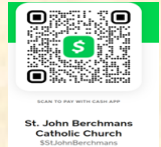


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Venmo

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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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

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MAY 19, 2024 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 18-19, 2024

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UNLOCK THE DOORS

When we put the Gospel in its context, John 20 starts with the empty tomb and the appearance to Mary Magdalene. Still, the disciples were scared and confused. They gathered together to regroup. They locked the door for fear of the Jews, whom they had just experienced as an angry mob, whom they had just seen crucify their friend Jesus. These disciples were afraid of the Jews, but they may also have been feeling guilty and confused for running away from Jesus at the cross, for hiding, for trying to protect themselves.

Now the risen Jesus comes to them saying, "Peace be with you," showing them his wounds, and greeting them again. Jesus is modeling something very powerful here. Most of us hate to be vulnerable. We try to hide our wounds and scars. We try to protect ourselves and show everybody that we have it together. In order to be healed, to receive the Spirit, to move on in our lives, we need to unlock our internal doors. We need to let Jesus into our house, into our hearts, and into those darkened corners of ourselves. It might be frightening. It might mean going to the sacrament of reconciliation or speaking with a spiritual director or even with a therapist.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

We often worry about how others will respond if we are less than perfect. Jesus knew the disciples were flawed humans. He did not get angry or give them a guilt trip. He said, "Peace be with you." He was gentle. Jesus gave them the gift of new life through a simple gesture. He breathed the Spirit into them. This is reminiscent of Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam, and Ezekiel, when God breathed life back into the dry bones. Jesus concluded with, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So not only did Jesus entrust them with this role, this power, he first showed them how it is done. How do we in turn breathe life into our families and friends? Our coworkers? The stranger we meet?

ABRIR LAS PUERTAS

Quando ponemos el Evangelio en su contexto, Juan 20 empieza con el sepulcro vacío y la aparición a María Magdalena. Aún así, los discípulos estaban asustados y confundidos. Se reunieron para reagruparse. Cerraron la puerta con llave por miedo a los judíos, a quienes habían vistos furiosos en una turba, quienes acababan de crucificar a su amigo Jesús. Estos discípulos tenían miedo de los judíos, pero también podían haberse sentido culpables y confundidos por haber huido de Jesús en la cruz, por esconderse, por tratar de protegerse ellos mismos.

Ahora Jesús resucitado viene hacia ellos diciéndoles: "la paz sea con ustedes", mostrándoles sus cicatrices, y saludándolos una vez más. Jesús está moldeando algo muy poderoso aquí. Muchos de nosotros odiamos ser vulnerables. Intentamos esconder nuestras heridas y cicatrices. Intentamos protegernos y mostramos a todos que todo está bien. Para poder ser sanados, para recibir al Espíritu, para seguir con nuestras vidas, necesitamos abrir nuestras puertas interiores. Necesitamos dejar a Jesús entrar a nuestra casa, a nuestros corazones, y en aquellas esquinas oscuras de nosotros. Podría ser aterrador. Podría significar ir al Sacramento de la Reconciliación o hablar con un director espiritual o incluso con un terapeuta.

RECIBIR AL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Frecuentemente nos preocupamos por cómo los demás responderán si no somos perfectos. Jesús sabía que los discípulos eran humanos con defectos. Él no se enojó ni los hizo sentir culpables. Él dijo: "la paz sea con ustedes". Fue gentil. Jesús les dio el don de la vida nueva por medio de un gesto simple. Él sopló en ellos el Espíritu Santo. Esto es una reminiscencia del Génesis, cuando Dios sopló vida en Adán; y Ezequiel, cuando Dios volvió a soplar vida en los huesos secos. Jesús concluyó con: "a quienes les perdonen los pecados, les serán perdonados; y a quienes se los retengan, les serán retenidos". Así que no sólo les confió Jesús este papel, este poder, sino que primero les mostró cómo se hace. ¿Cómo nosotros insuflamos vida a nuestras familias y amigos? ¿A nuestros compañeros de trabajo? ¿Al extranjero que encontramos?



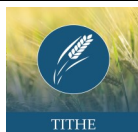
Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

ENDING MAY 12, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$	760.00
9 AM Mass	-\$	944.00
11 AM Mass	-\$	1,854.00
Ascension of the Lord	-\$	305.00
Ascension of the Lord School	-\$	58.00
Mother' Day Envelopes	-\$	556.00
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$	465.00
Drop In/Mail In	-\$	482.00
Gift of Giving	-\$	215.14
TOTAL		\$5,639.14

SECOND COLLECTION MAY 18-19

ALTAR FLOWERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending May 12, 2024	\$	215.14
TOTAL	\$	8,343.85

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
Health Socorro Castillo - SJB Familia
Gift of Life Giselle Velasquez - Mom

Sunday, May 19

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Victor Esquivel - Eva Rodriguez
Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter
Gift of Life Jeannette Gonzales - Family

11:00 a.m. † Arthur Sanchez - Cindi Sanchez
 † Suzanne Salinas - Bustos Family
 † Eva Guadalupe Bustos - Bustos Family
 † Gregorio Ramirez - Sylvia Serna
 † Paul Salinas - Salinas Family
 † Erasmo Uribe - Daughters
 † Lucy Hermosa Villarreal - Bustos Family
 † Frank Rodriguez - Bustos Family

In Thanksgiving Karen Aragus - Victor Aragus

Monday, May 20

Tuesday, May 21

12:00 p.m. † Lorenza Castro - Family
For Health Irma Urias - Family

Wednesday, May 22

8:15 a.m. † Hilda Valdez - SJB Family
Health Rogelio Muñoz - SJB

Thursday, May 23

12:00 p.m. † Joe G. Martinez - Family
In Thanksgiving Travis Lee - Parents

Friday, May 24

12:00 p.m. † Roland Lozano - Lozano Family



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

**Socorro Castillo
 Mary Martinez
 Emma O. Velasquez
 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:

† Roy R. Silva, Sr.



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

**Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,
 Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and
 Self-Control.**



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We celebrate today Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples to fulfill the promise that Jesus Christ made as he ascended into heaven. We believe this particular day the Church was born. Each of those in attendance heard them speaking in their own languages. The gift of the Holy Spirit broke barriers and allowed the word of God to be proclaimed and preached across different cultures and languages. We are the beneficiaries of this special gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit drastically changes the vision and perspective of the disciples. They went from being afraid to engaging in the world. Is there a moment in your life when you were awoken by the Holy Spirit? How was this experience changed you to be more committed to serving the Lord? As you recall such special experience with the Lord, be also open to many more moments that the Lord has prepared for an encounter with you through the Holy Spirit.

Our Mother's Day celebration and 6.5k run was successful. We have raised \$10,000. This money is intended to sponsor all the new students that will be attending our St. John Berchmans Catholic School in the fall. I thank all of you who participated in our annual run to honor all the mothers and raise money for the school. It was a success. Thanks to the Mother's Day committee, the school faculty, Guadalupanas, parishioners and all the volunteers. I thank all those who contributed financially to support the school. I still strongly encourage you to continue financially supporting St. John Berchmans Catholic School. It takes a village to raise a child.

I invite you to dedicate the month of May to Mary, Mother of God. Join me in praying the rosary Monday thru Friday at 6:00 in the evening in the church and Saturday at 4:00 in the afternoon and Sunday at 8:00 in the morning in the church. Please make a special effort to join us in praying the rosary. The rosary is being streamed on my personal and church Facebook pages. Please consider praying the rosary for the following intentions: peace in the world, the end of wars in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and for your personal concerns, fear, anxiety and doubt. We encourage you to pray the rosary as a family as well.

I am very pleased to announce that our raffle tickets are ready for distribution. Laura Castañeda and her raffle committee have been distributing the raffle tickets after all the Masses. Each one of you is asked to sell as many as 100 tickets. Remember this is the only fundraising project we have for the year. Please be very generous. We thank Treviño Funeral Home for sponsoring the raffle tickets. May God continue blessing them for their continued generosity toward our parish community. A special thank to those who have already picked up their raffle tickets.

God bless you,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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MAY IS THE MONTH TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

We gather in the church Monday through Friday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 4 p.m. & Sunday at 8am. Rosary will be streamed on Fr. Fidèles

Facebook & Church Facebook.

SJB DIRECTORY - LAST OPPORTUNITY!!!

We have been given 1 more date to schedule your photograph for the Parish Directory and this will be our last opportunity.

Photo date: Wednesday, June 16th from 2pm - 8:30 pm at the Formation House. There is no obligation to purchase any photos in order to receive your free 8X10 and free directory.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m. ROSARY - Church
- 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 10:00am - 1:30pm ACTS FUNDRAISER
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

Monday, May 20

- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Tuesday, May 21

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Wednesday, May 22

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Thursday, May 23

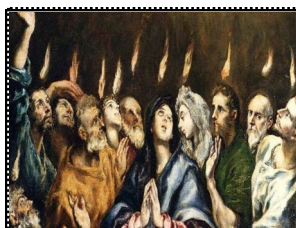
- 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Adoration - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. SJB 8th GRADE GRADUATION- Church
- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Church
- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Friday, May 24

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Saturday, May 25

- 4:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS - Church



PENTECOST SUNDAY is the great feast of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the Apostles and were granted the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all the languages, and many Jews were baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called, "the Birthday of the Church."

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL NEWS

⇒ We would like to thank all the parishioners who came out for the Mother's Day 5K run at Woodlawn Lake on Saturday, May 11th. Thank you for your support in fundraising for our students and school. We had a wonderful time celebrating with our faith community.

⇒ Congratulations to the 2024 8th grade class of St. John Berchmans Catholic School. They will be graduating on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 10am. We wish them all the best at their choice of high school and thank parents/grandparents for all their support you've given your scholar throughout the years here at SJB. God bless you all.

GRADUATES: Juan Aguilera, Maribel Anaya, Salvador Barrera, Kameron Calderon, Noel Escobedo, Jacob Garcia, Jaylee Garcia, Matthew Garcia, Kourtney Hopcus, Hayley Maner, Matthew Rodriguez, Jacob Salazar, Logan Sanchez, and June Tristan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tue: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thu: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Fri: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Sat: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Jn 11:27

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church.



EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM!!
MINISTRY SCHEDULED

MAY 25, 2024 - MARTINEZ/SANTOYO FAMILIES



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.