

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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Welcoming and liturgical community celebrating the spiritual needs of God's people in the spirit of St. John Berchmans.
"My penance is to live the common life. I will pay greatest attention to the least inspiration of God." - St. John Berchmans

Parish Office Staff:

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 5pm-English
Sunday 9am-Bilingual
Sunday 11am-English

Weekday Services:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 12 Noon

School Mass:

Wednesdays 8:15am (School Calendar)

Holy Days of Obligation:

Bilingual Mass at 7pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

Adoration:

Every Thursday 9am-5pm

Baptisms/Quinceañeras/Sweet 16:

Please contact office for more information

Baptism Classes:

Please contact office for more information

Weddings:

Father Fidèle Dikete, Pastor
Please make an appointment
six months in advance.

CCD:

Sunday 9:30am – 12 Noon

Good Samaritans of SJB:

Monday and Friday; 3pm - 5pm

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JANUARY 28, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

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RESCUE FROM BONDAGE

Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in our own experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything "unclean" in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

PROPHETS IN DAILY LIFE

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

TODAY'S READINGS: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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RESCATE DE LA ESCLAVITUD

Únicamente en el Evangelio de Marcos, el ministerio de Jesús comienza con una confrontación directa con un espíritu inmundo. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy refleja un tema recurrente en Marcos, que la venida de Jesús es parte una batalla cósmica entre Dios y las fuerzas del mal. Se creía comúnmente que muchos espíritus estaban presentes en el mundo, y algunos buscaban controlar a los seres humanos. Marcos afirma que, en Jesús, Dios ha venido a rescatar a la humanidad, a liberarnos de toda forma de esclavitud.

En el pasaje de hoy, el espíritu inmundo no entrega el poder en silencio. Después de quejarse, convulsionarse y gritar, el espíritu finalmente se va. Como podemos atestiguar en nuestra propia experiencia, lo que nos ata, el miedo, la injusticia, el resentimiento, a menudo se va sólo después de una poderosa lucha. Confrontar cualquier cosa "inmunda" en nuestros corazones, nuestras instituciones o nuestra sociedad a menudo implica un largo viaje hacia la libertad. Que podamos sostener nuestros esfuerzos y nuestra confianza en Dios, durante estas largas luchas.

LOS PROFETAS EN LA VIDA DIARIA

Moisés asegura a Israel la presencia continua de Dios prometiendo un profeta nuevo. Al igual que Moisés, el profeta será establecido por Dios. ¿Pero cómo distinguir a un verdadero profeta de un falso profeta? Muchos dicen hablar en nombre de Dios. La tarea se complica por el hecho de que a menudo, los verdaderos profetas hacen olas, ocasionan problemas y perturban la forma en cómo normalmente se hacen las cosas. Muchos simplemente no quieren escuchar lo que Dios está diciendo, porque eso amenaza su privilegio, su comodidad o su sentido de identidad.

Como los israelitas en la lectura de hoy, puede ser difícil para nosotros llevar la voz de Dios. Porque Dios nos llama de todas las maneras en que evitamos abrir nuestros corazones a Dios y a los demás. Y así, Dios establece profetas inesperados en la vida diaria. Estas son todas las personas y eventos que nos llaman a la madurez plena en el amor y en la fe. Estamos llamados a estar siempre listos para la palabra profética que pueda surgir de lo sorprendente de Dios.



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras
Marty Carrera Tobias
Frances Lozano
Irma Urias
Mary S. Martinez
Galilea Romero
Iris Luna Sullivan
Emma O. Velasquez
Kenny De La Rosa
Raymond Sarabia
Frank Rodriguez
Julissa Rodriguez
Miliana Bullock
Lydia Soriano
Robert Sanchez
Vanessa Quintero
Virginia R. Lucio
Guadalupe Rodriguez
Lori Bañuelos

Joe Villanueva
Edith Flores
Isaiah Vasquez
Esther Nicholson
Valerie Vigil
Maldonado Family
Margie Zuniga
Rosemary Flores
Anthony Ramirez
Carmen Garza
Gloria Rubio
Lisa Brown
Mary Herrera
Rebecca Zuniga
Rosa Elva Villaseñor
Lupe Gomez
Angie Canales
Joseph Kavanaugh
Rosie Gallegos

Maritza Garcia
Saucedo Family
Liam Adrian Martinez
Antonia Degollado
Michael P. Ramirez
Alfred Marin
Maria Martinez
Lucy Treviño & Family
Mickey S. Carrasco
Robert Prieto
Elizabeth Rose Valdez
Blanca V. Herrera
Muñoz Family
Adela Moreno
Mary Rose Cerda
Zander from WA.
Pete Muñoz

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.



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STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,210.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 496.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,479.00
Altar Flowers	-\$ 290.00 2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 390.00
On Line	-\$ 325.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 149.15
TOTAL	\$4,339.15

SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 27-28, 2024

CHURCHES IN LATIN AMERICA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Jan. 21, 2024	\$ 149.15
TOTAL	\$ 4,584.96

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27

5:00 p.m. † Angie Ramirez - Parish Family
For Health Natividad Cruz - Parish Family

Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. † Angie Ramirez - Parish Family
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family

11:00 a.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Rebecca Rosas Rodriguez - Family
† Dolores Vasquez - Family

In Thanksgiving for the Araguz Family -
Araguz Family

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30

12:00 p.m. † Delia Lopez - Parish Family
Gift of Strength Dora Santellan - Friends

Wednesday, January 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO

8:15 a.m. † Mary Orosco - Parish Family
For Health Rosie Perez - Friends

Thursday, February 1

12:00 p.m. † Anthony Zapata - Family

Friday, February 2

12:00 p.m. † Hilda Valdez - Parish Family

REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners and their families who have experienced the loss of their loved ones:

† Jose Raul Garza



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

† Angie Ramirez

Let us remember the lamp is a mark of honor. It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-14, 24-30, 19:3; Ps 86:1-6;
Mk 5:21-43

Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Job 7:1-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

Share your faith. Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I invite you to join me in thanking God for the completion of year 2023 and for the New Year 2024 that we have embarked. Accept the challenge to focus on your spiritual and physical health. We are responsible for our own body. As St. Paul reminds us, in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17: "Do you not understand that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, lives in you? If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy them, for the temple of God is holy and so you as His temple, are holy." As for me, I intend to improve my spiritual and physical health.

I am pledging two goals:

- Run 10K (6.2 miles) on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park to raise money for our beloved school. Goal: Raise monies for a scholarship initiative to offer \$1,000 to register 50 new students attending St. John Berchmans.
- Run half a marathon (13.1 miles) at the Rock'n'Roll marathon on Sunday, December 8th, 2024.

Hope you can join me in making this journey a huge success for the benefit of our community and in supporting me.

Our friendly competition of weight loss is open as of January 1st, 2024 until December 25th. Please stop by the office to register.

- 10 pounds and up: \$50 Visa gift card
- 20 pounds and up: \$100 Visa gift card
- 30 pounds and up: \$150 Visa gift card

All the names of winners will be displayed on our electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2025. Take advantage of this unique friendly challenge to improve and treasure your body, the temple of Christ.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 6:30 in the evening until 11:00 in the evening for Valentine's Day and to celebrate the gift of love and friendship. Your donation of \$10 will cover dinner, drink and dance. Make a special effort to join your fellow parishioners and celebrate the gift of love.

Thank you and may God bless you always!

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CCD
LOTERIA FUNDRAISER**

DATE: Sunday, February 4, 2024
TIME: 1PM - 4PM
LOCATION: SJB Cafeteria
COST: \$30 for 20 games

(\$30 will reserve your seat/4 playing cards)
Specials for \$5. **NO SHARING OF CARDS.**

Delicious Food, Sweets and Drinks available for sale.
For Tickets contact a Catechist. Thank you!

REMINDER SJB DIRECTORY - Schedule your Photo appointment for church directory. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your appointment.

DATES AVAILABLE:

Thursday, Feb. 8 from 2-8:30 p.m.,
Friday, Feb. 9 from 2-8:30pm and
Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10am-4pm.



Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
11:00 a.m. SJB School BBQ Plate Fundraiser - Cafeteria

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, January 31

8:15 a.m. MASS - Church
10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, February 1

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Friday, February 2

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning
5:00 p.m. MASS - Church



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. **Bulletins are printed on Thursdays.**



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



**CATECHIST HIGHLIGHT
GRACE ORTIZ**

Our parish community is blessed to have dedicated individuals who give of themselves to the formation of our children in our Religious Education program.

Mrs. Grace Ortiz is a Catechist and has taught 4th grade for 2 years. She has been a parishioner for 7 years and was recently elected as Sergeant of Arms for the Guadalupana organization. Mrs. Ortiz enjoys swimming and baking.



Mass for People with Special Needs
Sunday, February 4, 2024
10AM Mass
celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak

sponsored by St. Luke's



Putting their faith into action, the Knights of Columbus is hosting this special Mass. They hope to spread the message that all of God's children are welcome under the parish roof, and that every person is an integral part of the parish family.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church. **Every Saturday @8am**



MINISTRY SCHEDULED - FEBRUARY 3 - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS