

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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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/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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MARCH 10, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

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LOST

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

FOUND

The young son "hit bottom" and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an examination of conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart, and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ's warm embrace of forgiveness.

PERDIDO

Es difícil admitir lo fácil que es perdernos. Perdemos nuestro camino por las prisas de hacer el trabajo, las reuniones y las actividades y nos salimos del hábito de la oración diaria, la Misa dominical y el servicio. Quedamos atrapados en seguir la riqueza material, el poder, la posición social y el éxito mundano. Podemos ser despectivos con personas cuyas perspectivas son diferentes a las nuestras. Nos volvemos egoístas y egocéntricos. Estamos ciegos a las necesidades de los demás, preocupados solamente por nosotros, nuestras familias y nuestros pequeños círculos sociales. Nos desviamos del tema y a veces ni nos damos cuentas que estamos perdidos. Como el hijo joven de la parábola, algo ha pasado que nos vuelve a nuestros sentidos.

ENCONTRADO

El hijo joven "toco fondo" y emprende el camino de regreso a casa. Los israelitas aprendieron a confiar y seguir a Dios y entraron a la Tierra Prometida. Encontramos el momento y nos damos cuenta que estamos perdidos y empezamos nuestro camino de regreso hacia el Señor. Jesús no únicamente nos muestra el camino, Cristo es nuestro camino de regreso a la casa de Dios. Nuestra ruta de regreso a menudo es un examen de conciencia, por medio de la cual examinamos nuestros corazones y reconocemos nuestras fallas. Quizá necesitamos hacer algunas rectificaciones a quienes hemos herido; podríamos estar llamados a hacer un cambio de actitud o comportamiento. ¿Estás perdido? Ahora es el tiempo perfecto para abrir nuestra mente y corazón, y admitir que has perdido el camino. La Cuaresma es un tiempo cuando admitimos las formas que estamos perdiendo el objetivo y regresar a Dios. A menudo, lo hacemos por medio del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, en el cual confesamos nuestros pecados, recibimos una penitencia y aceptamos de Cristo su abrazo cálido del perdón.



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
Julissa Rodriguez
Miliana Bullock
Lydia Soriano
Robert Sanchez
Vanessa Quintero
Virginia R. Lucio
Guadalupe Rodriguez
Lori Bañuelos
Edith Flores

Isaiah Vasquez
Esther Nicholson
Valerie Vigil
Rosemary Flores
Anthony Ramirez
Carmen Garza
Gloria Rubio
Lisa Brown
Rebecca Zuniga
Rosa Elva Villaseñor
Lupe Gomez
Angie Canales
Joseph Kavanaugh
Rosie Gallegos
Maritza Garcia
Liam Adrian Martinez
Michael P. Ramirez
Alfred Marin
Maria Martinez

Lucy Treviño & Family
Mickey S. Carrasco
Robert Prieto
Elizabeth Rose Valdez
Muñoz Family
Mary Rose Cerda
Zander from WA.
Pete Muñoz
Mary Alice Vasquez
Terry Herrera
Rosa Castoreno
Henrietta Ramos
Cecilia Muñoz
Maria Dorado
Jose Calderon
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 MARCH 3, 2024

5 PM Mass - \$ 1,261.00
9 AM Mass - \$ 1,262.00
11 AM Mass - \$ 1,915.00
Capital Improvements - \$ 817.00 2nd Collection
Mail In - \$ 725.00
Gift of Giving - \$ 236.10
TOTAL \$6,216.10

SECOND COLLECTION

MARCH 9 - 10, 2024

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES &
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending March 3, 2024 \$ 236.10
TOTAL \$ 5,968.06

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9

5:00 p.m. † Ray Cruz - Cruz Family
 Gift of Life Richard E. Castillo - Socorro & Raquel
 Gift of Life Katherine Diaz - John & Angie

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Eulogio & Victoria Galvan - Eva Rodriguez
 † Albert Hernandez - Virginia Velez
 † Minnie A. Talamantes - Sister
 † Katie M. Talamantes - Sister
 Emma O. Velasquez - Daughters

Health

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos - Wife & Family
 † Gregorio Ramirez - Daughter & Family
 † Fernando Camarillo, Sr. - Children
 † Minnie A. Talamantes - Sister
 † Katie M. Talamantes - Sister
 All Souls in Purgatory - Victor Aragus

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 p.m. † Mary Margaret Herrera - SJB Family
 Health Elizabeth Gallegos - SJB Family
 Health Mary Martinez - SJB Family

Wednesday, March 13

NO MASS

Thursday, March 14

12:00 p.m. † Delia N Reyna - SJB Family
 Health Socorro Castillo - SJB Family

Friday, March 15

12:00 p.m. † Alfonso Medina
 Health Mickey Saucedo Carrasco - SJB Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Marty Carrera Tobias
 Emma Velasquez
 Joe Villanueva



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:

† Delia Navarro Reina
 † Alfonso Medina
 † Oscar Roberto Vasquez
 † Anthony H. Zermeno
 † Mary Margaret Herrera



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I wish all of our students and faculty members a very joyful and restful spring break. As you spend time with your families and friends, please do not forget to go to Church on Sunday and continue to observe the disciplines of lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As you well know, our Christmas raffle has been our only fundraiser since the pandemic broke out in 2019 with a profit of \$31,029.12 (2020), \$31,727.00 (2021) \$30,739.46 (2022) achieved by sponsoring raffle tickets, prizes, and selling tickets.

This year's attempt to plan a Fall Festival and recapture the magic of fellowship and big profit has fallen short. The Festival this past year netted a profit of \$30,114.64 less than our Christmas raffle from prior years. The festival also required a year's work of long commitments and hard work. Our parish is also experiencing a significant decrease in volunteers, contributions, sponsorships and manpower. In light of these challenges, the Pastoral Council met Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 and made the following decisions:

- There will not be a Fall festival this year.
- A major raffle will take place on **Wednesday, December 25th, 2024 after the 11:00 morning mass.**
- A small fellowship will be organized in the fall which will include chicken plates, children's games and music.

In order for us to be successful this year each parishioner will receive 100 raffle tickets to sell for \$2.00 each. Please make a special effort to sell all your tickets and perhaps sell more. Knowing that this will be our only fundraiser this year, please be generous in supporting our parish and all the persons working for its success.

I highly encourage you to attend **daily mass at 12:00 noon, Sunday mass**, which is a day of obligation, **Holy Hour every Thursday from 6:00 to 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.

God bless you always,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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ST. JOHN BERCHMANS GUADALUPANA ORGANIZATION
Extends their heartfelt **THANKS** for your support of our Bingo this past weekend.
It was a great success and everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with great prizes.
Also recognition to all our Guadalupanas for their hard work and commitment to serve our parish community.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, March 13

— NO MASS —

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

Thursday, March 14

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
6:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR - Church

Friday, March 15

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
6:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Church

Saturday, March 16

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

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL NEWS

- ⇒ Please keep our wonderful students, parents, faculty and staff in your prayers as they go on their Spring Break, March 11-15.
- ⇒ The school office will also be closed for Spring Break. All students, faculty and staff return on Monday, March 18, 2024.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the Middle School Decathlon which participated on March 2, 2024 in Houston. This is the first time our school competed alongside other Texas Catholic schools. They were tested in Mathematics, Art, History and Religion. They did an amazing job preparing themselves for this great opportunity.
- ⇒ Haley Maner placed 3rd in Mathematics. Way to go Knights!
- ⇒ Annual 5th Grade Archbishop Mass was held on Monday, March 4. This is an annual event where all 5th graders from all over San Antonio gather to hear the liturgy with Archbishop Gustavo. Mrs. Ortiz' 5th grade class shared this event with Fr. Dikete and Mrs. Garcia

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- We are now taking orders for **Holy Thursday Candles**. If interested in purchasing cost is: \$5.00 each or \$60 for the case. Please contact Parish office and orders taken until March 27.
- **Easter Lilies orders are now being taken** Cost \$10.00 each
- Fr. Fidele will be chartering a bus for the **Tour of Seven Churches** on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024. Cost: \$10.00 per person.

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.**
Please contact Dolores Guardiola or any ACTS core member for tickets/information. We thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED
MARCH 16 - HOSPITALITY**



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.