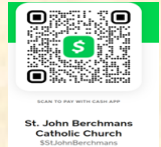


# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

1147 Cupples Road, San Antonio, TX 78226 210-434-3247 FAX 210-432-0431

www.stjohnberchmans.com



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:

- Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor •

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

### ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:

Emilio Semersky

esemersky@gmail.com

### ALTAR SERVERS:

Eddie Campa

ecampa@swri.org

### BOY & GIRL SCOUTS:

Aussie Mata

rotorwing2@gmail.com

### CHOIRS:

#### Saturday 5pm Choir

John A. Campa

jhowardcampa@aol.com

#### Sunday 9am Choir

Roy Sanchez

rsanchez34@satx.rr.com

#### Sunday 11am Choir

Javier Saucedo

javierrufus@gmail.com

### CYO:

Esmeralda "Ezmi" Tamez

ezmiet09@gmail.com

### CAFETERIA RENTAL:

Cecilia Sandoval

cecilsand@yahoo.com

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Linda Campbell

linda40849@satx.rr.com

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Elida Gonzales

redg90@sbcglobal.net

### GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:

John Diaz

Angie Diaz

johndiaz7538@sbcglobal.net

### GUADALUPANAS:

Sylvia Quintana

squintana7678@gmail.com

### FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :

Cecilia Sandoval

cecilsand@yahoo.com

### HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Flores

kflores0411@att.net

### JOY MINISTRY:

Jessica Ramos

Chayo Gomez

jessicamosfischer@gmail.com

tootsweez@hotmail.com

### LECTORS:

Stella Rico

stellav28@att.net

### LITURGY COMMITTEE:

Joan Orosco

dorosco08@yahoo.com

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Kimberly Mata

mata\_kimberly@yahoo.com

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Cyndi Sandoval

ventimochafrap@yahoo.com

### ROSARY MAKERS:

Victoria Sanchez

### SHARE THE WORD:

Rosalinda Garza

Garza\_rosalinda@att.net

### VIGIL TEAM:

Oralia Cantu

Dora Duran

dduran57@outlook.com

**JUNE 9, 2024 - TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JUNE 8-9, 2024**

[www.stjohnberchmans.com](http://www.stjohnberchmans.com)

## MAMA GRIZZLY BEAR

More than any mama grizzly bear, God is ferociously protective of us. Certainly Adam and Eve must accept the consequences for their bad behavior, but God lashes out first and foremost at the serpent, the one who caused them to sin. God is fair, and God is tender. "As a mother comforts her child," says the Lord, "so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Knowing God's protective love for us, we can echo today's Psalm 130 whenever we confront distress: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!" Even if, like Adam and Eve, we cause our own suffering, we believe God will always show both might and mercy if we turn to the Lord for help and comfort.

## PROPHETIC LIVING

The Corinthians knew what it was like to experience distress and suffering, much of which they caused themselves. Their Christian community, founded not twenty years after Jesus' death, faced heart-wrenching disagreements and scandalous behavior. To encourage them, Saint Paul wrote that their "momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." Saint Paul does not deny their suffering. He does not pretend being a Christian is easy. Instead, he invites the Corinthians to accept their difficulties and put them in perspective: the heaviest burden on earth weighs nothing compared to the mighty glory God has prepared for us in heaven. Living with this perspective makes us prophets. A prophet speaks God's truth to the world and points God's people back to the Lord. When we live in prophetic hope, believing in God's eternal glory, we remind the world of God's mighty, merciful plans for humanity. Like Saint Paul, we can encourage others to endure suffering bravely and not to grow weary doing God's will. Jesus promises that if we do the will of God, we are his "brother and sister and mother." We are his family. And he always protects his family.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Gen 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

## MAMÁ OSO GRIZZLY

Más que cualquier mamá osa, Dios es ferozmente protector con nosotros. Ciertamente Adán y Eva deben aceptar las consecuencias por sus acciones contrarias a la voluntad de Dios, pero Dios ataca en primer lugar y sobre todo a la serpiente que los indujo a pecar. Dios es justo y tierno. "Así como una madre conforta a sus hijos" dice el Señor, "así te confortare" (Isaías 66:13). Conociendo el amor protector de Dios por nosotros, podemos hacer eco al Salmo 130 cuando nos enfrentamos a la angustia "Desde las profundidades te suplico, oh Señor; Señor, escucha mi voz". Aún sí, como Adán y Eva, nosotros mismos nos causamos nuestro propio sufrimiento, creemos que Dios siempre nos mostrará tanto su poder como su misericordia si nos volvemos al Señor por ayuda y consuelo.

## VIVIENDO PROFETICAMENTE

Los corintios sabían lo que era experimentar sufrimiento y angustia, mucho de lo cual ellos mismos se causaban. Su comunidad cristiana, fundada no veinte años después de la muerte de Jesús, enfrentaron comportamientos escandalosos y desacuerdos desgarradores. Para animarlos, san Pablo escribió que la "momentánea luz de mortificación produce para nosotros un peso eterno de gloria más allá de toda comparación". San Pablo no niega el sufrimiento de ellos. Él no pretende que el ser cristiano es algo fácil. Al contrario, él invita a los corintios a aceptar sus dificultades y ponerlas en perspectiva: la carga más pesada en la tierra no pesa nada comparada con la poderosa Gloria preparada por Dios para nosotros en el cielo. Viviendo con esta perspectiva nos hace profetas. Un profeta habla de la verdad de Dios al mundo, e indica al Pueblo de Dios que regresen al Señor. Cuando vivimos en la esperanza profética, creyendo en la gloria eterna de Dios, recordamos al mundo los planes poderosos y misericordiosos de Dios para la humanidad. Al igual que san Pablo, podemos animar a otras personas a enfrentar el sufrimiento valientemente y a no cansarse de hacer la voluntad de Dios. Jesús promete que, si hacemos la voluntad de Dios, somos "sus hermanos, hermanas y madre". Somos su familia. Y él siempre protege a su familia.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Gen 3:9-15; Sal 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mc 3:20-35



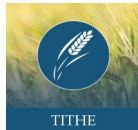
## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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

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 JUNE 2, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,864.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 783.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,472.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 735.00 2nd Coll.
Priests' Pension	-\$ 399.00 2nd Coll
Drop In/Mail In	-\$ 730.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 189.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,172.05</b>

## SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 8-9

### GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!**

## 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending June 2, 2024	\$ <u>189.05</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,697.82</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, June 8

5:00 p.m. † Ted Rodriguez - Rose Rodriguez  
† Alejandro De Leon - Rose Rodriguez  
† Dominga Gutierrez Reyes - Dora Duran  
† Oscar Dikete - SJB Family

## Sunday, June 9

9:00 a.m. † Hope & Juan Esquivel - Guadalupanas  
† Jose M. Canales - Angelita Canales  
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Tomas & Chala Vasquez - Virginia Velez  
† Oscar Dikete - SJB Family  
Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter

## Health

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family  
† Mary Louise Lira - Family  
† Arthur Arevalos - Family  
† Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas  
† Gregorio & Angie Ramirez - Daughter  
† Juan Quintero - Rose Quintero  
† Frank Rodriguez - Lupe & Family

## Thanksgiving & Health

Alyssa Araguz - Victor Araguz

## Monday, June 10

### Tuesday, June 11 - ST. BARNABAS

12:00 p.m. † Jeannie Ybarra - SJB Family

### Wednesday, June 12

12:00 p.m. John & Juanitas Wedding Anniv. - Mom

### Thursday, June 13 - ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA

12:00 p.m. † Terry Moreno - SJB Family

### Friday, June 14

12:00 p.m. † John Reyes - SJB Family  
Gift of Life Richard Santoyo... - Family

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:



Familia Ventura  
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:

† John Reyes



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I arrived safely in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo for:

- The Burial of my brother Oscar Shungu Dikete
- Celebrate my Sister Marie Jose Atshiengeno Apamato's 70th birthday this coming June 18th
- Celebrate my Grandson Fidele's 9 month birthday (June 1st).

My brother's burial was very emotional for the family. We are still trying to make sense of this tragedy. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to mourn the loss of our brother Oscar.

I congratulate all the graduates and wish them a successful career; and those who continue their studies, I wish them a great upcoming new academic year 2024-2025.

I wish all of you a great summer. As you enjoy your time off please keep up with your Christian obligation by attending Saturday or Sunday Mass. If you have to travel, please consider attending a church near the location you are visiting. Not sure where a parish is located at your vacation destination? Search [www.discovermass.com](http://www.discovermass.com).

Remember to keep yourself hydrated by drinking more water and staying indoors to avoid exposure to heat index that can exceed 100 degrees.

God bless you,

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

The **ambo**, or **pulpit**, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is used only for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayers of the faithful.

The **homily** is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, and it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, and to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself is a response to God's word, and demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.





**FLAG DAY** is a holiday in the United States which celebrates the adoption of the American flag. It is celebrated around the country with parades and memorial services for those who have died in defense of the United States. Like Memorial Day, Flag Day is considered a patriotic holiday, and is celebrated by the Armed Forces and those veterans who have served abroad. Flag Day is celebrated every year on June 14th.

Our **ACTS Organization** is looking for vendors for their upcoming **POP UP MARKET on Saturday, June 29th**. Spots (10x10) are \$25 each.

This is **not** a Rummage Sale and is intended for the sale of Arts and Crafts only.

Proceeds will help support our ACTs Community with upcoming and future retreats as well as serving our parish community.

For more info, please contact Andrew Dominguez **AFTER 5PM** at (210) 725-6137.



**Sunday, June 9**

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

**Monday, June 10**

**Tuesday, June 11**

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

**Wednesday, June 12**

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

**Thursday, June 13**

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Adoration - Chapel  
12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

**Friday, June 14**

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

**Saturday, June 15**

5:00 P.M. MASS - Church

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:1-12  
Tue: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:13-16  
Wed: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11;  
Mt 5:17-19  
Thu: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
Fri: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;  
Mt 5:27-32  
Sat: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;  
Mt 5:33-37  
Sun: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10;  
Mk 4:26-34

**TO ALL THOSE VISITING ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CHURCH TODAY**

We welcome you to our church family. We're honored to share this Mass with you as we worship God's risen Son. We hope that God touches your life as we worship together and that you leave us today with the peace of God in your mind and heart. Visit us any time!!

**GETTING READY FOR VACATION? DON'T FORGET ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH!**

If you are traveling and would like to find a Catholic Church near your vacation destination visit [www.discovermass.com](http://www.discovermass.com). Our doors are open to greet any parish family and visitors from near or far. Also, remember that your church does not take a vacation. If you are out of town, we ask that you please mail your contribution envelopes. **And we thank you for your continued support.**

**SJB 2024 WOMENS ACTS RETREAT**

Retreat scheduled for Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28th, 2024 and will be held at St. Anthony de Padua.

If you are interested in attending this retreat, please contact: Director - Elida Gonzales 210) 683-6279, Co-Director Sylvia Serna 210) 724-9488 or Spiritual Companion, Kimberly Mata 2) 995-7437.

**Theme/Scripture:** "The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all of our needs." Psalm 145

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

**EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM!!  
MINISTRY SCHEDULED  
JUNE 15, 2024 - LECTORS**



**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.**



**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.