

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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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 19, 2023

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WHICH SERVANT AM I?

"Which servant am I?" Imagine being one of the servants in the parable we hear today from the Gospel of Matthew. We can feel the pride of the first two servants, who wisely used the talents given to them. We imagine the fear and shame of the third, who did not. The servants were given different sums of money, according to their ability. None was given more than what he was capable of handling. Yet only two made the talents they were given fruitful. As a result, these two heard, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." As we hear the parable, we must wonder, "Which servant am I?"

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WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-63; Ps 119:53-61, 134, 150-158; Lk 18:35-43
 Tue: 2 Mac 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
 Wed: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1-15; Lk 19:11-28
 Thu: 1 Mac 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
 Fri: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chro 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
 Sat: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-19; Lk 20:27-40
 Sun: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I share my gifts? What talent have I been told I have but am afraid to share out in the open?

¿QUÉ SIERVO SOY?

"¿Qué siervo soy yo?" Imagina que eres uno de los siervos de la parábola que escuchamos hoy del Evangelio de Mateo. Podemos sentir el orgullo de los dos primeros siervos, que utilizaron sabiamente los talentos que se les dieron. Imaginamos el miedo y la vergüenza del tercero, que no lo hizo. Los siervos recibieron diferentes sumas de dinero, según su capacidad. A ninguno se le dio más de lo que era capaz de manejar. Sin embargo, sólo dos hicieron fructificar los talentos que se les dieron. Como resultado, estos dos escucharon: "Bien hecho, siervo bueno y fiel. Ya que fuiste fiel en lo pequeño, te daré grandes responsabilidades. Ven, comparte la alegría de tu señor". Al escuchar la parábola, debemos preguntarnos: "¿Qué siervo soy yo?"

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La mujer que teme al Señor debe ser alabada (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
Salmo — Felices son los que caminan en los caminos de Dios (Salmo 128).
Segunda lectura — El día del Señor vendrá como el ladrón en la noche (1 Tesal 5:1-6).
Evangelio — A todos los que tienen, se les dará más (Mateo 25:14-30).

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA:

¿Cómo comparto mis dones? ¿Qué talento me han dicho que tengo, pero me da miedo compartirlo abiertamente?



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Sarah Contreras | Guadalupe Rodriguez | Mary Cano |
| Marty Carrera Tobias | Lori Bañuelos | Angie Canales |
| Frances Lozano | Joe Villanueva | Joseph Kavanaugh |
| Irma Urias | Edith Flores | Rosie Gallegos |
| Mary S. Martinez | Isaiah Vasquez | Isidoro Muñoz |
| Galilea Romero | Esther Nicholson | Maritza Garcia |
| Iris Luna Sullivan | Valerie Vigil | Saucedo Family |
| Emma O. Velasquez | Maldonado Family | Sandy Flores |
| Leticia Martinez | Margie Zuniga | Liam Adrian Martinez |
| Kenny De La Rosa | Ann Marie Eickenroht | Antonia Degollado |
| Raymond Sarabia | Rosemary Flores | Miguel Tellez |
| Frank Rodriguez | Anthony Ramirez | Michael P. Ramirez |
| Julissa Rodriguez | Carmen Garza | Alfred Marin |
| Miliana Bullock | Gloria Rubio | Maria Martinez |
| Lydia Soriano | Lisa Brown | Lucy Treviño & Family |
| Albert Casillas | Mary Herrera | Angie Ramirez |
| Robert Sanchez | Rebecca Zuniga | Mickey S. Carrasco |
| Vanessa Quintero | Rosa Elva Villaseñor | Robert Prieto |
| Virginia R. Lucio | Lupe Gomez | Elizabeth Rose Valdez |

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 12, 2023

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 PM Mass | -\$ 835.00 |
| 9 AM Mass | -\$1,074.00 |
| 11 AM Mass | -\$1,359.00 |
| Good Samaritans of SJB | -\$ 410.00 2nd Collection |
| Mail In | -\$ 865.00 |
| On Line | -\$ 35.00 |
| Gift of Giving | -\$ 228.05 |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,806.05 |

SECOND COLLECTION November 19, 2023 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2023 GIFT OF GIVING

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions ending Nov. 12, 2023 | \$ 228.05 |
| TOTAL | \$ 13,429.91 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife Dora Duran
† Baby Alex - Aunt
† Christopher Barrera, Sr. -
Michelle Barrera & Family
† Maria del Socorro Cura - Socorro & Raquel
Jaime & Jesus Gomez - Parish Family

For Health

Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m. † Cesar Bernal -Cousin Leonor Rodriguez
† Fr. Eddie Bernal - Cousin Leonor Rodriguez
† Laura Scheibel - SJB Friends
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
Robert Prieto - Parish Family
Joe Villanueva - Family

For Health

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11:00 a.m. † Paul & Juan Salinas - Salinas Family
† Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
† Arthur Sanchez - Cindi Sanchez

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 p.m. † Elida C. Garcia - Family
Elizabeth Rose Valdez - Family

Wednesday, November 22 - ST, CECILIA

12:00 p.m. † Consuelo Saucedo - Family

Thursday, November 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 a.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter
† Isidro Mata - Kim & Khloe Mata
† Henry Z. Vidal - Janie Vidal

Friday, November 24 - OFFICE CLOSED

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:

† Elida C. Garcia



PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, November 27th at 9 a.m.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The applications for *Christmas Gift of Giving* are available in the office or in the foyer of the Church. For parishioners in need of assistance during Christmas, please pick up the application, fill it out and return it to the office as soon as possible. I will be calling each applicant to come and receive their Christmas assistance.

On Thursday, November 23rd, 2023 it is Thanksgiving Day! I intend to visit 10 families, picked at random, within the parish database. I hope to visit with you and celebrate the gift of life, and also count our blessings. God is great, all the time.

Our parish Eucharist Congress celebration and the assembly that took place two weeks ago 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 sponsoring 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!

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 by buying as many gifts as you can and drop them off in the parish office or after each mass in the church foyer. Please be kind and wrap your gift, indicate the gender and age of the child to be receiving the gift. Thank you for your understanding and willingness to share the magic of Christmas. God bless you always.

I encourage you to order a Christmas T-Shirt. Remember that today, Sunday, November 19th, 2023 is the deadline for ordering. Please speak with Kimberly Mata or call the parish office at (210) 434-3247.

May God bless you!

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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CATHECHIST CORNER

Ms. Sandra Torres has assisted in teaching RCIC students for 2 years. She has been a parishioner for 16 years. Ms. Torres has been elected as Secretary of the Guadalupanas for the coming year. She enjoys swimming and volunteering where needed. Thank you for your time and talent!!



On behalf of Fr. Fidèle and the entire office staff we pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family.

REMINDER:

Parishioners who wish to have their bread blessed for their meals are asked to bring them to the 10 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Working on the Margins - Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and help break the cycle of poverty in the United States.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

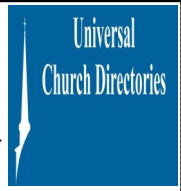
There will be no classes held on Sunday, November 19th and November 26, 2023, due to Thanksgiving. Classes resume on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Our Guadalupana Bingo was a success and we thank all who attended, in spite of the weather. It is always fun to gather and win some special prizes and also support a special ministry!

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 be 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.



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. 25 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, November 22

10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment-Formation House
12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, November 23 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 a.m. BILINGUAL MASS - Church

Friday, November 24 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

5:00 p.m. MASS - Church

CHRISTMAS T-SHIRTS

We are currently taking orders for Red Christmas "O Holy Night" T-Shirts. The shirts were designed by Christine and Mike McWilliams. **Deadline to order: Sunday, November 19, 2023.**

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT PRICES:

Small - XLarge - \$9.00 each
XXL on up - \$12.00

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT PRICES:

Small - XLarge - \$13 each
XXL on up - \$15.00 each
Logo will be a 2 color design.



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.