

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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The Epiphany Of the Lord

Homily
For Jan 04, 2026



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)

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptisms/Quinceañera/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
Every Other Week

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

Parish Ministries

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

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FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :
HOSPITALITY:
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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.



JANUARY 4, 2026 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

LAS TRADICIONES DESCUBREN EL SIGNIFICADO

Dos rituales tradicionales, uno litúrgico y otro doméstico, ayudan a subrayar el significado de la Epifanía. La Proclamación de la fecha de la Pascua es una opción para incluir en la Misa de hoy. Este texto que anuncia formalmente las fechas de las próximas fiestas mayores nos recuerda que la Navidad se honra mejor en el contexto de toda la historia de la salvación que culmina en la Pascua. O como reflexiona el escritor Nathan Mitchell, la madera del pesebre se convierte en la madera de la cruz.

La segunda tradición relacionada con la Epifanía es la bendición de la puerta de la casa con tiza o gis. Incluye una oración de protección para todos los que entran en ella. Una de las explicaciones de esta tradición la relaciona con la Pascua en el libro del Éxodo: marcar los postes de la puerta con la sangre del cordero mantenía a salvo a los Israelitas. Esta tradición también ofrece una conexión entre la Navidad y la Pascua.

Mientras continuamos extrayendo la riqueza de esta temporada, taremos junto con los ángeles: *¡Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

LECTURAS DE HOY: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72:1-13; Ef 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

LECTOR SCHEDULE

JANUARY 3TH AND 4TH

Commentator	1st Lector	2nd Lector
5pm Katelynn Alonso	Rosemarie Mayhan	Edna Cruz
9am Xanthia Hernandez	Marie Sanchez	Andrew Solis
11am Tomas Torres	Matthew Picazzo	Ethan Bowlin

JANUARY 10TH AND 11TH

Commentator	1st Lector	2nd Lector
5pm Deborah Campos	Sylvia Lore	Andrew Dominguez
GUADALUPANAS		
9am Alice Esparza	Chayo Gomez	Maria Alcala
11am	SJB SCHOOL	

**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL
MAKE NOTE OF DATES**

The Texas Comptroller's office has announced that the new Education Savings Account (ESA) program, established by the Texas Legislature earlier this year, will now be called Texas Education Freedom Accounts. This new name highlights the program's goal of empowering parents to choose the best educational options for their children.

Important Reminder: The application period opens on February 4 2026. Applications for Hope for the Future are now open!

Every family's journey looks different—but every path can lead to a catholic education rooted in faith and excellence.

You can apply early to receive priority consideration for tuition assistance.

Early Verification Window: Now - January 31.

Begin your path today:

<https://onlinefactsmtg.com/aid>
God Bless, Nora Garcia - Principal
St. John Berchmans School



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Richard Santoyo	Stephanie Perez
Frances Lozano	Mickey S. Carrasco	Danny Flores
Mary S. Martinez	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Baby Marlon
Galilea Romero	Henrietta Ramos	Sara McCumba Garcia
Iris Luna Sullivan	Cristina Santoyo	Robyn Pesina
Emma O. Velasquez	Marisol Longoria-Parker	Viola Garza
Raymond Sarabia	Jerry Salazar	Reymundo Padilla
Julissa Rodriguez	Baby Ezra Rios	Dominique Dominguez
Miliana Bullock	Socorro Castillo	And Baby
Robert Sanchez	Alexis Ramos	Edna Cruz
Vanessa Quintero	Nicole Guerra	Armando Cantu
Virginia R. Lucio	Bryan Ramos	Tere Peña
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Valerie Vigil	Irma Brunn
Lori Bañuelos	Lillie Velez	Olga Serna
Edith Flores	Bobby Gallegos II	Ruben Martinez
Isaiah Vasquez	Baby Wade Trinidad	Oralia Rodriguez
Gloria Rubio	Simon Peter Jesus	Monica Rodriguez
Angie Canales	Garcia	Daniel Vasquez
Rosie Gallegos		

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 DECEMBER 28, 2025**

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 830.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,080.00
9:00 AM	\$ 612.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 702.00
11:00 AM	\$ 561.00	\$ 426.00	\$ 987.00
Christmas Mass	\$ 1,514.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 2,554.00
Good Samaritans			\$ 821.10
ARCH SPEC COLL ASSUMPTION SEM			\$ 408.00
ON LINE GIVING	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 275.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 7,077.10

**SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 3 - 4, 2026
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3

5:00 p.m. †Raymundo, Natividad & Genevieve Cruz
Cruz Family
† Beatrice Barron - Children
† Maria Elena Martinez - Family
† Joe Villanueva - Family

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. † Inocente Z. Piña - Wife & Family
† Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family
† Cruz Cardenas - Family
† Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
† Elida Rocha - SJB Family

11:00 a.m. † Angie & Gollo - Family
† Elida Garcia - Family
† Yolanda Almaguer - Vivian Garcia
† Daniel Lizalde - Wife & Kids
† Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
† Lillie Gutierrez - Salinas Family

Gift of Life Belen Arocha - Family

Monday, January 5

Tuesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 7

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

For World Peace

For the Hungry, the Homeless & Unemployed
For the Leaders of our Country

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:

† HELEN BERNAL
† DORA VALDEMAR
† REBECCA MENDOZA

With sympathy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-12;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thu: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14 - 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
9-10; Act 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear People of God,

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word 'epiphanos' meaning 'revelation' or 'manifestation'.

According to the tradition, "The Epiphany of the Lord" signifies - specifically, the manifestation of the child Jesus to the entire world. In the Gospel, the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit baby Jesus and God permitted them to see and experience wonders. An element of suspense and curiosity marked every moment in the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit of God was going to lead them. The passage invites us to have the same curiosity as the explorers and the movie fans so that we may discover the "epiphany", or manifestation, or self revelation of our God in every person, every being and every event that we encounter.

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace that we, too, like the magi, seek You sincerely and earnestly and be blessed and become blessings to others.

Sincerely in Christ

Fr. Anthony

Prayer for the EPIPHANY

God our Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our light. Help us to recognise the darkness that invades our lives and defeat it with the power of your light and hope.

May your light shine through us so that others may see and glorify you in us. In flame us with your unfading light. Help us always to shine as light wherever we are. May your light shine and overcome the darkness of our hearts.

We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen



ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES BEGIN

Consider joining the Adult Faith Enrichment Group.
We meet on **Wednesdays in the Formation House at 10am.**

Classes will begin on **Wednesday, January 14th** to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

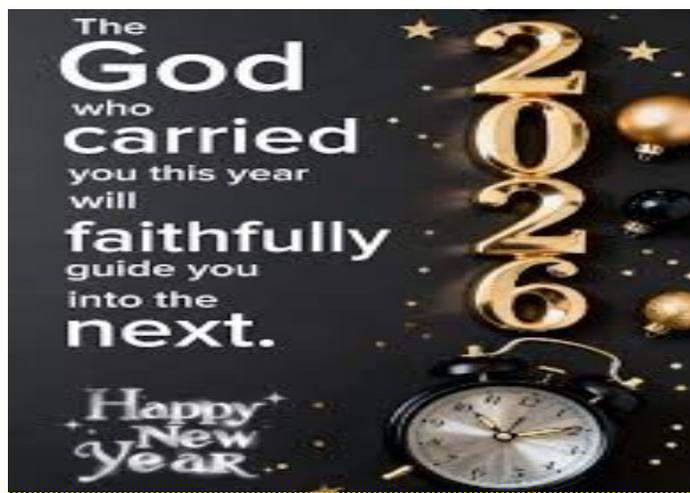
Look forward to seeing you there!

VIGIL TEAM

Our Vigil Team Ministry is in dire need of team members. This is a special ministry that goes to the funeral home and recites the Rosary when someone passes away. Two people are always assigned and we will offer training.



For questions or additional information, please contact Mrs. Dora Doran at (210) 287-7346.



REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you ordered poinsettia/s in memory of a loved one, you are welcome to pick up them up, after the 11 o'clock Mass on January 11th, or during the week of January 12 from the Parish office.

Chalking the Door Epiphany House Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 26

20 and 26 = new year, 2026

CMB = Names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar

CMB also = Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house"

Blessing Prayer

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT REQUESTS

Send requests by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com
Requests will be finalized upon approval.
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Church Cleaning
Ministry Assigned - SJB School

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 - 10am

Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House

Monday, January 19, 2026

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
Martin Luther King Holiday

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 11am - 4pm

St. John Berchmans School BBQ Plate Sale
Tickets available at school and parish office

**SAN ANTONIO
MARCH FOR LIFE**

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
12:00 - 3:00 PM

WHERE: MAIN PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SA
115 MAIN PLAZA

For more info visit SAMFL.com



**OUT OF
OFFICE**

Father Anthony Will be Out of Office thru
Saturday, January 24th 2026.

There Will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**
during that time.

**Only Communion Service on
Wednesdays at 8:15am.**