

# 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2022

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## JUSTICE FOR ALL

When we grasp a better understanding of Amos, it really is a mirror of the Gospel message that we must be good stewards and offer kindness and justice to all. Remember that Jesus is in the midst of speaking through a series of parables. (We left off with the Prodigal Son last week.) When he is speaking of the steward, he is not telling us to get into money laundering or get-rich-quick schemes or engage in multi-level marketing. Rather, we can infer that we are to use our goods and our skills wisely and for the betterment of everyone. In the parable the steward is praised for his quick thinking and for finding a way to resolve the situation. The parable ends with Jesus telling us "You cannot serve God and mammon" and you must make a choice.

## EVERYTHING IS A CHOICE

The Gospel parable tells us what the steward did one time to get out of a bind. But we are called to make the right choice, the best choice over and over. Sometimes it is hard. You may not be choosing between good and evil, but sometimes even have to choose between two goods. We frequently have to make choices like, "Do I spend this extra time at work to get that promotion? Do I bring the work home with me? Or am I able to leave it there and be with my family when I am done?" Parents often have to look at their savings account before they determine which activities they can afford for their children to participate in. Music and sports and the arts are wonderful, but all require special equipment and time. But making a sacrifice on everybody's part might reap great rewards. Sometimes, though, the choice is made to just get food on the table, or to clothe the family. We learn to make the choices that are best for ourselves and are decisions we can live with. We learn to discern what is best for those we love.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-3

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## JUSTICIA PARA TODOS

Cuando comprendemos mejor a Amós, es realmente un espejo del mensaje evangélico de que debemos ser buenos administradores y ofrecer bondad y justicia a todos. Recuerda que Jesús está hablando a través de una serie de parábolas. (La semana pasada se proclamó la parábola del hijo pródigo). Cuando habla del mayordomo, no nos dice que nos dediquemos a blanquear dinero o a hacernos ricos rápidamente, ni que nos dediquemos al marketing multinivel. Más bien, podemos deducir que debemos utilizar nuestros bienes y nuestras habilidades con sabiduría y para el mejoramiento de todos. En la parábola, el mayordomo es alabado por su rapidez de pensamiento y por encontrar una manera de resolver la situación. La parábola termina con Jesús diciéndonos "No pueden servir a Dios y a las riquezas" y deben de hacer una elección.

## TODO ES UNA ELECCIÓN

La parábola del Evangelio nos cuenta lo que el mayordomo hizo una vez para salir de un apuro. Pero estamos llamados a hacer la elección correcta, la mejor elección una y otra vez. A veces es difícil. Puede que no haya que elegir entre el bien y el mal, pero a veces incluso hay que elegir entre dos bienes. A menudo tenemos que tomar decisiones como: "¿Paso este tiempo extra en el trabajo para conseguir ese ascenso? ¿Me llevo el trabajo a casa? ¿O puedo dejarlo allí y estar con mi familia cuando termine?". Los padres a menudo tienen que mirar su cuenta de ahorros antes de determinar qué actividades pueden permitirle para que sus hijos participen. La música y los deportes y las artes son maravillosos, pero todos requieren un equipo especial y tiempo. Pero hacer un sacrificio por parte de todos puede reportar grandes recompensas. Sin embargo, a veces hay que elegir para llevar la comida a la mesa o para vestir a la familia. Aprendemos a tomar las decisiones que son mejores para nosotros y con las que podemos vivir. Aprendemos a discernir qué es lo mejor para los que amamos.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Am 8:4-7; Sal 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13

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## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Maria Langley	Raymond Sarabia	Antonia Degollado
Suzanne Gutierrez	Frank Rodriguez	Baby Zaylee Gaitan
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Pat Flores	Jeanette Ortiz
Sarah Contreras	Julissa Rodriguez	Bobby Rollins
Marty Carrera Tobias	Kay Towers	Darlene Lopez
Frances Lozano	Oscar Arcos	George Garnica
Irma Urias	Miliana Bullock	Adam Alonzo, Jr.
Mary S. Martinez	Hope Esquivel	Raymond Serna
Gina Gonzales	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
Virginia Morales	Joanne Almaguer	

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 11, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$1,077.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 864.00
11AM Mass	-\$1,999.00
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 495.00 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$1,060.00
On Line	-\$ 107.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 172.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,774.75</b>



## SECOND COLLECTION

September 18, 2022  
Altar Flowers

## 2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Sept. 11, 2022	\$ 172.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,743.97</b>

# Announcements

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## Saturday, September 17

5:00 p.m. † Francisco Ibarra - Daughter Leonor Rodriguez  
15th Anniversary Rosary Makers -  
Victoria Sanchez

## Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. † Gilberto Terrazas - Angelita Canales

† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia  
**Gift of Life** Sandra Treviño - Nora Treviño  
15th Anniversary Rosary Makers -  
Victoria Sanchez

11:00 a.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family  
† Paul Salinas - Wife  
† Ramona Ybarra - David Ybarra & Family  
† Gloria Lloyd - Children  
† Herminia Marin - Daughter  
15th Anniversary Rosary Makers -  
Victoria Sanchez

**Gift of Life** Ofilio Arocha IV - Parents

## Monday, September 19

## Tuesday, September 20

12:00 p.m. † Guadalupe Cepeda

## Wednesday, September 21

8:15 a.m. † Cecilia Espinosa

## Thursday, September 22

12:00 p.m. † Maria Belen Granados

## Friday, September 23

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom

### PRAYER OF A ROSARY MAKER

Thank you loving Mother for this precious gift,  
the Rosary.

Guide my hands and my heart, as I fashion these  
beads to be used in your honor to praise Thy Son.

Let each bead be filled with love and patience;  
let love pass through my fingers to unknown hands,  
and let patience prevail where prayers  
may seem unanswered.

Teach me that I do this task only through the merits  
of your Divine son, for without Him  
I can accomplish nothing.

Let my numbers be known only to you and Him.  
I offer this for the greater Glory of God the Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44, Lk 8:19-21  
Wed: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Thu: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Lk 9:7-9  
Fri: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Lk 9:43-45  
Sun: Am 6:1, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

**Today, Sunday, September 18, 2022, I am celebrating my 52nd birthday!** I am grateful to God for the gift of life and health which he has bestowed upon me. Thanks to my parents, family, friends and community for their loyal support, love, guidance, faith and prayers.

Our Religious Education program has begun. 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.

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, 185 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.

Please continue to pray for me and May God bless you.

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



**Special Thanks for all who supported our St. John Berchmans School Fundraiser this past weekend.**

**It was a success and we know that we can always count on our parish community.**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER FIDÈLE!!!

As our Pastor, you are our mentor, spiritual leader and advisor. We appreciate your faithfulness and wish you the best birthday. You have planted seeds of faith and family and the word of God into our hearts. You

continue to inspire countless lives through your sermons and acts of kindness.

We pray for abundant health, happiness and everlasting joy as you continue to serve the Lord in the ministry he has given you. Thank you and Blessings always!

## **What's Happening** This Week

### Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Mass - Church  
11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

### Monday, September 19

### Tuesday, September 20

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Wednesday, September 21

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

### Thursday, September 22

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

### Friday, September 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Saturday, September 24

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 24, 2022**  
**Martinez & Santoyo Families**



## *Holy Eucharistic Adoration*

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



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Caritas  
Legal Services



## **ASK A LAWYER**

Caritas Legal Services offers FREE legal consultation at the below dates and locations from **9:00am-12:00pm**. Immigration, Wills, Deeds, and Guardianship will be discussed.

**Join  
Us  
At**

**9/24 St. Andrew Lytle, TX**

**10/29 St. Timothy San Antonio, TX**

**11/19 Holy Spirit San Antonio, TX**

110 Bandera Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
(210) 435-3256  
info@ccaosa.org  
ccaosa.org/caritas-legal-services



### THOMPSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Will hold their annual "San Antonio Neighbors Together" event (formally "National Night Out") on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Edgewood Veterans Stadium. Come join us!



### IN MEMORIAM

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

† **Conchita Villarreal**

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

**Fr. Fidèle Dikete**  
**For All who are ill and suffering**  
**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.

**PRIORITIES**

*"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Luke 16:8b,13*

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live.

If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely,

put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes have begun as of Sunday, September 11. We thank all of our wonderful volunteers, who are the pillars of our program and to our parents who registered their children. Please be reminded that it is not too late to register your child for classes. Children will be provided transportation and breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact our parish office.

We also thank you parents for being great role models for your children by having God in your daily life and by **attending and bringing your children to weekly Mass!** Remember you are planting seeds of faith and family. *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

**Mt.6:33**

**RAFFLE TICKET SALE HAS STARTED!**

Please pick up your raffle tickets after Mass OR you may also stop by the parish office for the tickets. The cost of the ticket is only \$2.00. The raffle will take place on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2022. Let us pull together and make this raffle campaign a success.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our parish food pantry is in need of donations. At this time, we are experiencing high volumes of individuals seeking assistance from our church. Items needed are non-perishable food items. We give thanks for our blessings!

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Prov 3:27-34; Sal 15:2-5; Lc 8:16-18

Martes: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21

Miércoles: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Jueves: Ecl 1:2-11; Sal 90:3-6, 12-17; Lc 9:7-9

Viernes: Ecl 3:1-11; Sal 144:1-4; Lc 9:18-22

Sábado: Ecl 11:9 - 12:8; Sal 90:3-6, 12-17; Lc 9:43-45

Domingo: Am 6:1, 4-7; Sal 146:7-10; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lc 16:19-31

**LAS PRIORIDADES**

Elige una opción. Dios o el dinero, cosas materiales, placeres mundanos. Esto es lo que Jesús nos pide hacer en el Evangelio de hoy. Los fariseos y escribas, y muchas personas, quieren ambas cosas. Dios y la riqueza. Pero Jesús sabe que "nadie puede servir a dos amos". No es que la riqueza sea propiamente mala, sino el hecho de buscarla excluyendo lo que es bueno y justo. Nuestra fe debe guiar y dar forma a nuestra forma de vivir. Si somos seguidores de Jesucristo, trataremos a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables, con justicia y equidad. Viviremos con devoción a Dios y dejaremos que nuestras vidas hablen de la verdad del amor de Dios por todos. Pondremos lo primero, o más exactamente, pondremos a Dios y sus caminos en primer lugar, con la seguridad de que cuando lo hacemos, todo lo demás tendrá sentido.

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**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Cómo puedo ser un administrador prudente de las riquezas con que Dios me ha bendecido?  
¿Dónde considero que están mis "bienes verdaderos" (Lucas 16:11)?