

# 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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**JANUARY 21, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

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## A NEW DAWN

Darkness is a very common human experience. Have you recently been in pitch darkness? When it is really dark, not only can't you see where to take the next steps, you can't see any activity around you, whether good or bad. This is the kind of darkness Isaiah speaks of in our reading. In this darkness, the people of Israel, and all humanity, can't see how God is working on their behalf. So when Jesus arrives on the scene in our Gospel passage, it is like the first rays of sunlight from the dawn, giving clarity and hope. In Jesus we can begin to see how God is active on behalf of all people, and in fact has been working during the earlier darkness. We can begin to see where to take our next steps, and to learn how to reflect this light to others.

## FROM THE ORDINARY

When Matthew turns to the call of the first disciples of Jesus, it is striking how ordinary these men were. Jesus does not recruit "the best and the brightest" as his core team. The four disciples named here had little or no education, no special breeding, no influence in high places. They had ordinary jobs in ordinary places. But this is often how God works, throughout the story of God and the Chosen People in the Bible. Remember the call of ordinary folks like Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, and many others.

Today we are reminded that God loves us and calls us just as we are, where we are, in the present. God doesn't ask us to become somehow more acceptable ahead of time, in order to draw near to God. We are called by God to be partners and disciples, and God will teach us along the way. Wherever we are in our lives, God calls us from our ordinariness, to join our hearts with the divine Heart, and to join God in the work that must be done.

## UN NUEVO AMANECER

La oscuridad es una experiencia humana muy común. ¿Te ha tocado estar en un lugar bastante oscuro recientemente? Cuando está muy oscuro, no solamente no ves donde dar el siguiente paso sino que además no puedes ver absolutamente nada de lo esté pasando a tu alrededor, ya sea bueno o malo. Este es el tipo de oscuridad del que habla el profeta Isaías en nuestra lectura. En esta oscuridad, el pueblo de Israel, y toda la humanidad no pueden ver como obra Dios por ellos. Así que cuando Jesús llega a la escena en nuestro pasaje del Evangelio, es como esos primeros rayos del sol del nuevo amanecer, dando claridad y esperanza. En Jesús podemos comenzar a ver como Dios obra por todas las personas, y de hecho ya había empezado a obrar antes de que oscureciera. Podemos empezar a ver donde tomar nuestros siguientes pasos, y aprender cómo compartir esta luz con los demás.

## DE LO ORDINARIO

Cuando Mateo menciona acerca de la llamada de los primeros discípulos de Jesús, es sorprendente lo ordinario que estos hombres eran. Jesús no llamó a "los mejores o más brillantes" como su equipo principal. Los cuatro discípulos mencionados aquí tienen poco o casi no tienen grados académicos, no son de familias de alta sociedad, ni influencias en la vida política o religiosa. Ellos tienen trabajos comunes, ordinarios en la vida común. Pero esto es frecuente de cómo Dios obra, a lo largo de la historia de Dios y el Pueblo Elegido en la Biblia. Recuerda el llamado de personas comunes como Abraham, Moisés, David, María y muchas otras.

Hoy se nos recuerda que Dios nos ama y nos llama como somos, donde estemos, en el presente. Dios no nos pide ser alguien más aceptable antes de tiempo para poder estar más cerca de Dios. Estamos llamados por Dios a ser discípulos y compañeros, y Dios nos enseñará el camino. Dondequiera que nuestras vidas se encuentren, Dios nos llama de nuestra cotidianidad para unir nuestros corazones con el Corazón divino y para unir a Dios en el trabajo que debe hacerse.



## 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  
Mickey S. Carrasco  
Robert Prieto  
Elizabeth Rose Valdez  
Blanca V. Herrera  
Muñoz Family  
Adela Moreno  
Mary Rose Cerda  
Zander from WA.

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 JANUARY 14, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 635.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 671.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$ 829.00	
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$ 280.00	2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 295.00	
On Line	-\$ 96.05	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 122.90	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,928.95</b>	

## SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 20-21, 2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Jan. 14, 2024	\$ 122.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,435.81</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 20

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

## Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. † Angie Ramirez - Parish Family  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita Canales  
**For Health** Emma O. Velasquez - Daughters  
**Gift of Strength** Matthew Araguz - Araguz Family

11:00 a.m. † Arthur Sanchez - Cindi Sanchez  
 † Irene Lloyd - Liz Herrera  
**Gift of Strength** Matthew Araguz - Araguz Family

## Monday, January 22

## Tuesday, January 23

12:00 p.m. † Dolores Graham - Parish Family  
**Gift of Strength** Kathy Flores - Parish Family

## Wednesday, January 24 - ST. FRANCES DE SALES

8:15 a.m. † Jose Z. Castillo - Family  
**Gift of Life** Patricia Castro - Family

## Thursday, January 25

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

## Friday, January 26 - STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

12:00 p.m. † Modesto & † Petra Reyes - Family

### REST IN PEACE

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

† Juana Zavala Ozuna  
 † Roberto Ramirez, Sr.  
 † Angie Ramirez



## 4 STEPS for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



EVERY THURSDAY

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



**1 RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD**  
 Place yourself in the presence of Christ



**2 THANKSGIVING**  
 Give thanks for all the blessings God has given you



**3 PETITION**  
 Ask for the world, the people around you and your conversion



**4 ATONEMENT**  
 Express your sorrow for the world's sins and yours

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM [WWW.PJP2EA.ORG](http://WWW.PJP2EA.ORG)



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 you not understand that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, lives in you? If anyone 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 attending St. John Berchmans.
- Run half a marathon (13.1 miles) at the Rock'n'Roll marathon on Sunday, December 8th, 2024.

Hope you can join me in making this journey a huge success for the benefit of our community and in supporting me.

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!

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
[fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com](mailto:fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com)





**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CCD  
LOTERIA FUNDRAISER**

**DATE:** Sunday, February 4, 2024  
**TIME:** 1PM - 4PM

**LOCATION:** SJB Cafeteria

**COST:** \$30 for 20 games

(\$30 will reserve your seat/4 playing cards)

Specials available for \$5.

**NO SHARING OF CARDS.**

Delicious Food, Sweets and Drinks available for sale.  
For Tickets contact a Catechist. Thank you!

**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 SCHOOL BBQ PLATE SALE  
W/ALL TRIMMINGS . (Includes Chicken, Sausage,  
Beans, Rice and Bread)**

**DATE:** Sunday, January 28, 2024

**TIME:** 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**DONATION:** \$10

- All proceeds benefit SJB School -



**Announcements!**

**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.**



**WELCOME  
TO OUR  
CHURCH  
FAMILY**

**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: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-26; Mk 3:22-30  
Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35  
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20  
Thu: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18  
Fri: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; Mk 4:26-34  
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41  
Sun: Deut 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**SJB DIRECTORY** - Schedule your Photo appointment for church directory. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your appointment.

**DATES AVAILABLE:** Thursday, Feb. 8 from 2-8:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9 from 2-8:30pm and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10am-4pm.

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



**MINISTRY SCHEDULED -  
SATURDAY - January 27th VIGIL TEAM**



**Sunday, January 21**

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church

11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

**Monday, January 22**

**Tuesday, January 23**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Wednesday, January 24**

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 25**

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

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Friday, January 26**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

**Saturday, January 27**

8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning - Vigil Team

5:00 p.m. MASS - Church