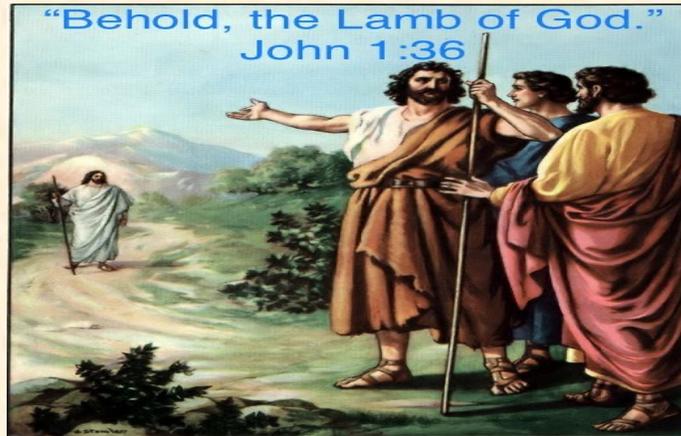


St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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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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

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ALTAR SERVERS:
ALTAR SOCIETY:
CHOIRS:
Saturday 5pm Choir
Sunday 9am Choir
Sunday 11am Choir
CYO:
CAFETERIA:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:

GUADALUPANAS:
FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :
HOSPITALITY:
J.O.Y. MINISTRY:

LECTORS:
LITURGY COMMITTEE:
OCIA/OCIC:
PASTORAL COUNCIL:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION :
ROSARY MAKERS:
VIGIL TEAM:

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 18, 2026 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEVER TOO LATE

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today's Gospel reading, John admits, "I did not know." Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own, recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John "did not know" Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Holy Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God's chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God's clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today's readings invite us to trust.

Today's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

NUNCA ES TARDE

Juan el Bautista modela para nosotros la gracia de la pequeñez. En el Evangelio de hoy, dos veces Juan admite "no lo conozco". Aunque Juan había ordenado toda su vida hacia la meta de preparar el mundo para el Mesías, él no, por su cuenta, reconoce a Cristo cuando lo ve. El Evangelio insiste Juan, "no conoce" a Jesús; con humildad, Juan confía plenamente en Dios por consejo. Juan espera y espera bautizando, orando, predicando, hasta que finalmente, el Espíritu Santo le revela al Mesías.

Juan había esperado toda su vida por esta confirmación del Espíritu. El pueblo elegido de Dios, los israelitas habían esperado demasiado, mucho más. Seguramente muchos se preguntaban si Dios llegaría a enviar al Mesías como lo había prometido. Pero a Dios nunca se le hace tarde. En nuestra pequeñez, no podemos ver el arco de la historia humana con la claridad y amor de Dios. Cada uno de nosotros ansia profundamente por algunas cosas buenas: una sanación, una decisión, un apoyo, un justo descanso. Cuando se nos hace esperar por lo que parece un beneficio obvio, algunas veces preguntamos si Dios es en realidad todopoderoso y lleno de amor, así como la gente dice. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a confiar.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 :2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

LECTOR SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24TH AND 25TH

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5pm	Maria Enrique	Angie Diaz	Brandon Pesqueda
9am	Marie Sanchez	Juan Piña	Andrew Solis
11am	Arleen Garcia	CYO	CYO

**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://onlinefactsmgmt.com/aid>
God Bless, Nora Garcia - Principal
St. John Berchmans School



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 JANUARY 11, 2026**

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 643.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 1,022.00
9:00 AM	\$ 537.00	\$ 80.47	\$ 617.47
11:00 AM	\$ 495.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 989.00
CAPITAL IMP.	\$ 621.00	\$ 426.60	\$ 1,047.60
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 815.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 4,491.07

**SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 17 - 18, 2026
ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 17

5:00 p.m. † Joe Villanueva - Family
 † Elida Rocha - Olivia Lopez
Gift of Life Irma Sweet - Family

Sunday, January 18

9:00 a.m. † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita T. Canales
 † Guadalupe Chapa Garcia - Family
 † Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family

11:00 a.m.
 † Suzanne & Lillie Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family
 † Angelena & Gregorio Ramirez - Serna Family
 ♥ 3rd Wedding Anniversary for
 Benny & Christina Tenorio
Health of Benny Tenorio, Sr. - Family

IN MEMORIUM

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

† TERESA RODRIGUEZ
 † FRANCES CHAVEZ



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Hungry, the Homeless and
 the 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
 Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10;
 Mk 3:1-6
 Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
 Mk 3:7-12
 Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
 Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80: 1-7;
 Mk 3:20-21
 Sun: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
 Mt 4:12-23

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isa 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psa 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Cor 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

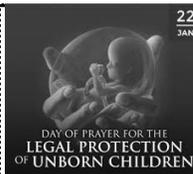
Dear People of God:

The Sunday of the Word of God is celebrated annually on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This recognizes the centrality of God's word in the life of Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Every time we come to Mass we listen to the words of scripture, conscious that God's word is a living word, speaking to us in our age as powerfully and relevantly as when it was written. Let us resolve to make God's word a guiding force in our lives. Now we are in the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year. This time is considered a time for ongoing conversion and spiritual development, encouraging us to deepen our prayer life, study scriptures and strive to deepen our prayer life, study scriptures and strive to live more fully according to Christian values.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Anthony

MASS ARTICLES



On January 22, the Church in the United States observes a **Day Of Prayer For The Legal Protection of Unborn Children**, as designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

This day calls for prayer, fasting, and acts of penance as we seek the full restoration of the right to life and healing for those affected by abortion.



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ALTAR SOCIETY
Bake Sale
 Whole homemade baked goods ..
***CAKES *COOKIES**
***PIES AND MORE**
 February 7-8, 2026
 After all masses
Pick up your favorite dessert to take home and enjoy with your family during the Super Bowl!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 19, 2026

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
 Martin Luther King Holiday

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - 10am

Adult Faith Enrichment Group
 Formation House

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Altar Society Meeting - Church

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Church Cleaning
Ministry Assigned - LECTORS; JOY and GOOD SAMARITANS

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 11am - 3pm

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



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.



TAX SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

January 20, 2026, marks the start of the upcoming season, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is available to assist you with all your tax needs.

This program offers free tax preparation to individuals earning up to \$60,000 per year, helping our neighbors save their hard-earned money. Guadalupe Community Center VITA office is open for assistance:

1801 W.Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78207

Monday - Friday 12pm - 6pm Saturday 9am - 3pm

WHAT TO BRING TO RECEIVE FREE TAX FILING:

- Original Photo ID
 - Original Social Security Number card
 - All tax documents including W-2's, 1099R's, SSA-1099, 1099 Misc, bank interest, or dividend forms (1095A)
 - Completed intake forms in English and Spanish
- Have questions or need more information? Head on over to our website or call (210) 222-2975.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Will be hosting a BBQ Plate Sale on Sunday, January 25, 2026 in the school cafeteria.

BBQ Chicken, Sausage, Rice & Beans
COST: \$12 SERVING TIME: 11 AM - 3 PM

Pastries & drinks will be sold separately. Thank you for your continued support of our school.



2025 TAX LETTERS

You may request your 2025 tax letter by calling the Parish Office at (210) 434-3247.

Tax letters will be available for pickup the week of January 26th.



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.