

***When you hold a banquet . . . (Luke 14:13)***

Doesn't it seem as if Jesus is giving his fellow dinner guests etiquette lessons here? He's telling them whom to invite and whom not to invite to their parties. He's advising them on how to choose a seat at the table. He's even showing them how to avoid the embarrassment of having the host move them to a lesser place!

But Jesus is doing something more important than teaching good manners. He is challenging his listeners and us to move beyond the safe circles we tend to build for ourselves. We are all familiar with the gatherings Jesus describes in this passage: parties filled with "friends . . . brothers . . . relatives . . . wealthy neighbors" (Luke 14:12). They're cozy. They're comfortable. And they create a closed loop. There is no room for people who are different from us, especially the poor or anyone who might make us feel uncomfortable (14:13).

Of course, there's nothing wrong with family meals or neighborhood gatherings. Jesus loves seeing us come together and enjoy each other's company. He even promised to be with us when "two or three are gathered" in his name (Matthew 18:20)! The problem comes when this is the only kind of interaction we have. He doesn't want to see us trapped in the same closed loop that ensnared the people in today's Gospel.

Jesus isn't expecting you to throw open your doors and host a meal for any and all takers. But he is asking you to stretch out your hand a little more to the "poor" people around you. It could be a family from your parish or neighborhood who is struggling through unemployment. It could even be a wealthy neighbor who, now retired, lives alone and whose family never visits. You don't even have to share a meal. All Jesus is asking for is your willingness to give without expecting anything in return. It's what he does for you; now he is asking you to do the same.

*"Lord, help me to reach beyond my circle of comfort to touch the lonely and needy around me."*  
*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 ~ The Word Among Us.*

**Homebound or Shut-In's** If you know someone within our parish who is sick or homebound and interested in receiving Holy Communion, please contact the Parish office at 738-2201, so arrangements can be made to take them the Body of Christ.

Si usted conoce a alguien dentro de nuestra parroquia que está enfermo o sin poder salir de casa y quiere recibir la Sagrada Comunión póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial al 738-2201, para puedan hacer arreglos para llevarles el Cuerpo de Cristo.

**The Archdiocese of San Antonio Office of Development**

Invites you to a Final Affairs Seminar Series.

- **Sept. 12** - Funeral Planning 101: Puente & Sons Funeral Chapels.
- **Sept. 19** - "Now, and at the Hour of Death: Catholic Social Teaching of End of Life Issues": Fr. Larry Christian, EV, Archdiocese of San Antonio.
- **Sept. 26** - "Legacy Stewardship: The Gift of Sustainability": Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez, Development Associate, Archdiocese of San Antonio.

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**

Joe Cosby and Family, Pat Tally, Sarah Martinez, Teresa Brezenski, Josefina Gomez, Magdalena Urrabazo, Maria Villarreal, Elisa Casanova, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Pena, Mary Aguilon, Irene Breenen, Jessica Lozano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Agnes Kubesch, Maria del Carmen Morales, Tanya Marie Paveglio, Rome Escobedo, Sister Cecilia Rodriguez, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Richard Gonzales, Rudy Reyes, Andy Bonham, Julio Villarreal, Cassey Cosby, Graciela Bernal, Quinn Nash, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Oralía Ortiz, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Melva Macias, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Viola Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Sue Lira, Hector C. Alvarez, Valdomero Carrizales, Gene Flores and Esiquio Perez

***To Add or Remove names please call the Parish office at 738-2201***

Holy Hour Adoration every Monday's from 7pm to 8pm in St. John's Church.

Adoración de la Hora Santa cada Lunes de las 7pm a las 8pm en la iglesia de San Juan.

**Parish Support:**

**Weekend of April 24th and 25th, 2019**

**Church Support Envelope**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$1,200.00**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$416.61**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$741.98**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$1,185.00**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$1,730.08**

**2nd Collection - Building Fund**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$424.00**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$224.00**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$236.47**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$185.67**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$533.00**  
**TOTAL:.....\$6,876.81**

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 2nd ~ 11:30am**

† Anselmo Garza Jr.

† Diana Ruiz Villarreal

*Labor Day*

**Tuesday, September 3rd ~ 11:30am**

**Brian Smasal (Happy Birthday)**

† Angel Gutierrez Jr.

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

**Wednesday, September 4th ~ 11:30am**

† Diane Ruiz Villarreal

† Dolores Ramos

**Thursday, September 5th ~ 11:30am**

† Anselmo Garza Jr.

**Linda Busti (Happy Birthday)**

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**Friday, September 6th ~ 11:30am**

**Matthew Lopez (Happy Birthday)**

† Gloria Arriaga

**Saturday, September 7th ~ 5:00pm**

† Mr. & Mrs. Simon Alva Sr.

† Mr. & Mrs. Morris Torres

**Sunday, September 8th**

**8:00am** † Eluterio C. Sifuentez

† Jorge Arturo Perez

**9:30am** † Cesar Rodriguez

† Guillermo Alonso

**12:00pm** † Hortencia Gonzales

† Blanche Aldrete

**7:30pm** **Juan Rodriguez (Special Intention)**

**People of the Parish**

### **2019 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Less than a Month Away!**

The Catholic Women's Conference is a 2-day 'Spa for the Soul' that offers speakers to teach, encourage, and challenge women in the Catholic faith, Adoration and meditation, fellowship with other sisters in Christ, music for prayer and praise, and exhibitors that offer spiritual resources to help women grow and share the Catholic faith. Friday & Saturday, September 20 & 21 @ St. Margaret Mary Activity Center, 1314 Fair Ave., San Antonio, TX, 78223 | Register at CWCSanAntonio.com or call 210-521-3377.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

LOTERIA (Mexican Bingo)

Altar Society Fundraiser

St. John's Parish Hall 1:30pm to 4:30pm

\$10 per person for 10 games

Door Prizes, Raffle, Food, and Silent Auction

For tickets please call Evelyn Casillas at 210-213-3853 or  
Rosie Martinez at 210-875-8837

**Limited Seating/ Cash or Checks ONLY**  
**NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINKS PERMITTED**

**RESERVA LA FECHA**

Domingo, 6 de Octubre de 2019

LOTERIA

Recaudación de fondos de la Sociedad del Altar  
en el Salon de la Parroquia de San Juan de las  
1:30am a hasta 4:30pm.

\$10.00 por carta, cada carta juegas 10 juegos  
Abran premios en la Puerta, Rifa, Comida y unas  
subasta silenciosa.

Para boletos por favor llama a Evelyn Casillas al  
210-213-3853 o Rosie Martinez al 210-875-8837

**Asientos limitados/ SOLAMENTE Dinero efectivo o**  
**cheques. NO SE PERMITEN NINGUNA**  
**COMIDA o BEBIDAS**

### **WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday's at 5:20pm in the Parish office.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday's 7pm-8pm (St. John's Church).

**Men's Prayer Group:** Saturday's in Casa de Juan from 7:30am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins - 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez - 210-782-6313

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

**Guadalupeans:** Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760

**Knights of Columbus:** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Constantino- 210-415-7278.

**Women's Fellowship:** Every third Thursday of the Month at Casa de Juan from 6pm till 9pm.

**Altar Society:** Third Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201

**Men's ACTS:** 3rd Monday of the month in Hall at 7pm.

**Youth Group:** Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

**ACTS:** Contact Tony Ybarra at 210-430-9028.

**Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation Classes (CCD):** Parish Office at 210-738-2201ext 13.

**Young Adults Ministry:** Second Thursday of each month from 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044