

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:

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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

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APRIL 14, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 14, 2024

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NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

NO LO QUE ESPERABA

¿Alguna vez te ha tocado esperar algo durante mucho tiempo que llegaste a pensar que eso nunca podría pasar? Tal vez el día de tu graduación, de tu boda, del nacimiento de un hijo. Los israelitas habían esperado por siglos la llegada del Mesías. Sin embargo, cuando Jesús llegó, el tan esperado Ungido muchos no creyeron en él; pues él no era lo que habían esperado. Se suponía que el Mesías sería fuerte, un poderoso comandante de ejércitos, no alguien humilde, compasivo y sufriente. Después de su resurrección, Jesús se apareció a los discípulos y les explicó todo lo que había dicho durante el tiempo que estuvo con ellos, abriendo sus mentes a lo que estaba escrito en la Escrituras para que pudieran aceptar su sufrimiento y muerte, y regocijarse en su resurrección.

EL AMOR DE DIOS EN CARNE Y HUESO

Aunque los discípulos llegaron a creer que Jesús era el Mesías, su crucifixión y muerte los había dejado temerosos y confundidos. La noticia del sepulcro vacío y su aparición a los dos discípulos en el camino de Emaús aumento su confusión. Parece que, al principio, la presencia de Jesús con ellos no hizo que disminuyera su duda. De hecho, ellos estaban "asustados y aterrorizados pensando que estaban viendo a un fantasma" (Lucas 24:37). Jesús observó que necesitaban una prueba física que les mostrara que era él quien estaba en medio de ellos; quienes tuvieron que ver las marcas de los clavos en sus manos y pies, para ver el amor de Dios en carne y hueso, en uno que comía en medio de ellos. Solo cuando su miedo y confusión se había calmado, pudieron escuchar la historia, la historia sagrada de cómo Cristo sufriría y resucitaría de entre los muertos. Solo cuando estuvieron llenos con la paz de Cristo estarían listos para dar testimonio, para compartir la historia sagrada con otras personas. Nosotros también estamos invitados a escuchar la historia y a percibir el amor de Dios por nosotros en Jesucristo.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48



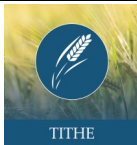
Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Isaiah Vasquez	Mickey S. Carrasco
Marty Carrera Tobias	Esther Nicholson	Robert Prieto
Frances Lozano	Rosemary Flores	Elizabeth Rose Valdez
Irma Urias	Anthony Ramirez	Munoz Family
Mary S. Martinez	Carmen Garza	Mary Rose Cerda
Galilea Romero	Gloria Rubio	Zander from WA.
Iris Luna Sullivan	Lisa Brown	Pete Munoz
Emma O. Velasquez	Rebecca Zuniga	Mary Alice Vasquez
Kenny De La Rosa	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Terry Herrera
Raymond Sarabia	Lupe Gomez	Rosa Castoreno
Julissa Rodriguez	Angie Canales	Henrietta Ramos
Miliana Bullock	Joseph Kavanaugh	Cecilia Munoz
Lydia Soriano	Rosie Gallegos	Maria Dorado
Robert Sanchez	Maritza Garcia	Jose Calderon
Vanessa Quintero	Liam Adrian Martinez	Carmen Perez
Virginia R. Lucio	Michael P. Ramirez	Richard Lloyd
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Alfred Marin	Baby Petra
Lori Bañuelos	Maria Martinez	Antonia Degollado
Edith Flores	Lucy Treviño & Family	Zachary Lopez

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 APRIL 7, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 2,607.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 1,138.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,706.00	
Capital Improvements	-\$ 941.00	2nd Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 475.00	
On Line	-\$ 177.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 226.00	
TOTAL	\$ 7,270.00	

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 13-14
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending April 7, 2024	\$ 226.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,518.18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

5:00 p.m. † Joe Suarez - Family
 Health Socorro Castillo - SJB Family
 Gift of Life Elizabeth Martinez - Family

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Mr. Rosario Juarez - Angelita Canales
 Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos - Wife & Family
 Health Daniel Lira - Gerry Lira

CONFIRMATION MASS

1:00 p.m. † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
 † Mrs. Santos V. Lira - Daughter Alicia

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 p.m. † Alice Chavez - SJB Family

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. † Lucy H. Villarreal - SJB Family

Thursday, April 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
 † Jose Martinez - Family
 † Fr. John Balleza - Family

Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. † Blanca Herrera - SJB Family
 † Alfred Jimenez - SJB Family



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Socorro Castillo
 Emma Velasquez
 Mary Martinez
 Joe Villanueva



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.



REST IN PEACE

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

† Alice Chavez



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Easter Spirit is on the move as we just witnessed 28 more young men and women who were confirmed by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller today, April 14th, 2024. This is in addition to 17 newly baptized, 19 confirmed, 15 who received the body and precious blood of Christ for the first time and 1 was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during Easter Vigil mass. I am very proud of our community and each one of you who made a special effort to reach out to our brothers and sisters and invite them to be part of our exciting Christian journey. Thanks to the hard work and leadership of our new DRE Cynthia Sandoval and her dedicated staff of Catechists, our evangelization team went to the neighborhood and apartment complexes to spread the Good News. May the Risen Lord continue to guide and heal us in our Christian journey.

I am very excited to announce a special Christian Concert that will take place in our Church on Friday, April 19th at 7:00 in the evening. Adam Olmos, is a well known musician and used to be director of our youth choir and moved to Holy Spirit, St. Peter and Paul in Boerne to continue to evangelize through music. We are blessed to have Adam come to our community and perform his new album of songs. Make a special effort to attend and worship the Lord especially during this Easter season.

Please strongly consider supporting my efforts to raise money for our St. John Berchmans School. **My plan is to register 50 new students and offer each new registered student a scholarship of \$1,000. I will be sponsoring a 10K (6.2 miles) run on Mother's Day Weekend, Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park for the purpose of raising money for our beloved school and also to celebrate all our beloved mothers.**

Schedule of events for the day:

- **8:00 a.m.:** 10k run (6.2 miles) by Fr. Fidèle Dikete and anyone who also wishes to run
- **9:30 am:** 1.3 mile run by students
- **10:00 am:** 1.3 mile walk by all the mothers
- **10:30 am thru 11:00 am:** Mariachi

I am asking for a donation of \$20 to support the effort. Generous donations are also welcomed to raise \$50,000 to assist the school. Please support our school and me, your Pastor, in this endeavor.

God bless you always,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH is during the month of April. We recognize the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families. Join Catholic Charities this month to work to end child abuse and neglect.

We provide family support education and services to strengthen families, empower parents or caregivers, and build happy, healthy children through our [Family and Children's Services](#) programs. **To report abuse or seek help, Call 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453).**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tue: Acts 7:51 - 8:1; Ps 31:3-8, 17,26; Jn 6:30-35
 Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thu: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-20; Jn 6:44-51
 Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Sat: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sun: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
 1:00 p.m. CONFIRMATION MASS - Church

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. SCHOOL MASS - Church
 10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions - Formation House
 2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, April 18

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church
 7:00 p.m. WORSHIP CONCERT - Church

Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. MASS - Church



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to 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.



LET US PRAISE - FREE WORSHIP CONCERT WITH ADAM OLMOS

DATE: Friday, April 19th
 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bring your friends and family for a night of fellowship and music.

SJB DIRECTORY

We have been given 1 more date to schedule your photograph for the Parish Directory and this will be our last opportunity. **Photo date: Tuesday, May 14th from 2pm - 8 pm.**

To set up an appointment, or for more information, please contact Angie Diaz (210) 919-2411, or call the Parish Office at (210) 434-3247.



SENIOR FIESTA is a FREE event hosted by Catholic Charities and is the only Fiesta-sanctioned event for seniors 55 and older! Live entertainment, exhibits and activities.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL NEWS

- ♦ **SCHOOL REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT** for the 2024-25 school year is open. Call the School office at (210) 433-0411 for further information.
- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS:** To SJB students Jaylee Garcia, Liam Mateo and Athena McMeans who were baptized during the Easter Vigil. We are so proud of you.
- ♦ **MINI-FESTIVAL:** Will be held on Thursday, April 25th from 3:00 pm-6:00pm to support the PTC. More information forthcoming.

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church.
EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM!!!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED
 APRIL 20 - VIGIL TEAM**

