

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

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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

Good Samaritans of SJB:

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JUNE 23, 2024 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JUNE 22-23, 2024

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SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel, God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion." (4:38)

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind", surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

TODAYS READINGS: Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

EL MAR Y EL VIENTO

Como siempre en el Tiempo Ordinario, las lecturas de hoy del Antiguo Testamento preparan el escenario para el Evangelio. Dios que, en Jesús, "reprenderá el viento" y "mandará calmar el mar" (Marcos 4:39), "se dirige a Job desde la tormenta (Job 38:1), hablando desde la confusión de su corazón, recordando a Job que entonces la Palabra poderosa de Dios bastaba para con una orden devolver la vida. En el Evangelio de hoy, el miedo de los discípulos, incluso su desesperación es el protagonista. ¿Acaso alguno de nosotros es ajeno a esas emociones? Los vientos de la borrasca golpean la barca, las olas rompen sobre ella y Jesús podría no estar ahí. El relato de Marcos es particularmente triste. Solo entre los evangelistas, el nos Cuenta que Jesús esta en la popa, en la parte trasera de la barca, y no solo dormido, sino que esta profundamente dormido. Únicamente Marcos añade el detalle "sobre un cojín" (4:38)

DEPESPERTAR A CRISTO

Aunque acogamos a Jesús en la Palabra y la Eucaristía domingo tras domingo, ¿acaso no nos ha pasado a todos que experimentamos, de vez en cuando, la "ausencia real" de Jesús? Esta experiencia personal debería reconfortarnos, como así ha sucedido con generaciones de discípulos antes que nosotros. Aunque ante todo la barca es un símbolo de la Iglesia, nunca abandonada por Cristo, llevada con seguridad a través de las aguas tormentosa del tiempo, San Agustín al predicar sobre este mismo Evangelio hace mil seiscientos años, señaló que, puesto que cada uno de nosotros es un templo de Dios, el corazón de cada uno es una barca de vela. San Agustín dice, considera cualquier tentación como "el viento, el oleaje del mar", y haz lo que hicieron los discípulos, despierta a Cristo, "el durmiente en tu corazón", recordando sus palabras y mandamientos. Luego se como el viento y el mar: "El mar obedece, el viento esta tranquilo." Siempre que las emociones hagan turbulento nuestro corazón, siempre que Cristo parezca ausente o al menos dormido, "No nos desesperemos, sino despertemos a Cristo, para que podamos navegar en aguas tranquilas, y llegar por fin a nuestra patria celestial."

LECTURA DE HOY: Job 38:1, 8-11; Sal; 107:23-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mc 4:35-41



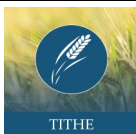
Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Esther Nicholson	Mary Rose Cerda
Marty Carrera Tobias	Rosemary Flores	Zander from WA.
Frances Lozano	Carmen Garza	Pete Muñoz
Irma Urias	Gloria Rubio	Mary Alice Vasquez
Mary S. Martinez	Lisa Brown	Rosa Castoreno
Galilea Romero	Rebecca Zuniga	Henrietta Ramos
Iris Luna Sullivan	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Cecilia Muñoz
Emma O. Velasquez	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	Sulema Hernandez
Isaiah Vasquez	Muñoz Family	

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 16, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,104.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 739.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 806.00
Altar Flowers	-\$ 357.00 2nd Coll.
Father's Day Envelopes	-\$ 484.00
Drop In/Mail In	-\$ 870.00
On Line	-\$ 60.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 197.69
TOTAL	\$4,617.69

SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 22-23

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending June 16, 2024	\$ 197.69
TOTAL	\$ 9,342.61

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. † Paul Salinas - Salinas Family
 † Dominga Gutierrez Reyes - Dora Duran
 † Luis Duran, Sr - Wife & Family
 † John Reyes - Socorro & Raquel
For Health Irma Sweet - SJB Family

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Family
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Elisa & Juan Amador - Virginia Velez
 † Juan & Gabriella Ventura - Virginia Velez
Health Marisol Longoria-Parker- SJB Family

11:00 a.m. † Mary Louise Lira - Family
 † Arthur Arevalos - Family
 † Gregorio & Angie Ramirez - Daughter

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

12:00 p.m. † Tomas San Miguel - Family

Wednesday, June 26

12:00 p.m. † Frances Ramirez - Mary Martinez
For Health Marty Carrera Tobias - SJB Family

Thursday, June 27

12:00 p.m. † Mary Herrera - SJB Family
For Health Lucio Vasquez - SJB Family

Friday, June 28

12:00 p.m. † Theodore Castellanos - SJB Family
For Health Mickey Carrasco - SJB 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-15; Acts 13:22-26;
 Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Tue: 2 Ki 19:9b-11,14-21,31-5a,36; Ps 48:1-4,
 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wed: 2 Ki 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37,40;
 Mt 7:15-20
 Thu: 2 Ki 24:8-17; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
 Fri: 2 Ki 25:1-12; Ps 137: 1-6; Mt 8:1-4
 Sat: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:1-5; Gal 1:11-20;
 John 21:15-19
 Sun: 1 Kgs 19:16-21; Ps 16:1-11; Gal 5:1-18;
 Lk 9:51-62

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

My Sister Atshiengeno Apamato Marie Jose 70th birthday celebration and also my Grandson Fidèle 8th month birthday went very well. More than 100 family members and friends attended the celebration. I am grateful to God for the gift of life of my sister and grandson. Thank you also for your prayers and support.

I ask for your prayers as we continue to mourn the loss of my brother. My family is very appreciative for all your prayers and support.

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 church near the location you are visiting. Not sure where a parish is located at your vacation destination? Search 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,

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Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Looking to grow in your faith? Take to heart what St. Isidore, the Archbishop of Seville, Spain, once said, "When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us."

You are invited to join us on **Wednesday mornings in the Faith Formation House from 10am to 11:30 am** for Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions.

As we read, we also have videos that take us to the actual sights in the Holy Land. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there.

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RAFFLE NAME Date & Time Prize Description Additional Information Location Donation Amount <small>Write Here by 8th Priest</small> You have Selected PINK 678 vellum based. This line of text will not print on your ticket.	SJB PARISHIONERS Many of you have not picked up your raffle ticket packets. Fr. Fidèle is kindly requesting your much needed help for this important event. Remember this will be our only parish fundraiser for the year. If you have sold your raffle tickets, please come by the parish office and submit your monies and ticket stubs. Thank you!
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, June 23

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

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

Wednesday, June 26

10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions- Formation House

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

Thursday, June 27

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

Friday, June 28

12:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Chapel

Saturday, June 29

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. POP UP MARKET
5:00 p.m. MASS - Church

WHY DO CATHOLICS KNEEL DURING MASS?

We kneel because we are in the presence of God. Kneeling is a very meaningful and intimate gesture, and it expresses adoration and shows our reverence towards Him.

We live in a society today that in many ways has lost reverence for things which are holy and sacred. We approach God in a way that is casual, almost as if He is on the same level as us. This lack of reverence can reflect a lack of humility. When we kneel we remind ourselves that we are not God and we are not in charge; rather, we are only creatures before our Lord.

Kneeling in God's presence during Mass emphasizes the Real Presence of Christ in the eucharist, and how much we love and adore our King. St. Paul says, *"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth."* (Philippians 2:10). Like St. Paul, we get down on our knees during Mass and humbly adore him.

POP UP MARKET this coming Saturday, June 29th

Spots (10x10) are \$25 each. Proceeds help support our ACTs Community with upcoming and future retreats, also serving our parish community.

Still time to sign up! For information, please contact Andrew Dominguez **AFTER 5PM** at (210) 725-6137.



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 210) 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 29, 2024 - GUADALUPANAS



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.