

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/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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APRIL 28, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 27-28, 2024

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VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

VID, SARMIENTOS Y FRUTOS

Pocas actividades son tan decepcionantes como cultivar las plantas u hortalizas del jardín, regarlas y asegurarse de que reciban la luz del sol y los nutrientes, sólo para cosechar uno o dos vegetales, hortalizas o flores que demuestren todo el esfuerzo. Jesús usa la metáfora de la vid y los sarmientos para describir la proximidad con la que estamos llamados a permanecer junto a él, de forma que demos el fruto de su vida y amor en nuestra forma de vivir. Dice Jesús que cuando hacemos esto, damos gloria a Dios Padre, lo que Jesús hizo perfectamente a través de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. Como las plantas que dependen del sol y de los nutrientes de la tierra, nosotros nos apoyamos en Jesús, el Señor, a través del él podemos hacer todo aquello para lo que estamos llamados. Sin el Señor, no podemos hacer nada.

APRENDER DE LOS PRIMEROS

La historia de la Iglesia primitiva que escuchamos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles durante el tiempo de Pascua es educativo e inspirador. Aprendemos cómo la comunidad creció en su comprensión de lo que significa permanecer cerca de Jesús en las situaciones más difíciles. Ellos vivieron de palabra y de obra como Cristo había enseñado y dieron el fruto de su fe en sus decisiones cotidianas, en pequeños detalles y en momentos dramáticos. Frente a Saulo, que había perseguido a los cristianos y que se presentaba así mismo como discípulo, Bernabé se arriesgó a creer en el testimonio de Saulo. A través de Bernabé, la comunidad aceptó a Saulo y, como resultado, un número cada vez mayor de personas empezaron a creer en Cristo. Nosotros también estamos llamados a vivir de palabra y obra, tomando a pecho el mandamiento de Cristo de amarnos los unos a los otros, incluso cuando sea difícil hacerlo. Podemos inspirarnos en la forma en que los primeros creyentes se consolaron con el Espíritu Santo, encontrando sabiduría y fuerza para cumplir los mandamientos y hacer lo que de agrada a Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



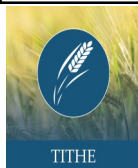
Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 APRIL 21 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,030.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 691.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,468.00
Altar Flowers	-\$ 412.00 2nd Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 375.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 219.87
TOTAL	\$4,195.87

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 27-28
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending April 21, 2024	\$ 219.87
TOTAL	\$ 7,907.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. † Henry Vidal - Vidal Family
Health Socorro Castillo - SJB Family
Health Mary Carrera Tobias - SJB Family

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Josue Hid - Wife
 † Erasmo Uribe - Mom & Sister
Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter
 11:00 a.m. † Carmen M. Solis - Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Eugene Toscano - Family
 † Michael Sanchez - Semersky Family
Health Daniel Lira - Gerry Lira
Gift of Health 9 years Miliana Bullock - Grandparents

Monday, April 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 p.m. † Richard Lloyd - SJB Family

Wednesday, May 1

8:15 a.m. † Fred Estrello - Cindi Sanchez
 † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
Health Rogelio Muñoz - SJB Family

Thursday, May 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

12:00 p.m. † Frances Ramirez - Mary Martinez
 † Fr. Eddie Bernal - SJB Family

Friday, May 3 - STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community
Health Mickey Saucedo Carrasco - SJB Family
Health Leticia Alvarez - SJB Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Socorro Castillo
Emma O. Velasquez
Mary Martinez
Marty Carrera Tobias



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:

† Richard Lloyd



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I invite you to continue keeping alive the Easter spirit by being loving, compassionate, forgiving and the acceptance of each other as children of God. Also continue praying for the end of war in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He is risen and overcame death.

I thank all the Guadalupanas for installing a new metal ramp outside the kitchen of the school cafeteria. This ramp will definitely allow easy access to the kitchen especially for our elderly and handicapped. The total cost of the metal ramp is \$4,625.43. Please take good care of this new addition into the infrastructure of the church. May God continue to bless and protect all Guadalupanas.

I am very pleased to announce that our raffle tickets are ready for distribution. Laura Castañeda and her raffle committee will be distributing the raffle tickets next weekend. Each one of you is asked to sell as many as 100 tickets. Remember this is the only fundraising project we have for this year. Please be very generous. We thank Treviño Funeral Home for sponsoring the raffle tickets. May God continue blessing them for their continued generosity toward our parish community.

Please strongly consider supporting my efforts to raise money for our St. John Berchmans School. **My plan is to register 50 new students and offer each new registered student a scholarship of \$1,000. I will be sponsoring a 5K (3.1 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.**

Schedule of events for the day:

- **8:00 a.m.:** 5k run (3.1 miles) by Fr. Fidèle Dikete and anyone who also wishes to run
- **9:00 am:** 1.3 mile run by students
- **9:30 am:** 1.3 mile walk by all the mothers
- **10:00 am thru 10:30 am:** Mariachi

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,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens our relationship with him to a plant with many branches. We, the branches, are called to remain so close to Jesus that we bear fruit, loving one another as Christ loves us. Saul bore the fruit of his faith through powerful witness that drew others to Christ. And the branches that grew into the early Church were extraordinarily fruitful.



What is the fruit of your faith in Jesus Christ?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:; Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-21; Jn 14:27-31
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 28

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

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Church cleaning - CCD
6:30 p.m. First Communicants Practice -
Church

Saturday, May 4

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.

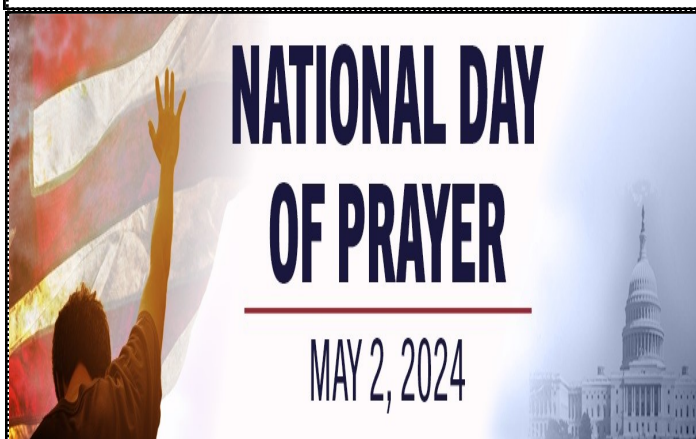
SJB DIRECTORY - LAST OPPORTUNITY!!!

We have been given 1 more date to schedule your photograph for the Parish Directory and this will be our last opportunity. **Photo date: Tuesday, May 14th from 2pm - 8 pm.**

To set up an appointment, or for more information, please contact Angie Diaz (210) 919-2411, or call the Parish Office at (210) 434-3247.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS SCHOOL REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT:

- ♦ Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is open. The registration fee is \$300per child. For more information about tuition and to schedule your school tour contact Mrs. Hopcus (school secretary) at (210) 433-0411. Mrs. Garcia, our school principal, faculty and staff can't wait to meet you and your loving family.
- ♦ St. John Berchmans School Mini Fiesta Festival On behalf of Mrs. Garcia, faculty, and staff of St. John Berchmans we would like to extend a huge "Thank you" for all the support that was given during our Mini Fiesta Festival that was held on Thursday, April 25th on the school grounds. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Viva Fiesta!



We welcome assistance from anyone in our parish community to come and help us clean our beautiful church. **We need your help!!**



MINISTRY SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD AT 5:00pm - CCD