

# 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:

Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor • Deacon Jesus Rodriguez

Stella Rico, Secretary  
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Cynthia Sandoval, Director of Religious Education

Raquel Castillo, Office Volunteer  
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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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**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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## 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.

## 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 sorpresivo de Dios.



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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,339.15</b>

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,584.96</b>

# 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.



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.

**WEEKLY  
EVENTS**

**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



**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.



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**Knights of  
Columbus**

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

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**



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto: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.