

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

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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/Quinceñeras/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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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

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BLEST TO BE A BLESSING

The first eleven chapters of Genesis tell the story of the tragedy of human separation from God. But God has not given up on humanity. God is on a mission to reconcile and heal all of creation. In today's reading from Genesis 12, we see the beginning of God's new strategy: to begin with a single person (Abram, later renamed Abraham) and family and form them into a distinct people, so that all peoples may see God's blessing in them, and share in this blessing.

God's chosen people are not selected simply to receive blessing, but to serve as examples and agents of blessing. God blesses people not only for their own benefit but for all. When we fully thank God, we also accept God's call to bless others. We the Church receive God's grace precisely so that we may share grace with others.

LISTEN TO HIM

In today's Gospel describing Jesus' transfiguration, we hear of the disciples' vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter, perhaps understandably, responds by trying to enshrine the moment by building tents for them. However, God interrupts and speaks words identical to those spoken at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But here God adds, "listen to him."

Listening to God can take various forms. At some moments, as when we receive new insight or are deeply moved, we want to jump into action. Sometimes this is appropriate and necessary. But sometimes God interrupts our eagerness, and calls us to further reflection or simply to listen in silence.

Reflection and action are of course both essential to our faith journey. Yet we recall that God may often speak through silence. Contemplative practice, rich in tradition within our Catholic faith, reminds us that God invites us to an encounter within silence. In contemplative prayer, we open ourselves and simply wait upon God. We might encounter a divine Presence beyond words.

BENDITO POR SER UNA BENDICIÓN

Los primeros once capítulos del libro del Génesis cuentan la historia de la tragedia de la separación humana de Dios. Pero Dios no ha abandonado a la humanidad. Dios está en una misión para reconciliar y sanar a toda la creación. En las lecturas de hoy, del capítulo 12 del libro del Génesis, vemos el comienzo de una nueva estrategia de Dios: empezar con una persona sencilla (Abram, después llamado Abrahán) y familia y formarlos en personas diferentes, para que todas las personas puedan ver la bendición de Dios en ellos, y compartir esta bendición.

El pueblo elegido no fue elegido simplemente para recibir esta bendición, sino para servir como ejemplo y representantes de esta bendición. Dios bendice a las personas no solamente para su propio beneficio sino para el de todos. Cuando agradecemos plenamente a Dios, también aceptamos la llamada de Dios para bendecir a otros. Nosotros, la Iglesia, recibimos la gracia de Dios precisamente para que podamos compartir la gracia con los demás.

ESCUCHÁNDOLO A ÉL

El Evangelio de hoy, describiendo la transfiguración de Jesús, escuchamos de los apóstoles la revelación de Jesús, Moisés y Elías. Pedro, comprensiblemente, responde intentando consagrar el momento construyendo chozas para ellos. Sin embargo, Dios interrumpe y habla con palabras idénticas a las habladas en el bautismo de Jesús: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complace". Pero aquí, Dios añade "escúchenlo".

Escuchar a Dios puede tomar varias formas. En algunos momentos, así como cuando recibimos nueva luz o estamos profundamente conmovidos, queremos ir a la acción. Algunas veces esto es apropiado y necesario. Pero otras veces, Dios interrumpe nuestro entusiasmo, y nos llama a una reflexión más profunda o simplemente a escuchar en silencio.

La reflexión y la acción son desde luego esenciales para nuestro camino de fe. Sin embargo, recordamos que Dios a menudo puede hablar a través del silencio. La práctica contemplativa, rica en tradición en nuestra fe católica, nos recuerda que Dios nos invita a un encuentro dentro del silencio. En la oración contemplativa, nos abrimos y simplemente esperamos en Dios. Podríamos encontrar la divina presencia más allá de las palabras.



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Isaiah Vasquez	Maria Martinez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Esther Nicholson	Lucy Treviño & Family
Frances Lozano	Valerie Vigil	Mickey S. Carrasco
Irma Urias	Rosemary Flores	Robert Prieto
Mary S. Martinez	Anthony Ramirez	Elizabeth Rose Valdez
Galilea Romero	Carmen Garza	Blanca V. Herrera
Iris Luna Sullivan	Gloria Rubio	Muñoz Family
Emma O. Velasquez	Lisa Brown	Adela Moreno
Kenny De La Rosa	Mary Herrera	Mary Rose Cerda
Raymond Sarabia	Rebecca Zuniga	Zander from WA.
Julissa Rodriguez	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Pete Muñoz
Miliana Bullock	Lupe Gomez	Mary Alice Vasquez
Lydia Soriano	Angie Canales	Terry Herrera
Robert Sanchez	Joseph Kavanaugh	Rosa Castoreno
Vanessa Quintero	Rosie Gallegos	Henrietta Ramos
Virginia R. Lucio	Maritza Garcia	Cecilia Muñoz
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Liam Adrian Martinez	Maria Dorado
Lori Bañuelos	Michael P. Ramirez	Jose Calderon
Edith Flores	Alfred Marin	Carmen Perez

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 THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,256.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 940.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,944.00	
Altar Flowers	-\$ 245.00	2nd Collection
Ash Wednesday Catholic Charities	-\$ 1,367.00	Arch Coll.
Catholic Missions	-\$ 313.00	Arch Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 662.00	
On Line	-\$ 120.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 286.85	
TOTAL	\$7,133.85	



SECOND COLLECTION FEBRUARY 24-25, 2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Feb. 18, 2024	\$ 286.85
TOTAL	\$ 5,476.26

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m. † Pedro B. Martinez - Family
† Brandon Peña - Tia Sylvia & Tio Ken Lore
† Thomas Diaz - John & Angie Diaz
† Joe Martinez - Mary Jo Martinez
Gift of Life Nelda Otte - Socorro & Raquel
Anniversary Jessica & Izzy Ramos - SJB Friends

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
† Joe & Sulema Ventura - Virginia Velez
Health Emma Velasquez - Daughters

11:00 a.m. † Gene Toscano - Wife & Family

Monday, February 26

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Victor Castillo - Castillo Fam
† Thomas Diaz - John & Angie Diaz

Wednesday, February 28

8:15 a.m. † Miguel Antonio Espinosa
Health Maria Martinez - Socorro & Raquel
Health Mary Martinez - Socorro & Raquel

Thursday, February 29

12:00 p.m. † Frank Rodriguez - SJB Family
Gift of Life Sandra Lockwood - Socorro & Raquel

Friday, March 1

12:00 p.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Edith Flores
Kenny De La Rosa



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.

REST IN PEACE

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

† Frank Rodriguez
† Miguel Antonio Espinosa



LENT

**RETURN TO ME WITH
YOUR WHOLE HEART**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I invite you to continue observing the disciplines of Lent thru prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us embark on a healing journey with the Lord during these 40 days of Lent. Bring your burdens, hurt, anger, frustration, hatred, scars, and offer them to the Lord. Surrender to Jesus, our God, and let him take you on a trip of a lifetime. He will heal you and make you whole again. Take this unique opportunity to heal and renew your covenant with the Lord.

Please continue to consult your liturgical calendar for referral during the Lenten Season and make the appropriate plans to attend services provided by our church.

I highly encourage you to attend daily mass at **12:00 noon, Sunday mass**, which is a day of obligation, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** followed by **Holy Hour** every **Thursday from 6:00 thru 7:00** in the evening, **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday at 6:00** in the evening and pray daily as a family. You are also encouraged to observe the discipline of Lent which includes prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

My plans to register 50 new students is to launch a scholarship initiative to offer \$1,000 to each new registered student attending St. John Berchmans Catholic School. I will be sponsoring a 10k (6.2 miles) run on Mother's Day weekend, **Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park** for the purpose of raising money for our beloved school and also to celebrate all our beloved mothers.

Here is the schedule of events for the day:

- **8:00 a.m.:** 10k run (6.2 miles) by Fr. Fidèle Dikete and anyone who wishes also to run
- **9:30 am:** 1.3 mile run by students
- **10:00 am:** 1.3 mile walk by all the mothers
- **10:30 am thru 11:00 am:** Mariachis

I am asking for a donation of \$20 to support the effort. Generous donations are also welcomed to raise \$50,000 to assist the school.

Please support our school and me, your Pastor, in this endeavor.

God bless you always!

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS
GUADALUPANA MEAT BINGO**
DATE: Sunday, March 3, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
\$10 per card for 15 regular games
\$10 reserves your seat
 (15 Game Meat prizes: Brisket, Sausage, Hamburger patties)
 5 Specials will be for Baskets.
Food, Drinks, Desserts will be available for sale

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Mon: Dan 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, February 24

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

Monday, February 25

Tuesday, February 26
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, February 27

8:15 a.m. SCHOOL MASS - Church
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, February 28

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
6:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR - Church
Youth/CYO/Altar Servers

Friday, February 29

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
6:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Church
Youth/CYO/Altar Servers

Saturday, March 1

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

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Looking for a Lenten opportunity in our Parish? You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning in the Formation House from 10am to 11:30 am for Adult Faith Enrichment sessions.

We are continuing to study God’s word in the Gospel of Matthew with a video series entitled, The King and the Kingdom by Dr Tim Gray. We also have videos that take us to the actual sights in the Holy Land where the parables and miracles took place.

Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you. After all, “reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds and introduces us to the love of God.”—

Archbishop Isadore of Seville.

ACTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

The ACTS Community will be hosting their annual **Fish Fry Plate Sale on Friday, March 29th** in the School Cafeteria. **Cost is \$15.00 per plate and will consist of Fish, Corn on the cob, coleslaw, green beans, bread, drink and condiments.**

Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets, set up/clean up, cook and serve. Monetary donations to help offset costs of food is appreciated.

Please contact Dolores Guardiola or any ACTS core member for tickets/information.

We thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- We are now taking orders for **Holy Thursday Candles**. If you are interested in purchasing one \$5.00 or by the case \$60.00, please contact the Parish office. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, March 27, 2024.
- If you are interested in purchasing **Easter Lilies**, please contact the parish office. Cost \$10.00 ea
- Fr. Fidele will be chartering a bus for the **Tour of Seven Churches** on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024. The tour will run from 9:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church. **EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM!!!**



MINISTRY SCHEDULED

MARCH 2 - MARTINEZ/SANTOYO FAMILIES



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.