

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022

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LESS IS MORE

The last few weeks, we have seen Jesus speaking in parables that were long and complex, and sometimes it was difficult to find the point of his message. But today he speaks simply to the Apostles and gives them a graphic image that is very easy to grasp. Think of how many pictures you have seen with an open hand holding mustard seeds, or the image of the seeds and the grown tree. The thing is, those photos are worth a thousand words. One could call it the “elevator pitch” on faith. Jesus provides his followers with a touchstone to hold onto, a spiritual roadmap as it were. But along with that beloved parable is a more difficult message.

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

At some point, Jesus must just get exasperated with these folks. The Apostles and disciples have been following him for how long now? And they still don't understand. The kingdom of God is not about how great you are on earth, or how much faith you have. There is much work to be done. He reminds them that they are still the folks who are going to be cooking dinner when they come home in the evening. They are the servants. Their work continues until the kitchen is clean! Similarly, it is not enough for us to simply show up to church on Sunday morning. We must be servants in our daily lives. On my computer screen is a yellow sticky note that says “If serving is below you, then leadership is above you.” Right now, “Servant Leadership” is a big buzzword phrase bordering on overuse, but there is a lot of truth to it. Some of the ways we may lead our families, our workgroups, our faith groups include: listening to others, showing empathy, healing yourself through work-life balance, developing your self-awareness, and being a good steward. Wrap it any way you want, it is all about being a good Christian. Have faith. Serve others. Watch it grow!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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MENOS ES MÁS

En las últimas semanas, hemos visto a Jesús hablar en parábolas largas y complejas, y a veces era difícil encontrar el sentido de su mensaje. Pero hoy habla con sencillez a los Apóstoles y les da una imagen gráfica muy fácil de captar. Piensa en cuántas fotos has visto con una mano abierta sosteniendo semillas de mostaza, o la imagen de las semillas y el árbol crecido. El caso es que esas fotos valen más que mil palabras. Podríamos llamarlo el “discurso del ascensor” sobre la fe. Jesús proporciona a sus seguidores una piedra de toque a la que aferrarse, una hoja de ruta espiritual, por así decirlo. Pero junto a esa querida parábola hay un mensaje más difícil.

RECUERDA QUIÉN ERES

En algún momento, Jesús debe exasperarse con esta gente. ¿Los Apóstoles y los discípulos han estado siguiéndolo desde hace cuánto tiempo? Y todavía no lo entienden. El reino de Dios no se trata de cuán grande eres en la tierra, o cuánta fe tienes. Hay mucho trabajo por hacer. Él les recuerda que todavía son las personas que van a cocinar la cena cuando lleguen a casa por la noche. Ellos son los sirvientes. Su trabajo continúa hasta que la cocina esté limpia. Del mismo modo, no basta con que nos presentemos en la iglesia el domingo por la mañana. Debemos ser siervos en nuestra vida diaria. En la pantalla de mi ordenador hay una nota adhesiva amarilla que dice “Si servir está por debajo de ti, entonces el liderazgo está por encima de ti”. Ahora mismo, el “Liderazgo de Servicio” es una gran frase de moda que roza el uso excesivo, pero hay mucha verdad en ella. Algunas de las formas en las que podemos liderar nuestras familias, nuestros grupos de trabajo, nuestros grupos de fe incluyen: escuchar a los demás, mostrar empatía, curarse a sí mismo a través del equilibrio entre el trabajo y la vida, desarrollar su autoconciencia, y ser un buen administrador. Enfócalo como quieras, se trata de ser un buen cristiano. Tener fe. Sirve a los demás. Mira cómo crece.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 25, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 952.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 936.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$2,094.00	
1:30 IGBO Mass	-\$ 95.00	
Religious Education	-\$ 495.00	
IGBO Religious Educ.	-\$ 40.00	2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 370.00	
On-Line	-\$ 80.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 191.50	
TOTAL	\$5,253.50	

SECOND COLLECTION

October 2, 2022 - Capital Improvements

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Sept. 25, 2022	\$ 191.50
TOTAL	\$10,189.17

Announcements

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Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. † Daniel Romero - Family
† Eloy T. Ortega - Ortega Family
† Katherine C. Vidal - Family

Sunday, October 2

9:00 a.m. † Frances Ramirez - Nora Treviño
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos - Wife & Children
† Paul Salinas - Wife
† Joanne Almaguer - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Family

Monday, October 3

Tuesday, October 4

12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving Chantal & Chad - Mom

Wednesday, October 5

8:15 a.m.
Gift of Life Anna Ybarra - Sister

Thursday, October 6

12:00 p.m.
For Health Robert Sanchez

Friday, October 7

12:00 p.m.
For Health Roger Garcia

THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2022**

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who
made us. — Psalm 95:6*



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The month of October is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. I invite you to join me during the entire month of October for the prayer of the Holy Rosary. **The Holy Rosary will commence on Saturday, October 1st at 4:00 in the afternoon in the Church. Sunday thru Friday, the Holy Rosary will take place at 6:00 in the afternoon in the Church.** The Holy Rosary will also be live streamed for those of you who are not able to participate in person.

Our Religious Education program has begun. We currently have 75 students participating in our program. 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 ask that you continue to spread 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 fundraising 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 25, 2022, 300 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fidèle Okitembo Dikete'.

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

Announcements

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
 Tue: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
 Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
 Thu: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
 Fri: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
 Sat: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
 Sun: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
 Lk 17:11-19



*Holy
Eucharistic
Adoration*

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



Our CCD children are fed every Sunday morning before classes begin.

We are blessed to have several parish ministries share in this important weekly responsibility.

We recognize ACTS ministry for providing this weekend's breakfast.

FOOD DRIVE DONATION UNDERWAY

As you noticed this past weekend collection bins have been placed in the Church Foyer. At this time many individuals are seeking food assistance. **Our pantrys are empty! We need your help!**

Non Perishable food items needed: canned goods, boxed cereal, pasta's, etc. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish office.

IN MEMORIAM

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

† Roland Lozano

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF Hurricane Victims All Migrants Community of Uvalde

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH—Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. He is known as the patron Saint of animals. We invite all parishioners to bring their pets to receive a special blessing from Fr. Fidèle, **Tuesday, October 4th at 6 pm by the Bell Tower.** Please have your pets leashed or in a kennel.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, October 2
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Church
 11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

Monday, October 3

Tuesday, October 4
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals - Bell Tower
 6:30 p.m. Guadalupana Mtg. - Formation House

Wednesday, October 5
 8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church
 2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, October 6
 9:00am-12 Noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, October 7
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

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

**Ministry Scheduled
Saturday, October 8, 2022
Boy's/Girl's Scouts**

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.

As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that it is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. The emphasis of praying the Rosary is centered in Christ's mysteries, which illuminate the mystery of our own life. The rosary models the spiritual son of Mary according to the life of her son, Jesus.

We encourage you to join our daily recitation of the rosary during the entire month of October. We invite anyone to attend either in person at Church or via live stream. **Rosary schedule:** Sunday through Friday at 6:00 pm Saturday at 4:00 pm



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS YOUTH MINISTRY will begin on Sunday, October 9th.



- We invite all Teens ages 13-17
- We will meet after the 11 am Sunday Mass and end by 2:30 pm
- We will have food, praise and worship, discussion groups and activities

Help us build this important ministry for our parish community. For additional information, please contact Mr. Juan Villanueva, Director Religious Education at (210) 245-8670. Thank you and look forward to seeing you!

ATTENTION: All men and women veterans who have previously served or are presently serving in active military status. The Military Veterans for Christ organization will be hosting their annual retreat from 10 thru 13 November.

This retreat is designed especially for men and women who are serving and would like to come together to share time, fellowship and prayer. If you would like to find out more about your faith and how God is calling you to serve others, then this retreat is definitely for you. Applications are available in the church foyer or at the parish office. Feel free to make additional copies of application and pass along. Viva Cristo Rey!



DEMONSTRATE YOUR TIME AND TALENT

Are you interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister, Lector, Altar Server or Hospitality? Please mark your calendar for the following workshops: **Lectors - October 18th at 7pm; Altar Servers - October 22nd At 10:30 am; Extraordinary Ministers, October 25th at 7pm; and Hospitality - October 27th at 7 pm.**

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gal 1:6-12; Sal 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
 Martes: Gal 1:13-24; Sal 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42
 Miércoles: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117:1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
 Jueves: Gál 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
 Viernes: Gál 3:7-14; Sal 111:1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
 Sábado: Gál 3:22-29; Sal 105:2-7; Lc 11:27-28
 Domingo: 2 Re 5:14-17; Sal 98:1-4; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lc 17:11-19

EL DON DE LA FE

La fe es un don. Cuando los discípulos le preguntaron a Jesús que aumentara su fe, se estaban dirigiendo al origen de la fe con su petición. Dios es quien da todos los dones buenos, incluida la fe. Cuando ponemos nuestra fe en Cristo, creemos que Dios está con nosotros, aunque no podamos ver físicamente a Dios. ¿O a caso podemos? Si estamos atentos, vemos la evidencia de la presencia de Dios en el amor de la familia y los amigos, en el cuidado vertido al servicio de nuestros prójimos, en la belleza de la creación. Esta no es una fe ciega, sino más bien es el resultado de ver con los ojos de la fe. Los seguidores de Jesús miran más allá de lo que es aparente para ver lo que es posible con la presencia del Espíritu Santo dentro y entre nosotros. Copyright

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué injusticia, conflicto o problema puedo afrontar con el poder que me da la fe? ¿Cómo puedo poner mi fe en obras?