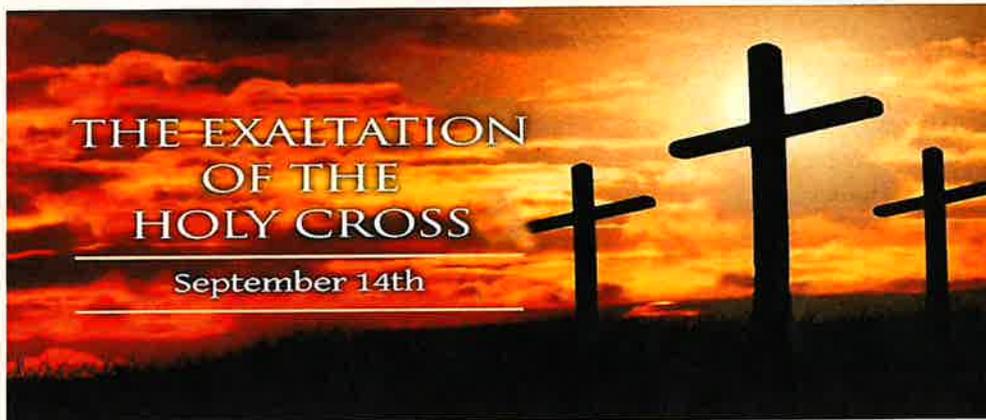


St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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

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

Baptisms/Quinceñeras/Sweet 16:
Please contact office for more information

Baptism Classes:
Please contact office for more information

Weddings:
Father Anthony Male, Pastor
Please make an appointment
six months in advance.

CCD:
Sunday 9:30am – 12 Noon

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 www.stjohnberchmans.com

STOP TURNING IN ON OURSELVES

"Being Christian", Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event". The Gospel the liturgy offers us on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross. Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we are invited to enter back into relationship with Him. Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

WONDER AND GRATITUDE

Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God which illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3:13-17).

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78: 1-2, 34-38; Philipians 2: 6-11; John 3:13-17

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 20TH AND SEPTEMBER 21ST

	COMMENTATOR	1ST LECTOR	2ND LECTOR
5pm	Angie Diaz	John Diaz	Brandon Pesqueda
9am	Andrew Solis	Xanthia Hernandez	Oralia Cantu
11am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		

SEPTEMBER 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 28TH

	COMMENTATOR	1ST LECTOR	2ND LECTOR
5pm	Alice Esparza	Annie Salinas	Jessica Ramos
9am	Oralia Cantu	Stella Rico	Andrew Solis
11am	Dolores Guardiola	Matthew Picazo	Maria Enriquez

SUPPORT ST. JOHN BERCHMANS THROUGH THE BIG

GIVE! This 24 hour online giving starts Wednesday, September 17th at 6pm and ends Thursday, September 18th at 6pm. This is an opportunity to support our church and school community. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of faith, academic excellence, and service. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we surpassed our \$10,000 goal and raised \$18,000. Together let's aim even higher this year!

GIVE BIG IN THE **BIG GIVE FOR SJB**

DONATE SEPT. 17 & 18

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 766.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 898.00
9:00 AM	\$ 1060.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 1174.00
11:00 AM	\$ 652.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 1207.00
2nd COLLECTION CAP. IMPRVMTS	\$ 560.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 921.00
DROP OFF	\$ 650.00	\$	\$ 650.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 4850.00

**SECOND COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2025
ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL**



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates

Sarah Contreras	Angie Canales	Bobby Gallegos II
Frances Lozano	Rosie Gallegos	Baby Wade Trinidad
Mary S. Martinez	Richard Santoyo	Simon Peter Jesus Garcia
Galilea Romero	Mickey S. Carrasco	Stephanie Perez
Iris Luna Sullivan	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Antonio Soto
Emma O. Velasquez	Henrietta Ramos	Joe Villanueva
Raymond Sarabia	Cristina Santoyo	Danny Flores
Julissa Rodriguez	Daniel Rodriguez	Baby Marlon
Miliana Bullock	Marisol Longoria-Parker	Sara McCumba Garcia
Robert Sanchez	Jerry Salazar	Robyn Pesina
Vanessa Quintero	Baby Ezra Rios	Viola Garza
Virginia R. Lucio	Henry Castro	Gabby Ramirez
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Socorro Castillo	Reymundo Padilla
Lori Bañuelos	Alexis Ramos	Dominique Dominguez
Edith Flores	Nicole Guerra	And Baby
Isaiah Vasquez	Bryan Ramos	Elida Rocha
Gloria Rubio	Valerie Vigil	Edna Moseley
Rebecca Zuniga	Lillie Velez	Armando Cantu
Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Janie Mireles	

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community
Gift of Life Socorro Castillo - Family

Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. † Gilberto Terrazas - Angelita Canales
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family
Gift of Life Eva Rodriguez - Family
Gift of Life Sandra D. Martinez - Family

11:00 a.m. † Leonardo Serna - Family
Gift of Life Maria Valenzuela - Family

Monday, September 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Tuesday, September 16 - STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Wednesday, Sept. 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI

8:15 a.m. 18th Anniversary Rosary Makers -
 Victoria Sanchez

Thursday, September 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran - Wife & Family

Friday, Sep. 19 - ST. JANARIUS

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

**FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
 FOR THE HUNGRY AND THE HOMELESS**

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.

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

† **Manuela Tellez**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tue: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27
 Thu: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Loving School and Church Families,
 Thank you all for your generosity and love toward our parish. Let us come together and share the meal with our fellow parishioners. If you have not yet bought the BBQ meal ticket, this will be your last opportunity to buy. Thanks to all the cooks who worked so hard in making this event a successful one. Thank you all.

The Big Give: Catholic schools play a pivotal role in fostering holistic development, integrating rigorous academics with Gospel values like service, compassion, and moral formation. However, many face financial challenges, including rising costs for technology, maintenance, and scholarships for underprivileged families. The Big Give addresses these needs directly by enabling targeted donations that sustain programs essential to the Catholic mission. Hence, please consider supporting St. John Berchmans School.

- **What it is:** A 24-hour online fundraising event for nonprofits in South Central Texas.
- **Goal:** To support our St. John Berchmans Catholic School which is a nonprofit organization.
- **How it works:** Donors give to our School - nonprofit organization and the event often includes "bonus dollars" from generous sponsors to amplify the impact of gifts. For instance if you donate \$100, the School will receive \$200.
- **When it happens:** The Big Give starts on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00pm and ends on Sept 18th 6:00pm. Please consider donating.**

Thank you for your generosity in advance.

**God bless us,
 Fr. Anthony**

THE SORROWS OF MARY



- 1st** The Prophecy of Simeon
- 2nd** The Flight Into Egypt
- 3rd** The Loss of Jesus in the Temple
- 4th** Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary
- 5th** Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross
- 6th** Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus
- 7th** The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

SIX PACK SODA WEEKENDS

We are asking for parishioners' donations for our soda booth for this year's festival. Each Mass will have specific drinks that can be brought to the church or parish office.

- Saturday 5pm - Dr. Pepper/Big Red**
- Sunday 9am - Water/Sprite**
- Sunday 11am - Coke/Diet Coke**

Your donations, as always, are greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday, September 14**
 - 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
 - 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
 - 11:00 a.m. BBQ DINNER BENEFIT
- Monday, September 15**
- Tuesday, September 16**
 - 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- Wednesday, September 17**
 - 8:15 a.m. SCHOOL MASS - Church
 - 10:00 a.m. Faith Enrichment - Formation House
- Thursday, September 18**
 - 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- Friday, September 19**
 - 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- Saturday, September 20**
 - 8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning
 - 5:00 p.m. MASS - Church

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
 As a reminder our office hours are now Monday thru Friday 9am—5pm, Lunch 12pm—1pm

We extend our heartfelt THANKS to Raquel Castillo for volunteering her valuable time for the past 15 years. We have been blessed to have several other individuals assist as well. God bless you all!

Calling any and all volunteers! We are having a Festival Meeting (Thur.) **September 18th at 6:30pm** In the school cafeteria. Please come and support the Success of our Festival!

THIS SUNDAY! COME SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!!

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN'S CHURCH
Fall BBQ Dinner Benefit
 Sunday, September 14, 2025
 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 1147 Cupples Road
Chicken, Sausage, Rice and Beans
 Donation \$12.00

St. John Berchmans
"Fall Fest"
RAFFLE
 \$20 per ticket

Drawing: Saturday, September 27, 2025
 1147 Cupples Rd. • SATX 78226

- GRAND PRIZE - \$5,000**
- 2nd Prize - \$2,500**
- 3rd Prize - \$1,250**
- 4th Prize - \$1,000**
- 5th Prize - \$750**
- 6th Prize - \$500**
- 7th Prize - \$500**
- 8th Prize - \$250**
- 9th Prize - \$250**
- 10th Prize - \$250**
- 11th Prize - \$250**
- 12th Prize - \$250**
- 13th Prize - \$250**

All prizes paid in gift cards. Need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit St. John Berchmans Catholic Church. Winner is subject to all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
 Printing of Fall Fest Raffle Tickets sponsored by:
Funeraria Del Angel Trevino
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 San Antonio, TX 78237
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TIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING FOR OUR FALL FEST.

REMINDER TO SELL YOUR TICKETS AND TURN IN MONEY FOR THOSE SOLD.

Our Church Cleaning Ministry meets **EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM** to clean our beautiful place of worship. Please join us!

MINISTRY SCHEDULED
September 20, 2025 - GUADALUPANAS




BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
 All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Anthony. **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.