

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19



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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

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/Quinceañeras/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

Good Samaritans of SJB:
Monday and Friday; 3pm - 5pm

SJB School:
Nora Garcia, Principal - 210-433-0411

ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:
ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT:
ALTAR SERVERS:
CHOIRS:
Saturday 5pm Choir
Sunday 9am Choir
Sunday 11am Choir
CYO:
CAFETERIA RENTAL:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:

GUADALUPANAS:
FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :
HOSPITALITY:

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Parish Ministries

ONLINE GIVING

We are partnering with **ParishSOFT Giving** and the Archdiocese of San Antonio to help you with online contributions to our church. This would be done automatically from your checking account or credit card, just as you do now with other payments.

If interested proceed as follows:

- Simply visit giving.parishsoft.com/giving/sjbsanantonio
- Text "Give" to 210-934-0959 or
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to go directly to our parish's online giving page. From there, you can give a one-time or recurring offering, and set up your account from the "Sign in" tab.



OCTOBER 12, 2025 - 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2025

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GOD'S WAYS The passage from 2 Kings concludes of the story of Naaman, a foreign military leader who suffers from a skin disease named as leprosy. The full story of Naaman is well worth reading, beginning in 2 Kings 5:1, as it describes the journey of a powerful man desperate for a cure, and who finds it most unexpectedly. He has used up all the options available to the wealthy and well-connected. But his slave girl from Israel points him to Elisha, the little-known Jewish prophet. Other servants rescue Naaman from his pride, and he is led to accept healing.

This story illustrates how God's ways are different from worldly ways. God acts primarily through the lowly and faithful, while power and wealth fail to solve the world's problem. Those on the margins, or those with humility, are often best able to see the opportunities God makes available. When Naaman humbled himself, he discovered God's ways, and gave thanks to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

LOS CAMINOS DE DIOS El pasaje de 2 Reyes concluye con la historia de Naamán, un líder militar extranjero que padece una enfermedad de la piel llamada lepra. Merece la pena leer la historia completa de Naamán, que comienza en 2 Reyes 5:1, ya que describe el viaje de un hombre poderoso desesperado por una cura, y que la encuentra de la forma más inesperada. Ha agotado todas las opciones disponibles para los ricos y bien conectados. Pero su esclava de Israel le señala a Eliseo, el poco conocido profeta judío. Otros siervos rescatan a Naamán de su orgullo, y éste es llevado a aceptar la curación.

Esta historia ilustra cómo los caminos de Dios son diferentes de los mundanos. Dios actúa principalmente a través de los humildes y los fieles, aunque el poder y la riqueza no resuelven el problema del mundo. Los marginados, o los humildes, suelen ser los más capaces de ver las oportunidades que Dios pone a su disposición. Cuando Naamán se humilló, descubrió los caminos de Dios y le dio gracias.

LECTURAS DE HOY: 2 Re 5:14-17; Sal 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lc 17:11-19



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 18TH AND OCTOBER 19TH

COMMENTATOR	1ST LECTOR	2ND LECTOR
5pm Edna Cruz	Jessica Ramos	Angie Diaz
9am Xanthia Hernandez	Arleen Garcia	Andrew Solis
11am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	

OCTOBER 25TH AND OCTOBER 26TH

COMMENTATOR	1ST LECTOR	2ND LECTOR
5pm Laura Castañeda	Izzy Ramos	Sylvia Lore
9am Marie Sanchez	Xanthia Hernandez	Oralia Cantu
11am	C.Y.O.	

Education Savings Accounts are HERE Families have prayed for more educational choices and Texas has answered. Soon, ESAs (School Choice) will make Catholic education possible for more children. We believe faith and academics belong together every day of the week, not just on Sundays. With over 8,600 students already thriving in San Antonio, your family could be next. School Choice (ESAs) are opening doors to make this dream a reality. Learn more: archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa



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UPCOMING SJB SCHOOL EVENT:

BURGER IN A BAG

(INCLUDES BURGER-CHIPS-COOKIE)

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

COST: \$10 TIME: 11AM - 3PM

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OR OFFICE



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2025

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 989.00	\$ 811.00	\$ 1,800.00
9:00 AM	\$ 971.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,055.00
11:00 AM	\$ 605.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 925.00
2nd COLLECTION CAPITAL IMP.	\$ 566.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 1,070.00
DROP OFF	\$ 640.00	\$	\$ 640.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 5,490.00

SECOND COLLECTION - OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE/TUITION ASSISTANCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 11 - ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE

5:00 p.m. † Guadalupe Gomez - SJB Family

Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Peter Anthony Cruz - Daughter & Wife
 18th Wedding Anniversary of
 Daniel & Tiffany Rodriguez -
 Rodriguez Family

Gift of Life Anthony Rodriguez -
 Rodriguez Family

11:00 a.m. † Marcus Arevalos - Family
 † Suzanne & Lily Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14 - ST. CALLISTUS I

12:00 p.m. For The Leaders of Our Country
 Health Grace Salinas - SJB Family

Wednesday, October 15 - ST. TERESA OF JESUS

8:15 a.m. † Raquel Gonzales - SJB Family

Thursday, October 16 - ST. HEDWIG AND ST. MARGARET MARY ALOCOQUE

12:00 p.m.
 Health Olga Serna - Family

Friday, October 17 - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

12:00 p.m. For Holy Souls in Purgatory
 For Parish Community



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

**For All Affected by the
 Government Shutdown
 For An End to all Wars**

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.



IN MEMORIUM

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

† **GUADALUPE GOMEZ**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
 Tue: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
 Wed: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
 Thu: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
 Fri: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
 Sat: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 18; Lk 10:1-9
 Sun: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2;
 Lk 18:1-8



Dear Loving Church and School Community,

Do you want to get involved in our parish community! Then you have an opportunity. I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to you (ALL MEN) as we take the first steps in forming a **Men's Club** here at St. John Berchmans. This will be more than just another group—it will be a brotherhood rooted in faith, fellowship, and service.

As we know, in today's world, men face many challenges, and it is more important than ever to stand together—encouraging one another to grow in faith, lead with integrity, and serve with humility. The Men's Club will be a space for:

- Spiritual growth and prayer.
- Mutual support and brotherhood.
- Serving the parish and local community.
- Fellowship and strengthening of family life.

Whether you're new to the parish or a longtime member, married or single, young or experienced—your presence matters. We believe God has something powerful to do through the men of this parish.

Let's build something lasting, together—centered on Christ, committed to brotherhood, and rooted in the heart of the Church. *“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”* — Proverbs 27:17.

God bless us, Fr. Anthony



THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Wearing the scapular is not a magical charm but a sign of devotion and a commitment to live a life of prayer, piety, and avoidance of mortal sin, ultimately seeking grace for salvation and protection from eternal damnation. It is a reminder of our promises at Baptism to choose God in our life. We ask the Blessed Mother for her protection and guidance. To prepare those who would like to receive the Scapular there will be a short ceremony of enrollment on **Sunday, October 26th after the 11 o'clock Mass.**

OCTOBER 12, 2025



SPECIAL THANKS to all who contributed items for our Silent Auction and provided donations as well.

All the beautiful baskets and items contributed were arranged by school staff, parents, and volunteers whose valuable time and effort are greatly appreciated. Also to our hard working volunteers who transformed our church grounds.

Our parish festivals success is a testament to the commitment and hard work of our parish community. God Bless St. John Berchmans!

REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Registration opens for Winter Basketball and Cheer beginning on **Sunday, October 26, 2025.**

For more information, contact Michael Rodriguez at stjbcyo@gmail.com



October 18, 2025 | **10:00 AM** | Holy Trinity Catholic Church
(20523 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78258)

Healthcare Professionals and Ministers to the Sick are invited to a **Day of Reflection** in honor of the **Feast of St. Luke**, patron of physicians. **Fr. Christopher Kubat, M.D.** will guide attendees through reflection and discussion on **Divine Infusions: Sacraments for the Sick**. The day will end with the Saturday **Evening Vigil Mass**, which will include a **special blessing** for all healthcare professionals and ministers to the sick.

Scan the QR Code for registration as it is required for attendance to the Day of Reflection. We ask for a \$15 fee to cover the cost of lunch. Please contact us for financial assistance, registration and further details. Contact **Carmen Vidal** at 210-734-1913, carmen.vidal@archsa.org.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE/CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL COLLECTION



The Archdiocesan special collection for this weekend is in support of Hope for the Future. Your support will help fund tuition assistance for schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio and will help us empower catholic education.

Your contribution will help more children receive a priceless Catholic school education where they can grow academically and spiritually. Thank you for your support!

Sunday, October 5

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

Monday, October 6

- 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Grotto

Tuesday, October 7

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Grotto

Wednesday, October 8

- 8:15 a.m. MASS - Church
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Grotto

Thursday, October 9

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Grotto

Friday, October 10

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary - Grotto

Saturday, October 11

- 8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary - Church
- 5:00 p.m. MASS - Church

SJB ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
TIME: 2 P.M.
COST: \$10 for 15 games

We will have specials, prizes of cash and gift cards. Delicious food, drinks and baked goods for sale.

Tickets available for purchase after weekend Masses and at the parish office. Proceeds are for the Church.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULED
October 18, 2025
MARTINEZ/SANTOYO FAMILIES



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.