 4th Sunday of the month. **The first Mass will be on August 28th.**



All ACTS members—men, women, young adults and teens are encouraged to wear an ACTS shirt. We are looking forward to coming together to gather in fellowship and worship to better serve our parish community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration begins for all the above mentioned this Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th.

It will be ongoing, every weekend, until the week before **classes begin on Sunday, September 11, 2022.** FYI - Youth Group registration will take place in October.

Individuals can register after each Mass, or you may pick up the registration form in the parish office during the week.

FAITH FORMATION

You are invited to the Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions held in the Formation House on Sundays from 9am until 10:45 which will give us time to attend the 11 o'clock Mass. We are about to finish the series entitled “The Mass in the Bible” on August 14th. This series has given us a richer understanding and appreciation Of the Mass.

On Sunday, August 21st we will start a new series of sessions entitled, “The Bible and the Sacraments.” Hope you can join us.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Sal 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-36; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Ez 43:1-7; Sal 85:9, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Sal 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

LOS PROFETAS

En las lecturas de este domingo reflexionamos sobre la voz del profeta. Escuchamos del sufrimiento y rescate de Jeremías. Oímos cómo Jesús anticipa su sufrimiento y muerte. Al igual que Jeremías y Jesús, los profetas fueron enviados por Dios a los líderes y al pueblo de Israel. Un profeta es alguien que habla la verdad a los poderosos, exhibiendo sus motivos ocultos más oscuros e injusticias. El profeta presenta una dirección hacia delante que se alinea con los propósitos de Dios. Un profeta puede obligar a la gente a salir de una comodidad neutral o de la indiferencia. El profeta crea una urgencia para tomar una decisión: ¿nos contentamos con la situación de cómo están ciertas cosas, o vamos a cambiar nuestros métodos y seguir un camino nuevo y mejor? Hoy también podemos preguntar ¿cómo identificamos y respondemos a los profetas de nuestro tiempo? ¿Cómo podemos proporcionar una voz profética en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestro mundo?

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Siento ese fuego interior que me lleva a denunciar y defender a pesar de las consecuencias?