

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022

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WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It's easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and *not* a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one's role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told "step back." Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira's lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke's world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira's, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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LO QUE NO ES LA HUMILDAD

Es fácil sentirse rodeado en nuestro mundo. Disponemos de numerosos medios tecnológicos a través de los cuales podemos recibir información (mucho de ella puesta en circulación sin filtrar). Ben Sira, autor de la primera lectura, se encontraba en una situación similar: Israel estaba rodeado de mucha filosofía y cultura griega, además de la de sus vecinos de Oriente Próximo y la suya propia. Es difícil filtrar todo eso y mantener su arraigo en la alianza con Dios. Sin embargo, Ben Sira se las arregla para hacer ese filtro tan necesario para ellos, advirtiéndoles a sus alumnos sobre el orgullo (el pecado del Edén). En cambio, promueve la humildad. Se trata de una actitud de cortesía y respeto hacia los demás, y no de un modo de auto desprecio. Más bien, se refiere a la conciencia del papel que uno desempeña en el mundo, ofreciendo siempre el respeto apropiado, la deferencia sólo cuando se pide, la arrogancia nunca. La misericordia de Dios proviene de esta humildad.

CÓMO SER HUMILDE

Ben Sira concluye que los oídos que escuchan la sabiduría se alegrarán. Jesús tiene esa sabiduría que ofrecer hoy sobre el tema de la humildad. Los que tienen posición o riquezas normalmente presumen que tienen asegurado un buen asiento en la mesa. Se les dice que "den un paso atrás". En cambio, en el espíritu de la lección de Ben Sira sobre la humildad, deberían esperar a ser invitados a subir. Los concedores de los escritos de Ben Sira habrán asentido con la cabeza. A continuación, Jesús rompe el libro de etiqueta. No invites a tu mesa a familiares y amigos, dice Jesús, sino acoge a los que no tienen estatus, a los que no pueden pagarte. De este modo, Jesús hace que los pobres y los marginados sean los que realmente pueden exaltar a los humildes. El mundo de Lucas era tan politeísta y multicultural como el de Ben Sira, con muchos forasteros e impuros. Recíbanlos primero, dice Jesús, ¡dando literalmente la espalda a sus oyentes!

LECTURAS DE HOY: Eclo 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lc 14:1, 7-14

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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	Santos Tello
Leticia Martinez	Eva Flores	Fred Guerra
Kenny De La Rosa	Roland Lozano	Marie Weaver

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 AUG. 21, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 648.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 714.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,986.40
Altar Flowers	-\$ 340.00
Mail In	-\$ 480.00
On Line	-\$ 170.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 196.85
TOTAL	\$4,535.25



SECOND COLLECTION

August 28, 2022 - Religious Education

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Aug. 21, 2022	\$ 196.85
TOTAL	\$ 9,117.97

Announcements

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Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family
† Ramona C. Camps - Martinez Friends
† George Hernandez - Wife & Family
† Ronald Rene Soto - Graciela Soto
For Health Sister Margo's Father - Mark Boone

Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia
† Petra Chavez - Family
† Ernesto Espinosa Campos - Maria Carsadillas
† Jose Oscar Carsadillas - Maria Carsadillas
For Health Sister Margo's Brother Janek- Mark Boone

11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Family
For Health Sister Margo's Friend Maciej - Mark Boone
Gift of Life Blake Jude Salinas - Grandma Parra
Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

12:00 p.m.
God's Grace & Protection Over Boone, Engler and Eystor Families - Mark Boone

Wednesday, August 31

8:15 a.m. † Ramona C. Chapa - Martinez Friends

Thursday, September 1

8:15 a.m. † Daniel Romero - Family

Friday, September 2

12:00 p.m.
For Health Mark Boone - Boone Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Our Religious Education program has commenced its registration. Please be advised that this year, all children are welcome to attend the program free of charge. Breakfast will be provided as well as transportation. Please help me in spreading the great news in the neighborhoods and apartment complexes. It takes a village to raise a child!

I met with students, teachers and parents of the elementary schools Mumiaminya, 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. As of August 25, 2022, 118 desks have been sponsored. Thank you for your generosity.

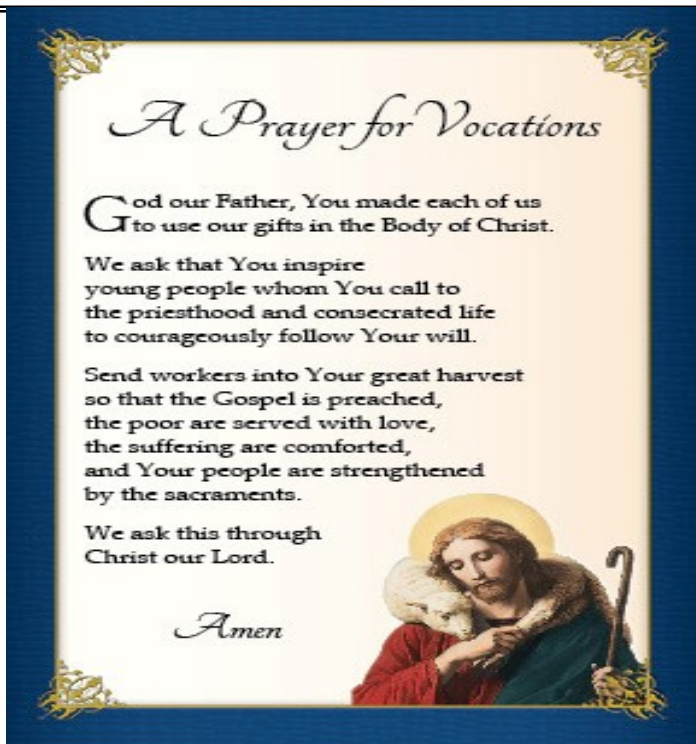
Let us continue to ask for peace and the end of war in Ukraine. We pray for all parties involved to put their ego aside and focus on the good of the dignity of every human being. Prayer is a powerful tool that allows us to cultivate our relationship with God and to listen to what God wants for us.

The use of masks in our church is optional. I invite you to be sensitive and considerate of each other. 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 office visits. We pray that God will continue to protect us.

May God bless each of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fidèle' with a cross at the end.

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



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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalms — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Heb 12:18-19, 22-24).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29

Tue: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thu: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



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

Ministry Scheduled
Saturday, September 3, 2022
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

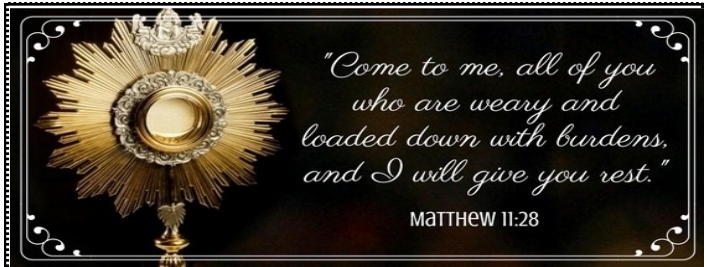
Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Thurs: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday



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



Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m.

Bilingual Mass - Church

11:00 a.m.

ACTS Mass - Church

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, August 31

8:15 a.m.

School Mass - Church

2:00 p.m.

Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, September 1

9:00am - 5:00pm

Adoration - Chapel

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Friday, September 2

12:00 p.m.

Mass - Chapel

Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m.

Mass - Church



REGISTER NOW!

Registration has begun and will continue through the week **before classes begin on Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

Individuals can register after each Mass, or pick up registration forms in the parish office. Thank you!

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Leaders of our Country
Community of Uvalde



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.

INVITATION TO LOVE

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13-14) On this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus advocates a path of humility, generosity, and compassion. There is a need to prioritize the most vulnerable in our communities and families. By letting go of the human tendency to want to be esteemed by people in positions of social and economic prominence, we can begin to see the worth of every person. How does God invite me to share my material goods with my neighbor as a way to practice generosity and compassion? What have been small gestures of giving my time, energy, and resources this week that have contributed to my neighbor’s well being?

In his Encyclical letter, Pope Francis states, “We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, others will not be recognized for their true worth; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings. May we find moments to give of our time, energy and resources in ways that can build the human family and world we inhabit. Let us pray for our eyes to see with a sincere heart the areas in our society that need the gifts God has given us.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS**

This is a 6 week support group program of the Ecumenical Center designed to help people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that is healing.

Sessions cover the physical, emotional, spiritual and social implications of grief; the process of grief; memories and how to use them to heal; how to take care of yourself while you grieve; to cope with holidays and anniversary dates and planning for the future. Attending all six sessions is most beneficial, therefore no new participants are accepted after the second session.

Cost: **FREE**

When: Starting Monday, September 12 - Monday, October 17, 2022 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: The Ecumenical Center, 8310 Ewing Halsell Drive, San Antonio, Tx 78228

Contact: Lejla Cenanic email: Lcenanovic@ecrh.org or call (210) 616.0885

SIN SORPRESAS -Todos los escritores espirituales nos dicen que un punto importante que hay que tener en mente, al tratar de alcanzar la humildad, es no sorprendernos por nuestras faltas y fallos.

—François Fénelon, arzobispo de Cambria

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Sal 119:97-102; Mc 6:17-29

Martes: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Sal 145:8-14; Lc 4:31-37

Miércoles: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Sal 33:12-15, 20-21; Lc 4:38-44

Jueves: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Sal 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 5:1-11

Viernes: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Sal 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lc 5:33-39

Sábado: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Sal 145:17-21; Lc 6:1-5

Domingo: Sab 9:13-18; Sal 90:3-6, 12-17; Flm 9-10, 12-17; Lc 14:25-33

LA HUMILDAD

Las lecturas de hoy alaban la virtud de la humildad y nos ofrecen formas específicas para que seamos más humildes. El libro del Eclesiástico sugiere una razón práctica para actuar con humildad: las personas humildes son más agradables que las arrogantes. Incluso Dios “encuentra gracia” con quienes se hacen pequeños. En el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús ofrece sugerencias de la vida real para crecer en humildad y nos enseña a nunca asumir que somos mejores que los demás. Sus palabras cambian nuestro comportamiento exterior y expanden nuestros corazones y mentes para que cuidemos por las personas que antes habíamos desestimado. Esta sabiduría práctica, casi “popular”, sobre la humildad nos enseña a comportarnos mejor en la vida diaria y hace más accesible nuestra meta noble de la vida eterna. Nuestra lectura de la carta a los hebreos afirma que el cielo es realmente accesible. El amor personal y el sacrificio de Jesús nos abrieron “la ciudad del Dios vivo”. La humildad nos prepara el paraíso. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿A quién puedo abrir las puertas de mi vida, que probablemente no le sería posible recompensarme, y cómo puedo hacerlo?