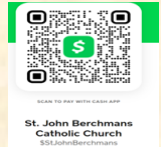


# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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 •

Stella Rico, Secretary  
Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager  
Andrew Solis, Bus Maintenance  
Christine McWilliams, Web Master/ FB

Connie Peché & Nancy Ramirez, Family Records  
Joan Orosco, Sacristan/Bereavement  
Jessica Ramos, 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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Dora Duran

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 3, 2024 [www.stjohnberchmans.com](http://www.stjohnberchmans.com)

### SECRET OF SUCCESS

The readings are fairly simple and straightforward. Do just these two things—love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself—and you will be saved. Deuteronomy and the psalm emphasize the importance of loving God with our whole selves. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus loved us as he loved his Father and so he offered himself for our sins. Mark says that loving God completely must also be accompanied by loving our neighbor. Jesus loved his Father with his whole soul, his whole mind, his whole strength. The love between God and Jesus makes them one. Everything hinges on the completeness and the inclusiveness of that love.

### LOVE

We all love rules to measure our actions and assure us that we have done enough. Today we are given two rules that offer us none of that. These rules require us to focus only on love: love of God and love of neighbor. There are not seven or ten. There are just two. You must love God but you must do it with your entire being. Everything you are must be focused on and reflect loving God. And then you must love your neighbor. The first is key to the second.

Unless we understand how God loves both the lovable as well as the unlovable, we will never be able to love ourselves or any other creature or creation as God loves them all. The Gospels remind us that Jesus sought the broken, the marginalized, the unwanted to teach us how God loves. If everything about you is about loving a God who created and redeemed you, then you love as God loves. If you love as God loves, you recognize the weakness in yourself and in the world yet you still love that broken self and broken world as its Creator does. That is the only measure of success that matters.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

### EL SECRETO DEL ÉXITO

Las lecturas son bastante sencillas y directas. Solo haz estas dos cosas, ama a Dios con todo tu ser y ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo, y serás salvado. El Deuteronomio y el salmo enfatizan la importancia de amar a Dios con todo nuestro ser. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Jesús nos amó como él amó a su Padre y por eso él se ofreció así mismo por nuestros pecados. Marcos dice que amar a Dios completamente también debe ir acompañado de amar a nuestro prójimo. Jesús amó a su Padre con toda su alma, toda su mente y todas sus fuerzas. El amor entre Dios y Jesús los hace uno. Todo depende de la integridad y equidad de ese amor.

### AMOR

A todos nos gustan las reglas que miden nuestras acciones y nos aseguran que hemos hecho lo suficiente. Hoy se nos dan dos reglas que no nos ofrecen nada de eso. Estas reglas requieren de nosotros enfocarnos solo en el amor: el amor de Dios y el amor a los prójimos. No son siete o diez. Solo son dos. Tú debes amar a Dios, pero debes hacerlo con todo tu ser. Todo lo que eres debe enfocarse y reflejar el amor de Dios. Y luego debes amar a tu prójimo. La primera regla es clave para la segunda.

A menos que entendamos cómo Dios ama tanto al que merece como al que no merece ser amado, nunca podremos amarnos a nosotros mismos o a alguna otra creatura de la creación como Dios ama a todos. Los evangelios nos recuerdan que Jesús buscó al desamparado, al de las periferias, al despreciado, para enseñarnos cómo Dios nos ama. Si todo lo que se trata de ti se trata de amar a un Dios que te creó y te redimió, entonces amas como Dios ama. Si amas a Dios como él lo hace, reconoces la debilidad en ti mismo y en el mundo y aun así amas a ese ser roto y a un mundo roto como Dios lo hace. Esta es la única medida del éxito que importa

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Dt 6:2-6; Sal 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mc 12:28b-34



### 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 27, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,414.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 509.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,175.00
Religious Education	-\$ 356.00 2nd Coll.
Drop In/Mail In	-\$ 90.00
On Line	-\$ 50.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 123.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,717.70</b>

### SECOND COLLECTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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

### 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Oct. 27, 2024	\$ 215.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,662.30</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, November 2

5:00 p.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family  
 † Jose, Juana & Jesus Castillo - Family  
 † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family  
 † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family  
 † Nasario & Estella Jaramillo - Family  
 † Drew Luna - Family  
 † Ginny Cruz - Cruz Family  
 † Raymundo Cruz - Cruz Family  
 † Juan C. Velasquez - Family  
 † Kathy Vidal - Family  
 † Rick Gonzales - Vidal Family

## Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family  
 † Ruth Velez - Virginia Velez  
 † John Gil - Family  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Jimmy Rodriguez - Wife & Children  
 † Pat Covarrubias - SJB Friends

### Health

11:00 a.m. † Suzanne Gutierrez - Grace Salinas  
 † Daniel Lizalde - Wife Patty & Son  
 † Jesus Nava - Nava Family  
 † Jose Nava - Nava Family  
 † Ramon Nava - Nava Family  
 † Bernardino Nava - Nava Family

## Monday, November 4

## Tuesday, November 5

12:00 p.m. † Fr. Eddie Bernal - SJB Family  
 Health Simona Piña - Family

## Wednesday, November 6

8:15 a.m. † Jesus Lopez - SJB Family  
 Gift of Life Elena Gonzales - Family

## Thursday, November 7

12:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Gift of Life Mary Cantu - SJB Family

## Friday, November 8

12:00 p.m. † Maria Polanco - SJB Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I cast my vote last week in compliance with my civic duty as an American and I challenge each of you to do the same this coming Tuesday, November 5th for those of you who haven't voted.

We live in a beautiful country governed by a democracy. Democracy is the rule of the people, by the people and for the people. Voting is essential in preserving our Democracy. I continue to encourage you to vote. Democracy is not perfect but is the most valuable and effective form of government based on the rule of the Law. It has worked for many years in our great nation and needs to be preserved for the well being of all. Remember also that as we vote, only one candidate will be sworn in on January 20th as the 47th President of the United States of America. What makes democracy work is the acceptance of free and fair elections. Both parties, Democrat and Republican, are passionate about their candidate but only one will win. We need to be prepared to accept the winner of fair and free elections. I invite you to be vigilant and respectful of the rule of Law as you prepare to vote this coming Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. Be an agent of peace and understanding. Ultimately, we are children of God regardless of our differences. I thank God for this beautiful and amazing country.

"It takes a village to raise a child."

I thank all of you who participated in one form or another to the success of the 2024 Fall Fellowship!

Please review the insert for a detailed financial report and a list of those who participated in the success of the celebration.

God is great all the time!

May God Bless you always,

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

### TRIP TO SAN JUAN NOVEMBER 9, 2024

For those who have paid to go on the San Juan trip please note the following:

- We are to meet in the parking lot @ 5AM
- We will be leaving promptly @ 5:30 am.
- We ask that you park in the parking area closest to Cupples Road. Do not leave valuables in car.
- There will be assigned seating.
- You are welcome to take a lunch bag one per person(14X10) and can bring snacks, water, etc.
- Bring your Rosary, a jacket, throw, pillow and please mark your items.



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

**Ysenia Rivas Ramirez**

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: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tue: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30-32; Lk 14:15-24  
 Wed: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33  
 Thu: Phil 3:3-8; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
 Fri: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-9; 1Cor 3:9-17; Jn 2:13-22  
 Sat: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;  
 Lk 16:9-15



**GET READY FOR THE ELECTION!**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Please remember the importance of exercising your civic duty and vote! Want to see a sample ballot visit: [www.bexar.elections.org](http://www.bexar.elections.org)

**WHY DO CATHOLICS BOW DURING THE NICENE CREED?**



We bow when we say, *“by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man”* to show deep and profound respect for the greatest moment on Earth, the Incarnation when God actually became man born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 3**

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

**Monday, November 4**

**Tuesday, November 5**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Wednesday, November 6**

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

**Thursday, November 7**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Friday, November 8**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Saturday, November 9**

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning  
5:00 p.m. MASS - Church



**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024**

**CHILDREN WHO SUFFER**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**SJB ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO**

DATE: Sunday, November 24, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 FOR 15 Games plus special

LOCATION: SJB Cafeteria



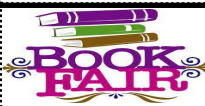
We are reaching out for your help to provide us with prizes for the Super Special game. We ask that these items be new and have a value of \$10 or more.

We will be selling delicious food, sweets and drinks. Please make plans to attend.

Tickets are available at the Parish office and after all Sunday masses. All proceeds will go directly to our parish.

**GRACE COUNSELING**

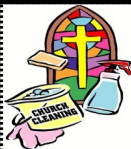
Experienced therapists help anyone struggling with mental health in a comfortable and safe environment without judgement. Grace Counseling provides quality, holistic, and affordable counseling to individuals, children, couples and families. Affordable teletherapy hours and Spanish-speaking therapists are available. For more information or to make an appointment call us at (210) 377-1133.



**COME VISIT THE SJB LIBRARY AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

The SJB Scholastic Book Fair will be open through November 8, 2024.

Hours: 7:45am - 4:45am and Wednesday is Goodies with Grandparents until 5:45 pm. We'll be serving Sweet Bread and coffee all day.



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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 2, 2024 GOOD SAMARITANS/JOY**



**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.