

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/Quinceañeras/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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NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023

www.stjohnberchmans.com

CONSEQUENCES

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul longs for you, O my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

CONSECUENCIAS

Las acciones tienen consecuencias. De niños, a menudo nos decían que, si hacíamos algo, recibiríamos un regalo o una recompensa. Si no lo hacíamos, podía resultar en un castigo. La geometría también utiliza la "frase: si-entonces". Así son nuestras Escrituras de este domingo. En cada lectura, hay una acción sugerida por nuestra parte, que dará lugar a un resultado deseado. Hay una personificación femenina de Dios como Sabiduría, el Salmo 63 y la sed íntima de Dios, la carta a los Tesalonicenses sobre la creencia en Cristo, y la parábola de Mateo de las vírgenes prudentes y necias. En el mundo de querer todo a la de "ya" de manera inmediata, no sabemos ser pacientes, y nuestro seguimiento puede ser terrible. Pero cada lectura, a su manera, nos promete que, si buscamos a Dios con diligencia, seremos bendecidos y recompensados, y que vale la pena el trabajo y la espera.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La sabiduría la encuentran los que la buscan (Sabiduría 6:12-16).

Salmo — Mi alma te anhela, oh Dios mío (Salmo 63).

Segunda lectura — No se acongojen como los que no tienen esperanza (1 Tesa 4:13-18).

Evangelio — Las vírgenes necias no estaban preparadas para la llegada del novio (Mateo 25:1-13).



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
Maria Rios

Virginia R. Lucio
Guadalupe Rodriguez
Lori Bañuelos
Joe Villanueva
Edith Flores
Isaiah Vasquez
Esther Nicholson
Valerie Vigil
Maldonado Family
Margie Zuniga
Ann Marie Eickenroht
Rosemary Flores
Anthony Ramirez
Carmen Garza
Gloria Rubio
Lisa Brown
Mary Herrera
Rebecca Zuniga
Rosa Elva Villaseñor

Lupe Gomez
Mary Cano
Angie Canales
Joseph Kavanaugh
Rosie Gallegos
Isidoro Muñoz
Maritza Garcia
Saucedo Family
Sandy Flores
Liam Adrian Martinez
Antonia Degollado
Miguel Tellez
Michael P. Ramirez
Alfred Marin
Maria Martinez
Lucy Treviño & Family
Angie Ramirez
Mickey S. Carrasco
Robert Prieto

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.



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STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 PM Mass | -\$ 605.00 |
| 9 AM Mass | -\$1,254.00 |
| 11 AM Mass | -\$2,042.00 |
| Capital Improvements | -\$ 760.00 2nd Collection |
| All Saints Day | -\$ 480.00 |
| All Souls Day | -\$ 656.00 |
| Drop Off | -\$ 500.00 |
| Gift of Giving | -\$ 182.60 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,479.60 |

SECOND COLLECTION

November 12, 2023
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

2023 GIFT OF GIVING

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| Contributions ending Nov. 5, 2023 | \$ <u>182.60</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 13,201.86 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m. † Mike Mayfield - Socorro & Raquel
For Health Jaime & Jesus Gomez - Parish Family

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas
 † Paul & Juan Salinas - Salinas Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Alfonso Grothues - Leonor Rodriguez
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
For Health Robert Prieto - Parish Family

11:00 a.m. † Joe G. Martinez - Family
For Health Angela Zuniga - Joseph Kasberg
For Health Alfred Marin - Sister

In Thanksgiving Joshua Perez -
 Grandmother Olivia Marin

Monday, November 13 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI

Tuesday, November 14

12:00 p.m. † Joseph Crittall - Parish Family
Gift of Life Alice Lozano - Socorro & Raquel

Wednesday, November 15

8:15 a.m. † Jose Luis Iruegas - Family

Thursday, November 16

12:00 p.m. † Johnny Thienpont - Family
Gift of Life Janie Vidal - Parish Family
Gift of Life John Steven Saucedo - Family

Friday, November 17 - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

12:00 p.m. † Diamantia Garcia - Terry Rodriguez
 & Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends:


Our parish Eucharist Congress celebration and the assembly that took place last week challenges us to walk together on the journey in the Eucharistic Renewal. We hold hands and journey together with our faith in Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. For continued celebration of the real presence in the Eucharist, we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 9:00 in the morning thru 5:00 in the afternoon.** We will also have a special **Holy Hour every last Thursday of the month from 6:00 thru 7:00 in the afternoon beginning in December.** I encourage each one of you to participate in those Eucharistic celebrations of the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I am launching a scholarship initiative to offer \$1,000 to each new registered student attending St. John Berchmans Catholic School for the academic year 2024-2025. The goal is to register 50 new students. I will be running a 5K on Mother's day weekend, Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Woodlawn Park. Please spread the news and recruit as many new students as you can for our school. Together we can make a difference! It takes a village to raise a child!

This Saturday, November 11, 2023, we officially celebrate Veteran's Day in the United States of America. Please take time to honor, remember and thank a veteran for their service and pride in serving their country. We also acknowledge their families for their support and sacrifices of the veterans. May God bless all men and women presently serving our country.

I encourage you to sign up for our parish directory professional photograph! You may also consider volunteering in any capacity you can to make this parish directory a success. A parishioner who signs up will receive a free 8X10 portrait.

We are excited to share with you the anticipation of Christmas season! It is our intention to collect Christmas gifts for the children in our parish and neighborhoods. Gifts will be delivered to all the apartments complexes within our parish boundaries and also give to our CCD children. Please be generous.

Christine and Mike McWilliams have designed Christmas T-shirts and encourage everybody to purchase at least one. If you wish to order one, please contact Kimberly Mata or  call the parish office.

May God bless you!
Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 the loss of their loved ones:

† Jose Luis Iruegas
 † Joseph Crittall



NEW IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9AM - 5PM**

- **HOLY HOUR EVERY LAST THURSDAY BEGINNING IN DECEMBER FROM 6PM - 7PM**



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Ms. Olivia Lopez has been an integral member of our St. John Berchmans parish staff for 10 years and serves as Office Administrator and Bookkeeper. She also volunteered at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Ms. Lopez views her role as a volunteer to be one of service to the Lord and the

Church. Prior to her church work, Ms. Lopez dedicated 30 years for the State of Texas serving in various capacities ultimately retiring as a Human Resource Officer.

Ms. Lopez is not only a book of knowledge when it comes to fiscal matters but also provides leadership direction to all volunteers and members of our parish community. When not at work she enjoys casino trips and time with family. We are blessed to have Ms. Lopez as part of our parish team.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A workshop is scheduled for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers on **Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.** in the church.

If someone is interested in becoming a "LECTOR" and/or an EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER", please invite them to attend. Thank you for your interest and commitment to this important ministry.

ADVENT T-SHIRTS

We are currently taking orders for Advent T-Shirts. The cost is \$10 and were designed by Christine and Mike McWilliams. These shirts can be worn during the Christmas holidays. To order a shirt contact Parish Office.



We meet every Saturday morning @ 8am to clean our place of worship. ALL ARE WELCOME AND HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

MINISTRY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 18

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL



On this day we celebrate and honor the service of all U.S. Military veterans.

We, at St. John Berchmans Church, will honor our heroes on **Sunday, November 11th at the 11 a.m. Mass.** We will have a presentation of colors. We are thankful for the sacrifices and the service of all veterans and their families. God Bless America!

SJB CHURCH DIRECTORY

Reminder to schedule your Photo appointments. Everyone photographed will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and directory. A variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options are available. The portrait studio will in the Formation House. Help make this a success! **Dates available to schedule your appointment: December 27 (Wed), 28 (Thur), 29 (Fri) & 30 (Sat).** Questions? Contact the Parish office.



Sunday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. GUADALUPANA MASS - Church
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 2:00 p.m. Turkey Bingo - Cafeteria

Monday, November 13

- 7:00 p.m. RCIA Classes - Formation House

Tuesday, November 14

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Lector & EM Training - Church

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Friday, November 17

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Saturday, November 18

- 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.