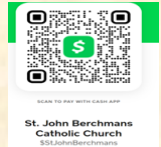


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Venmo

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:

• Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor •

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 Christine McWilliams, Web Master/ FB

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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:

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OCTOBER 27, 2024 - 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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BROKEN

Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

BELOVED

Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

ROTO Las lecturas de hoy hablan sobre las personas a las que frecuentemente la sociedad desprecia, aquellas que tienen una discapacidad física, que están en una cárcel. Escuchamos de personas que lo perdieron todo y no paran de llorar. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que incluso aquellas personas en una posición con tan alto honor, como el sacerdote, están afectadas por la debilidad. La debilidad está al centro mismo de la habilidad del sacerdote para servir a los demás. Por último, es un hombre ciego al que Jesús ve, gritando a la orilla del camino, quien además de ser reprendido tratan de callarlo quienes lo rodean. A causa de su fe vuelve a ver y su primera decisión como una persona que puede ver es seguir a Jesús.

La enseñanza de las lecturas de hoy es que Dios se enfoca en quienes están en las periferias, en los forasteros, en aquellas personas a quien muy frecuentemente tratamos de callar. Dios se enfoca en esas partes de nosotros, nuestras debilidades que intentamos esconder al voltear nuestra atención a cualquier otra cosa. Las lecturas son todo menos lo que es perfecto. Ellos hablan acerca de debilidades, dolor profundo, rupturas que son una parte de nuestra humanidad y una fortaleza enraizada en el amor de Dios por nosotros pese a todo eso.

AMADO

El éxito no se mide por la fortaleza, la integridad o el poder. El éxito se mide por nuestra debilidad, por el hecho que Dios abraza esa debilidad y nuestra decisión de seguirlo. El sacerdote tiene poder solo porque la debilidad es parte de cada persona. Nosotros somos el ciego, el cojo, el que sufre. Y somos las personas a quien Dios salva y transforma. El hombre ciego dentro de nosotros llora cuando el decoro nos hace estar callados. Nuestra fe clama por la salvación, la integridad, la redención, la vista y se nos escucha. Nuestra ceguera se transforma en vista, y con esa visión vemos al mundo como Dios lo ve, roto y amado.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Jer 31:7-9; Sal 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mc 10:46-52



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Gloria Rubio	Vanessa Gomez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Rebecca Zuniga	Ybarra Family
Frances Lozano	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Robert Treviño
Irma Urias	Lupe Gomez	Sulema Hernandez
Mary S. Martinez	Angie Canales	Lucio Vasquez
Galilea Romero	Rosie Gallegos	Buddy Ochoa
Iris Luna Sullivan	Richard Santoyo	Cristina Santoyo
Emma O. Velasquez	Lucy Treviño & Family	Marcus Torres
Raymond Sarabia	Mickey S. Carrasco	Rosa Moreno
Julissa Rodriguez	Robert Prieto	Roger Arizpe
Miliana Bullock	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Daniel Rodriguez
Lydia Soriano	Mary Rose Cerda	Marisol Longoria-Parker
Robert Sanchez	Zander from WA.	Jerry Salazar
Vanessa Quintero	Henrietta Ramos	Baby Ezra Rios
Virginia R. Lucio	Cecilia Muñoz	Henry Castro
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Carmen Perez	Socorro Castillo
Lori Bañuelos	Antonia Degollado	Alexis Ramos
Edith Flores	Zachary Lopez	Clarissa Ramos
Isaiah Vasquez	Joseph Vasquez	Nicole Guerra

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 OCTOBER 20, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,145.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 971.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,081.00
World Mission Sunday	-\$ 461.00 2nd Coll.
Altar Flowers	-\$ 309.00 2nd Coll.
Drop In/Mail In	-\$ 450.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 215.50
TOTAL	\$ 4,632.50

SECOND COLLECTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Oct. 20, 2024	\$ 215.50
TOTAL	\$ 12,538.60

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 26

5:00 p.m. † Henry Vidal - Wife Janie Vidal
† Richard Lloyd - Wife & Family
† Irene Lloyd - Lloyd Family
† Helen Lloyd - Lloyd Family
† Ruben Garza - The Friend
† Ruben V. Garza - Lopez Family
Gift of Life Raquel Alvarado - Family

Sunday, October 27

9:00 a.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter
† Jose & Juanita Ventura- Virginia Velez
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
† Francisco & Francisca Vielmas - Family
Health Pat Covarrubias - SJB Friends
Gift of Life Simona Piña - Happy 100th Birthday
Gift of Life Dominic Jude Santoyo - Family

11:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory - Grace Salinas
† Olga Forey - Family
† Marcus Arevalos - Family
† Daniel Lizalde - Wife Patty & Son
† Jose Juventino Arzola - Teresa Arzola
Health Daniel Lira - Family

Mon., October 28 - STS. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

Tuesday, October 29
12:00 p.m. **Gift of Life** Jesus L. Gomez - Family
Gift of Life Matthew J.B. - Lopez Family
Val & Giselle Velasquez Wedding Anniversary - Mom

Wednesday, October 30

8:15 a.m. † Willie Garcia - Socorro & Raquel

Thursday, October 31

12:00 p.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas

Friday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

6:00 p.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family
† Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
† Daniel Lizalde - Wife Patty & Son
† Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Olivia Lopez
† Lopez Sisters - Olivia Lopez
All Souls in Purgatory & World Peace - Evelyn Parra



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Familia Ventura

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: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19: 2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tue: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thu: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 119:1-2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
Sat: Wi 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Ro 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The upcoming month of November has several celebrations for us to consider and participate.

- Friday, November 1st, 2024 is all Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be celebrating bilingual Mass at 6:00 in the evening. Parish Office will be closed.
- Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 is All Souls' Day. We will be celebrating a bilingual Mass at 10:00 in the morning in commemoration of all our faithful departed. Parish Office will be closed.
- Saturday, November 9th, 2024 we will be embarking on a pilgrimage to San Juan in the Valley. Please keep us in your prayers.
- Sunday, November 10th, 2024 at the 11:00 in the morning Mass, we will honor and celebrate all the veterans in our community and thank them for their service to our nation. We hope to have the presentation of colors as well.
- Sunday, November 17th, 2024 is the Feast of our patron Saint John Berchmans. We will commemorate and celebrate St. John Berchmans at the 11:00 in the morning Mass.
- Thursday, November 28th, 2024 is Thanksgiving Day. I invite you to our 10:00 in the morning Thanksgiving bilingual Mass.

Please make time to participate in all the celebrations and please note that we have included an updated insert for the Liturgical Schedule from November 2024 thru January 2025.

Our Fellowship celebration will take place this Sunday, October 27th, 2024 from 11:00 in the morning until 5:00 pm. I would also like to thank all of you who have contributed to this celebration of our Fellowship: Cyndi Sandoval, the coordinator of the event, Angie and John Diaz, coordinators of the chicken plate sale, and all of you who have participated in donating money, sodas, water, and helping cook the chicken, beans and sausage, all of you who have purchased meal tickets and participated in one way or another toward the success of this event.

May God Bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com



GET READY FOR THE ELECTION!

Early voting runs through Friday, November 1.

Questions? Or wants to see a sample ballot visit: www.elections.bexar.org

Don't forget to exercise your civic duty and vote!

Father Fidele is reminding our parishioners to attend the All Saints Day Bilingual Mass at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 1st, a Holy Day of Obligation.



All Soul's Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 am.

REMINDER: The Parish office will be closed on Friday, November 1, 2024 in observance of All Saints Day. Regular office hours will resume on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 am.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, October 27

- 8:00 a.m. ROSARY - Church
- 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church

Monday, October 28

- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

- 8:15 a.m. SCHOOL MASS - Church
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions- Formation House

- 6:00 p.m. ROSARY - Church

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

ALL SOULS' DAY
BILINGUAL MASS - Church

Saturday, November 2 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 a.m. ALL SOULS' DAY
BILINGUAL MASS - Church

SJB ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

DATE: Sunday, November 24, 2024
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
COST: \$10 FOR 15 Games plus special
LOCATION: SJB Cafeteria



We are reaching out for your help to provide us with prizes for the Super Special game. We ask that these items be new and have a value of \$10 or more.

The kitchen will be open and we will be selling delicious food, drinks and sweets.

All proceeds will go directly to our parish.

COME VISIT THE SJB LIBRARY AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

The SJB Scholastic Book Fair will be open from November 1-8, 2024. Hours: 7:45am - 4:45am Daily except Saturday (11/2).

On Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 from 8:45am - 11:45 am. Wednesday is Goodies with Grandparents until 5:45 pm. We will be serving Pan Dulce y Café/Sweet Bread and coffee all day.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour! And enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Also check your fire extinguisher and change out your filters.

FALL HARVEST PRE-SALE BBQ CHICKEN/SAUSAGE PLATE SALE

DATE: Sunday, October 27, 2024
TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
LOCATION: SJB School Cafeteria
COST: \$12 a plate includes sides and trimmings.
Come out and support our fundraiser & fellowship.



Our Church Cleaning Ministry meets **EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM** to clean our beautiful place of worship.

MINISTRY SCHEDULED
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
LECTOR'S



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.