

# 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:

Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor • Deacon Jesus Rodriguez

Stella Rico, Secretary  
Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager  
Andrew Solis, Bus Maintenance  
Christine McWilliams, WebMaster/ FB

Connie Peché, Family Records  
Joan Orosco, Sacristan/Bereavement  
Kathy Flores, Sacramental Records  
Cynthia Sandoval, Director of Religious Education

Raquel Castillo, Office Volunteer  
Olivia Santoyo, Bulletin Editor  
Grace Salinas, Office Volunteer

### 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

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

## Parish Ministries

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Dora Duran

**JANUARY 14, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

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## BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

John's introduction was a simple declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples immediately responded. Jesus sensed their willing hearts and invited them to follow him. Do you sometimes wish that recognizing the Lord would be so straightforward in your own life? Would it not be wonderful if a friend could point to Christ with certainty? While we do not always have such a clear sense of God's presence with and within us, we do have a regular opportunity to encounter Christ, in the celebration of the Mass. Like the disciples, we too hear, "Behold the Lamb of God." After the consecration, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." It is like having a friend point the way to the Lord for us. Here is Christ, ready for us to receive his Body and his Blood, to enter into deep communion with him, and to live our lives as his disciples. Nourished in word and sacrament, we are called to point the way to the Lord as witnesses to Christ's love.

## HERE I AM. SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

The Lord does not only call people like Samuel and the two disciples. God calls each of us. We must be attentive to God's presence in prayer, sacred scripture, the sacraments, interactions with others, the beauty of creation. We are to grow in willingness to respond, to live as God's people in the daily circumstances of our lives. Eli's guidance to Samuel is for us as well: with an open heart and mind, we do well to say to God, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Like the two disciples in today's Gospel, we must be ready to set aside whatever might stand in the way of our relationship with Christ and our Christian living. It was more than Simon's name that changed. The disciples discovered in Jesus a new way of life, and they shared the good news of this life with all.



### Please Pray for the Sick

#### Prayer List Updates

Sarah Contreras  
Marty Carrera Tobias  
Frances Lozano  
Irma Urias  
Mary S. Martinez  
Galilea Romero  
Iris Luna Sullivan  
Emma O. Velasquez  
Leticia Martinez  
Kenny De La Rosa  
Raymond Sarabia  
Frank Rodriguez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Miliana Bullock  
Lydia Soriano  
Albert Casillas  
Robert Sanchez  
Vanessa Quintero  
Virginia R. Lucio

Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Lori Bañuelos  
Joe Villanueva  
Edith Flores  
Isaiah Vasquez  
Esther Nicholson  
Valerie Vigil  
Maldonado Family  
Margie Zuniga  
Rosemary Flores  
Anthony Ramirez  
Carmen Garza  
Gloria Rubio  
Lisa Brown  
Mary Herrera  
Rebecca Zuniga  
Rosa Elva Villaseñor  
Lupe Gomez  
Angie Canales



Joseph Kavanaugh  
Rosie Gallegos  
Maritza Garcia  
Saucedo Family  
Sandy Flores  
Liam Adrian Martinez  
Antonia Degollado  
Michael P. Ramirez  
Alfred Marin  
Maria Martinez  
Lucy Treviño & Family  
Angie Ramirez  
Mickey S. Carrasco  
Robert Prieto  
Elizabeth Rose Valdez  
Blanca V. Herrera  
Muñoz Family  
Adela Moreno  
Mary Rose Cerda

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.

## ESTE ES EL CORDERO DE DIOS

La introducción de Juan fue una declaración sencilla: "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Los dos discípulos inmediatamente respondieron. Jesús sintió las voluntades de sus corazones y los invitó a seguirlo. ¿Algunas veces deseas que reconocer a Dios fuera algo directo en tu propia vida? ¿Acaso no sería maravilloso que un amigo pudiera señalar con exactitud a Cristo? Aunque no siempre tenemos un sentido claro de la presencia de Dios con y dentro de nosotros, tenemos una oportunidad regular de encontrarnos con Cristo, en la celebración de la Misa. Como los discípulos, también escuchamos, "Este es el Cordero de Dios". Después de la consagración, justo antes de que recibamos la sagrada comunión, el sacerdote eleva la hostia y dice: "Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. Dichosos los invitados a la cena del Señor". Es como tener un amigo que nos está señalando al Señor. Aquí está Cristo, listo para que nosotros recibamos su Cuerpo y su Sangre, para entrar a una profunda comunión con él y vivir nuestras vidas como sus discípulos. Alimentados en palabra y sacramento, estamos llamados para señalar el camino hacia el Señor como testigo del amor de Cristo.

## AQUÍ ESTOY. HABLA, SEÑOR; TU SIERVO TE ESCUCHA

El Señor no solo llama a personas como Samuel o los dos discípulos. Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros. Debemos estar atentos a la presencia de Dios en la oración, las Sagradas Escrituras, los sacramentos, nuestras relaciones con las demás personas, la belleza de la creación. Debemos crecer en voluntad para responder, para vivir como el pueblo de Dios en las circunstancias diarias de nuestras vidas. La orientación que Elías dio a Samuel también es para nosotros, con mente y corazón abiertos, hacemos bien en decir a Dios "Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha". Como los discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy, debemos estar listos para hacer a un lado lo que sea que podría ponerse en nuestro camino de nuestra relación con Cristo y nuestra vida cristiana. Fue más que el cambio del nombre de Simón. Los discípulos descubrieron en Jesús una nueva vida, y ellos compartieron con todos la Buena Nueva de esta vida.



## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 2023

Tithes	5 PM Mass	-\$1,293.00
	9 AM Mass	-\$1,257.00
	11 AM Mass	-\$1,845.00
Capital Improvements		-\$ 824.25 2nd Collection
Mail In		-\$ 1,325.00
On Line		-\$ 296.00
Gift of Giving		-\$ 181.63
TOTAL		\$7,021.88

## SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 13-14, 2024 GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Jan. 7, 2024	\$ 181.63
TOTAL	\$ 4,312.91

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 13

5:00 p.m. † Rafael Armando Cantu - Aunt  
 † Maria Elena Martinez - Family  
**Gift of Life** Joe Flores - Sister in Law

## Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Aurora Terrazas - Angelita Canales

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family  
**Gift of Strength** Andrea Hay - Araguz Family

## Monday, January 15

## Tuesday, January 16 - ST. ANTHONY

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community  
 † John Ruiz - Parish Family

## Wednesday, January 17

8:15 a.m. † Lucy Flores, †Diana & †Elia Tamez -  
 Friends

## Thursday, January 18

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

## Friday, January 19

12:00 p.m. † Kathy Vidal - Family  
 † Zulema Orosco - Family

## REST IN PEACE

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

† Maria G. Covarrubias  
 † Grace Ebarra



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

**Angie Ramirez**

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.



## SIB CHURCH DIRECTORY

Reminder to schedule your Photo appointment for our church directory. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your appointment.

**Dates available:** Thursday, February 8 from 2-8:30 p.m., Friday, February 9 from 2-8:30pm and Saturday, February 10 from 10am-4pm.

Everyone photographed will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and directory. A variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options are available.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I invite you to join me in thanking God for the completion of year 2023 and for the New Year 2024 that we have embarked. Accept the challenge to focus on your spiritual and physical health. We are responsible for our own body. As St. Paul reminds us, in 1Corinthians 3:16-17: "Do not understand that you are the temple one destroys the temple of God, God will destroy them, for the temple of God is holy and so you as His temple, are holy". As for me, I intend to improve my spiritual and physical health.

I am pledging two goals:

- Run 10K (6.2 miles) on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park to raise money for our beloved school. Goal: Raise monies for a scholarship initiative to offer \$1,000 to register 50 new students.
- Run half a marathon (13.1 miles) at the Rock'n'Roll marathon on Sunday, December 8th, 2024.

Our friendly competition of weight loss is open as of January 1st, 2024 until December 25th. Please stop by the office to register.

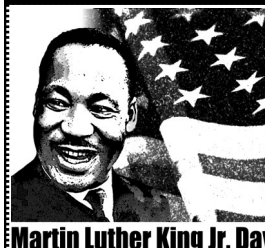
- 5 pounds thru 10 pounds: \$50 Visa gift card
- 11 pounds thru 20: \$100 Visa gift card
- 21 pounds and up: \$150 Visa gift card

All the names of winners will be displayed on our electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2025. Take advantage of this unique friendly challenge to improve and treasure your body, the temple of Christ.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 6:30 in the evening until 11:00 in the evening for Valentine's Day and to celebrate the gift of love and friendship. Your donation of \$10 will cover dinner, drink and dance. Make a special effort to join your fellow parishioners and celebrate the gift of love.

Thank you and may God bless you always!

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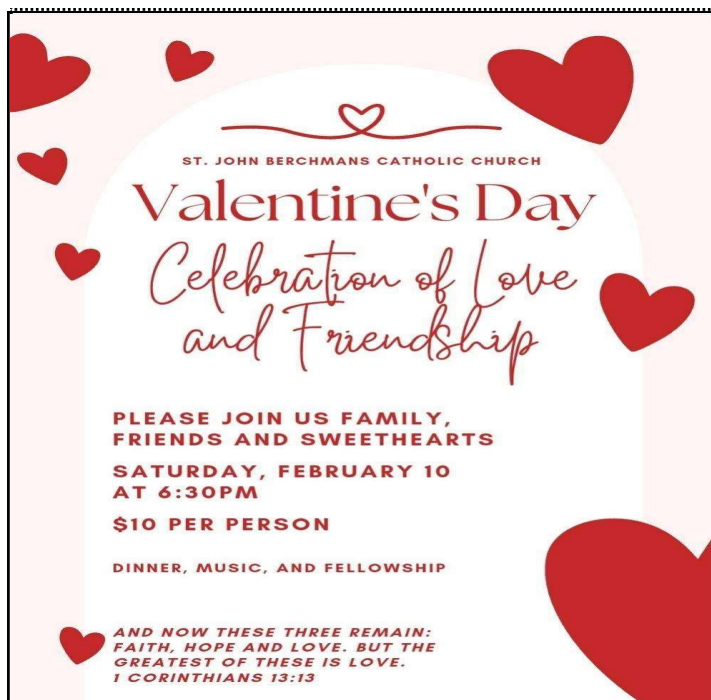


**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16th.





ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Valentine's Day

*Celebration of Love and Friendship*

PLEASE JOIN US FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SWEETHEARTS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30PM**

**\$10 PER PERSON**

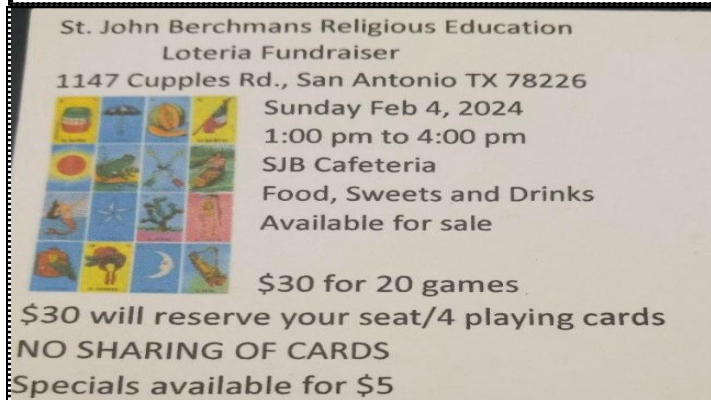
DINNER, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP

AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Looking for a New Year's resolution? Take to heart what St. Isidore (c.560-636), the Archbishop of Seville in Spain once said, "When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us."

You are invited to join us **Wednesday mornings in the Formation House at 10am to 11:30 am** for the Adult Faith Enrichment sessions. We are continuing to listen to God's word in the Gospel of Matthew. As we read, we also have videos that take us to the actual sights in the Holy Land where the parables and miracles took place. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.



St. John Berchmans Religious Education  
Loteria Fundraiser  
1147 Cupples Rd., San Antonio TX 78226

Sunday Feb 4, 2024  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
SJB Cafeteria  
Food, Sweets and Drinks  
Available for sale

\$30 for 20 games  
\$30 will reserve your seat/4 playing cards  
**NO SHARING OF CARDS**  
Specials available for \$5

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT A CATECHIST.**  
**THANK YOU!**



### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### 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



**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church. **Every Saturday @8am**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED -**

**SATURDAY - January 20th**

**ALTAR SERVERS/LITURGY COMM**



### Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church

11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

### Monday, January 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, January 16

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

### Wednesday, January 17

8:15 a.m. MASS - Church

10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House

2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

### Thursday, January 18

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

### Friday, January 19

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

### Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning -

Altar Servers/Liturgy Committee

5:00 p.m. MASS - Church