

# 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

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## TAKE ALL THE LOST HOME

In the 70s there was a popular Folk Mass song by Joe Wise, "Take All the Lost Home." It is like our Gospel reading today. For truly, we've all had moments when we have lost our way and needed others to get us back on track. Perhaps this means reconnecting with someone we once knew and making amends, or seeing a therapist to make things right. Maybe it means finally seeking help to stick with the diet and exercise plan, or joining a 12-step program to deal with an addiction. Could it be time to meet with a financial expert to manage credit card debt, or go to confession or meet with a spiritual director to find your way home spiritually? It is hard to ask for help or admit we are lost. We dread the reactions of others, thinking they will be angry, hurt, or defensive. We feel shame. Sometimes people hold grudges for years because neither they nor another will break down and make the first move. We feel fear. This sets us up for the classic story of the prodigal father, where we see two possible outcomes.

## WELCOME HOME

The son returns home and, expecting the worst, confesses his sinfulness. His brother has an angry, self-righteous response, but the Father is full of joy and mercy. Such is the case in all the Gospel parables today. We hear God say, "You are the one who is important." There is another poignant song by Brian Flynn entitled "The Prodigal Father" that presents the perspective of the parent waiting and worrying about their lost child, watching the road and praying for the child's return. And if for some reason your own family will not accept you, you will find that there are many intentional families, friends, and parishes waiting with open arms to welcome you. Or perhaps you can offer the same welcome to another returning soul.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ex 32:7--11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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## LLEVAR A TODOS LOS PERDIDOS A CASA

En los años 70 había una canción popular de misa folclórica de Joe Wise, "Take All the Lost Home". Es como nuestra lectura del Evangelio de hoy. En verdad, todos hemos tenido momentos en los que hemos perdido el rumbo y hemos necesitado que otros nos devuelvan al camino. Tal vez esto signifique volver a conectar con alguien que una vez conocimos y hacer las paces, o acudir a un terapeuta para arreglar las cosas. Tal vez signifique buscar finalmente ayuda para seguir el plan de dieta y ejercicio, o unirse a un programa de 12 pasos para tratar una adicción. ¿Podría ser el momento de reunirse con un experto en finanzas para gestionar las deudas de las tarjetas de crédito, o de confesarse o reunirse con un director espiritual para encontrar el camino a casa espiritualmente? Es difícil pedir ayuda o admitir que estamos perdidos. Tememos las reacciones de los demás, pensando que se enfadarán, se sentirán heridos o estarán a la defensiva. Podemos sentir vergüenza. A veces, las personas guardan rencor durante años porque ni ellas ni los demás se atreven a dar el primer paso. Podemos sentir miedo. Esto nos lleva a la clásica historia del padre pródigo, en la que vemos dos posibles resultados.

## BIENVENIDO A CASA

El hijo vuelve a casa y, esperando lo peor, confiesa su pecado. Su hermano responde con ira y justicia propia, pero el Padre está lleno de alegría y misericordia. Así ocurre en todas las parábolas del Evangelio de hoy. Oímos a Dios decir: "Tú eres el importante". Hay otra canción conmovedora de Brian Flynn titulada "The Prodigal Father" que presenta la perspectiva del padre que espera y se preocupa por su hijo perdido, vigilando el camino y rezando por el regreso del hijo. Y si por alguna razón tu propia familia no te acepta, descubrirás que hay muchas familias intencionales, amigos y parroquias que esperan con los brazos abiertos para acogerte. O quizás puedas ofrecer la misma bienvenida a otra alma que regresa.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Sal 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lc 15:1-32

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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

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 SEPT 4, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$1,212.00
9 AM Mass	-\$1,099.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,696.40
Capital Improvements	-\$ 821.00
2nd Collection	
Mail In	-\$ 235.00
On Line	-\$ 107.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 257.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,428.35</b>



## SECOND COLLECTION

September 11, 2022 - Good Samaritans of SJB

## 2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Sept. 4, 2022	\$ 257.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,571.22</b>

# Announcements

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## Saturday, September 10

5:00 p.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Family  
For Health Mary S. Martinez - Friends

## Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño  
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia  
† Jacinta Weddel - Mom  
† Mr. Rosario Juarez - Angelita Canales  
Gift of Life Socorro Castillo - Family

11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Wife  
For Health Suzanne Gutierrez - Family

## Monday, September 12

## Tuesday, September 13

12:00 p.m. † Lucy Hermosa Villarreal  
† Frances Ramirez

## Wednesday, September 14

8:15 a.m. † Elvira Moreno  
For Health Roland Lozano

## Thursday, September 15

12:00 p.m. † Esther Guevara  
For Health Marie Weaver

## Friday, September 16

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom  
50th Anniversary Roy & Marie Sanchez - Family

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
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.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Our Religious Education program has begun today, Sunday, September 11th, 2022. Please be advised that this year, all children are welcome to attend the program free of charge, and note that breakfast will be provided as well as transportation. I invite everyone to join me in spreading the great news in the neighborhood and apartment complexes. It takes a village to raise a child. September 11th, will be the official day for the beginning of the CCD/Faith formation program.

We pray for the students, teachers, faculty and parents in Uvalde to experience a safe school year. May each day bring peace, faith, healing and knowledge into their lives. May the precious souls of the lives lost rest in the loving arms of God and may Jesus Christ continue to protect us all.

I invite you to support our Raffle Ticket project scheduled for Christmas Day after the 11:00 am Mass. This will be the only monetary fundraiser this year and our goal has been set at \$35,000. Each adult or family is requested to pick up 100 tickets at the price of \$2.00 per ticket. Please make a special effort to pick up your tickets after Mass or in the office, and sell as many tickets possible for the benefit of our parish community.

As of September 8, 2022, 178 desks have been sponsored for the children at Mumiaminyi, Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke elementary schools situated in the city of Kananga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. My gratitude goes to all of you who have been very supportive of *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.

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.

May God bless each of you,

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



“The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalms** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Tim 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tue: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Ps 100:1-5;  
Lk 7:11-17

Wed: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;  
Jn 3:13-17

Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28;  
Jn 19:25-27

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1-8, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10-14;  
Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**THURSDAY'S ONLY (CHAPEL)**  
**9:00 AM - 12 Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, September 11 - FIRST DAY OF CCD

9:00 a.m. **Guadalupana Mass** - Church  
11:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church  
11:00 a.m. **Burger In A Bag** - SJB Fundraiser

### Monday, September 12

### Tuesday, September 13

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

### Wednesday, September 14

8:15 a.m. **School Mass** - Church  
2:00 p.m. **Coffee with Fr. Fidèle**

### Thursday, September 15

9:00am-12 Noon &  
2:00pm - 5:00pm **Adoration** - Chapel  
12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

### Friday, September 16

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

### Saturday, September 17

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



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



**Ministry Scheduled**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022**  
**HOSPITALITY**

## IN MEMORIAM

The community and staff of St. John Berchmans parish extends their heartfelt condolences to the family of:

† **Gabina Arocha**



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

**Merced Cruz**  
**Leaders of our Country**  
**Community of Uvalde**



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto: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?

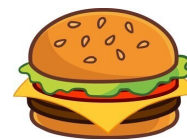
If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

**THE INFINITE MERCY OF GOD**

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6). In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes the boundless mercy of God through parables. When we make mistakes and lose sight of Christ, God's mercy has the power to create blessings from them. What blessings has God created from my failures? When do I seek God's limitless mercy? How do I show mercy to others?

In his apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis quotes Maria Gabriella Perin: "What I know is that God makes stories. In his genius and mercy, he takes our triumphs and our failures and weaves beautiful tapestries that are full of irony. The reverse of the fabric may look messy with its tangled threads-the events of our life - and maybe this is the side we dwell on when we doubt. But the right side of the tapestry displays a magnificent story, and this is the side that God sees.' When older people look at life closely, often they instinctively know what lies behind the tangled threads, and they recognize what God can create even out of our mistakes".

May the infinite mercy of God guide our path as we embrace his love and trust in his providence. From all things good or bad, God has the power to create blessings.

**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL****HAMBURGER FUNDRAISER****Date:** Sunday, September 11, 2022**Time:** 11 AM - 2:30 PM**Cost:** \$10 (Includes Burger, Chips, Drink & Dessert)**Where:** SJB Parking Lot

We are asking for help from our parish community for our **Fundraiser scheduled on Sunday, September 11, 2022** to purchase **burgers and books**. There will be surprise bags for \$5.00 or you can come and make your own book choices, and most will be .50 each. Remember that all the money raised by the book sales will be split, with half going to the teachers and half for new library books. The burger sale is to help the faculty and staff attend the NCEA conference in Dallas, Texas. **Please come support this important fundraiser.**

**FAITH FORMATION**

The Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions previously held on Sundays, will now be moved to Wednesdays. You can choose the day session from 10am-11am OR evenings from 7pm - 8:15 pm beginning September 14th. We will start a new series entitled: **The Bible and the Sacraments**. Bring a friend. Learn the heart of God - From the Word of God - Pope St. Gregory, the Great Doctor of the Church, 604 AD.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Sal 40:7-10, 17; Lc 7:1-10

Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100:1-5; Lc 7:11-17

Miércoles: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 78:1-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118:1-2, 16-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27

Viernes: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17:1-8, 15; Lc 8:1-3

Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56:10c-14; Lc 8:4-15

Domingo: Am 8:4-7; Sal 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13

**CONFIAR EN EL AMOR DE DIOS**

Imagina que estás entre quienes escucharon a Jesús hablarle a los fariseos y escribas en el encuentro que oímos en el Evangelio de hoy: "¿qué hombre entre ustedes que tiene cien ovejas y pierde una y deja a las noventa y nueve en el desierto para ir a buscar a la perdida hasta encontrarla?" ¿Tú dejarías las noventa y nueve en el desierto para ir a encontrar una oveja perdida? En la parábola, Jesús nos está mostrando lo profundo que es el amor de Dios, el amor ilógico e increíble que Dios tiene para cada uno de nosotros. Moisés contó con esta misericordia amorosa cuando habló por el pueblo errante; san Pablo reconoce su confianza en esa misericordia en su carta a Timoteo. Dios desea acercarse a ti, buscándote cuando estás perdido. ¿Estás preparado para ser recibido por el abrazo amoroso de Dios? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Quién anda perdido y me necesita? ¿Estoy dispuesto a ayudar hasta el punto de lucir redículo?