

24th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b
 "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga". - Mc 8, 34

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9AM-4:30PM (MON, WED, THURS)

9AM-1PM (FRIDAYS)

CONFESSION:

Sunday.....7:45 a.m.

Parish Council Leaders: Cindy Tovar & Don Majka

Liturgy Coordinators: Bob Pfeifer & Mary Holleman

Ladies Group President: Diana Vargas

Cursillo: Manuel Montes De Oca

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Wednesday & Friday (2-5pm)

CONFESSION:

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Parish Council Leader: Daniel Mancilla
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St. Mary

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CONFESSION:

Sunday.....4:30 p.m.

Parish Council Leader: Luis Gonzales
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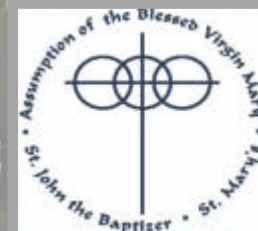
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**MASS INTENTIONS/
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

September / septiembre 11

5:00pm ABVM.....Martha Salinas

7:00pm St. John's.....

September / septiembre 12

8:30am St. John's.....Chito Gonzalez†
(Requested by: Cynthia Kerr)

10:30am ABVM.....Emily Knight &
Herman Redder (Requested by: Family)
George & David Acosta†
(Requested by: Greg Acosta)
Rosemary Monk†
(Requested by: Mary Ellen Dougher)

1:00pm ABVM.....Martha Salinas
(Requested by: ABVM Ladies)

5:00pm St. Mary's.....

September / septiembre 13

8:30am St. John's.....Special intention

6:30pm ABVM.....

September / septiembre 15

7:30pm ABVM.....Berger Family

7:30pm St. Mary's.....

September / septiembre 16

8:30am ABVM.....Ruth Redder &
Prayers answered
(Requested by: Knight Family)

6:30pm St. John's.....

September / septiembre 17

8:30am St. John's.....Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30pm ABVM.....

Please use the mass intention envelopes located at the entrance of the church to request a mass intention. Or call the church office.

Por favor use los sobres que se encuentran en la entrada de la Iglesia para pedir una intencion de misa. O llame a la oficina de la Iglesia.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

Vigésimo cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo? Es la pregunta que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos en su tiempo histórico, y ahora nos la hace a nosotros. Es una pregunta muy importante que debe ser respondida individualmente. Con ayuda de la fe, se puede dar una respuesta más efectiva. Dicho de otro modo, la verdadera fe incluye un compromiso diario de aventurarse en el misterio de la cruz. Es difícil el camino, pero te lleva a la vida. La reflexión del Papa Francisco es de gran ayuda para adentrar en detalle e iluminar a cada uno en el saber dónde está nuestra respuesta ahora.

"Pero el Señor quiere que sus discípulos de ayer y de hoy establezcan con él una relación personal, y así lo acojan en el centro de sus vidas. Por esto los exhorta a ponerse con toda la verdad entre sí mismos y les pregunta. ¿Y ustedes, quién dicen que soy yo? Jesús, hoy, nos vuelve a dirigir esta pregunta tan directa y confidencial a cada uno de nosotros" (9/16/018). Puede ser que contestemos como Pedro, quien, lleno de entusiasmo y quizá sin pensar, da una respuesta inmediata: "Tú eres el Mesías" (Marcos 8:29). Pedro, te has sacado un diez de nota, que buena respuesta has dado. Pero enseguida, te equivocaste al querer decirle lo que debería de hacer con respecto a sus padecimientos en la cruz. El Papa Francisco continúa diciéndonos: "Jesús nos dice que, para seguirle, se necesita negarse a uno mismo, es decir, los pretextos del propio orgullo egoísta, y cargar con la cruz". Enseguida, el Evangelio nos dice: "¿De qué le sirve a uno si ha ganado el mundo entero, pero se ha destruido a sí mismo?"

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In person classes have begun!

If you have not registered your children, please do so. You can find the registrations forms on our website <https://www.jbdcatholics.org/21-22-registration> or call the office if you don't have access to the internet. **After September 30th no more registrations will be accepted.**

Las clases de Formacion de Fe (doctrina) en persona ya comenzaron

Si usted todavia no ha registrado a sus hijos, todavia puede hacerlo. En la pagina de internet de la Iglesia puede encontrar las formas para la registracion <https://www.jbdcatholics.org/21-22-registration> o si no tiene acceso al internet llame a la oficina de la Iglesia. **Despues del 30 de septiembre, ya no se aceptaran mas inscripciones.**



Sunday, October 3rd at Assumption

Since we were not able to have our Fall Festival last year, we ask you to help us as much as you can so we can have a very successful Festival this year. Below are different ways you can help with the Festival:

- Buy or sale the raffle tickets (remember that we have plenty if you need more)
- Sign up to be a volunteer for the day of the Festival (sign up posters are at the entrance of the church)
- Bring donations of items for prizes for the bingo or loteria (drop donations at the entrance of the church)
- We also need donations of items for the silent auction
- Buy our Fall Festival T-shirt

Go to our Facebook page JBD Catholics so you can see all the amazing raffle prizes we have for the Fall Festival Raffle.

Domingo 3 de octubre en Asuncion

El año pasado no pudimos tener el Festival de Otoño, así es que le pedimos que nos ayuden lo más que puedan para que este año nuestro Festival sea todo un éxito. Aquí están las maneras en que nos puede ayudar:

- Compre o venda boletos para la rifa (recuerde que tenemos más boletos si necesita más)
- Anótese para ser voluntario el día del Festival (en la entrada de la iglesia hay posters para que se anote)
- Traiga donaciones de artículos para los premios del bingo o lotería (dejelos en la entrada de la Iglesia)
- También necesitamos artículos para la subasta silenciosa
- Compre la camiseta del Festival de Otoño

Valla a nuestra pagina de Facebook JBD Catholics para que vea todos los maravillosos premios que tenemos para la rifa que se llevara a cabo el día del Festival.

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