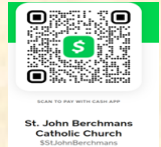


# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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*

## 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

### ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:

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### ALTAR SERVERS:

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Dora Duran

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## GIVE EVERYTHING

In First Kings, Elijah meets a widow and immediately makes a request that she promptly fulfills; then he makes another that she resists. His response is not to chastise her lack of charity but instead he says, as Jesus will say repeatedly in the Gospels, "Do not be afraid." He recognizes that it is not lack of charity that prevents her from giving him a little food, it is fear, fear that she will not have enough for her son and herself given their dire straits. Elijah looks beyond the obvious. He asks something of her and then gives back to her, from God's abundance, something even greater. The same is true in Hebrews. Christ offers himself, not as the priest does with a life not his own, but as the genuine Son of God. Again in the Gospel, the substantive generosity of the impoverished widow is contrasted with the apparent generosity of the wealthy. The wealthy are found lacking.

## BE NOT AFRAID

It is clear that God prefers the widow's generosity because it displays a lack of fear about what will happen if she leaves her life entirely in God's hands. The widow, who lacks material goods, still fears for her welfare and that of her family but both widows, in Mark and in Kings, overcome that fear to place their reliance on God. The wealthy, as we have seen before in the Gospels, have a lot more to give away before they would need to put their reliance entirely on God. Many cannot find the strength and courage to do so. They give big gifts to the temple thinking this will bring them favor, as it does in the world. But God asks more of us than the world does. God asks that we live our lives as if they depended entirely on God and not our own accomplishments. Because they do.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

## DAR TODO

En la lectura del primer libro de los Reyes, Elías conoce a una viuda a quien le hace una petición que ella cumple inmediatamente; luego él le hace otra a la cual ella se resiste, por lo que Elías le responde con una frase que Jesús repetidamente dice en los evangelios "no tengas miedo". Él reconoce que no es por falta de caridad lo que la previene de darle a él un poco de comida, sino es miedo, miedo a que se quede sin comida suficiente para su hijo y ella debido a su situación terrible. Elías ve más allá de lo obvio. Él pide algo de ella, y luego se lo devuelve, de la abundancia de Dios, algo más grande. Esto mismo pasa en la carta a los hebreos. Cristo mismo se ofrece, no como el sacerdote con una vida que no es la suya, sino como el verdadero Hijo de Dios. De nuevo en el Evangelio, la generosidad considerable de la viuda empobrecida contrasta con la aparente generosidad de los ricos, pues a algunos les hace falta.

## NO TENGAS MIEDO

Es claro que Dios prefiere la generosidad de la viuda porque demuestra que no tiene miedo sobre lo que sucederá si ella pone su vida entera en manos de Dios. La viuda, que no posee bienes materiales, todavía teme por su bienestar y el de su familia; y ambas viudas, la del Evangelio de Marcos y la del libro de los Reyes, superan ese miedo poniendo su confianza en Dios. Los ricos, como lo hemos visto antes en los evangelios, tienen más que repartir antes que poner su confianza completamente en Dios. Muchos no pueden encontrar la fuerza y el valor para hacerlo. Ellos dan grandes ofrendas al templo pensando que al hacerlo obtendrán favores, parecido a lo que pasa en el mundo. Pero Dios pide más de nosotros que el mundo. Dios pide que vivamos nuestras vidas como si estas dependieran completamente de Dios y no de nuestros propios logros; porque así es.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** 1 Re 17:10-16; Sal 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mc 12:38-44



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



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

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 NOVEMBER 3, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,135.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 1,212.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 949.00
All Souls' Day	-\$ 947.00
All Saints Day	-\$ 439.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 985.00 2nd Coll.
Drop In/Mail In	-\$ 695.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 200.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,562.80</b>

## SECOND COLLECTION GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

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

## 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Nov. 3, 2024	\$ <u>200.80</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,863.10</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, November 9

5:00 p.m. † Elida C. Garcia - Family  
 † Rose Ann Sanchez - Socorro & Raquel  
 † Magdalena Zuniga - Guadalupanas

## Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. † Hope & Juan Esquivel - Guadalupanas  
 † Hector Sanchez - Sam & Priscilla  
 † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas  
 † Josephine Garcia - Virginia Velez  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Fr. Eddie Bernal & Fr. John Balleza - Aunt Noné  
**Gift of Life** Pablo Hernandez - Family

11:00 a.m. † Peter Anthony Cruz - Family  
 † Fernando Sr. & Beatrice Villarreal -  
 Fernando & Grace Villarreal  
 † Ninfa Aguirre - Fernando & Grace  
 Villareal

## Monday, November 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

## Tuesday, November 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

12:00 p.m. † Delia Lopez - SJB Family  
**Health** Nicole Guerra - Family

## Wednesday, November 13 - ST. FRANCIS CABRINI

8:15 a.m. † Elena Garcia - SJB Family  
**Gift of Life** Alice Lozano - SJB Friends

## Thursday, November 14

12:00 p.m. † Mary Herrera - Family

## Friday, November 15

12:00 p.m. † Joe Ventura - Family



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

† Magdalena Zuniga

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.

We offer condolences to our parishioners and their families who have experienced loss of their loved ones:

† Juanita R. Guerrero  
 † Robert Jesus Gonzales



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6  
 Tue: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;  
 Lk 17:7-10  
 Wed: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19  
 Thu: Phil 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25  
 Fri: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37  
 Sat: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8  
 Sun: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
 Mk 13:24-32



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Our country has elected Donald G. Trump as our 47th president of the United States of America. This election process has brought tensions and anger from both sides. Our democracy allows us to express our opinion and respect others' opinion. We also are reminded as a nation that democracy is ruled by the majority. Election is a verdict by the majority. Once the results are made public the will of the people needs to be respected and honored even when the candidate you may have supported did not win. There is a reason this country is the best in the world because we accept the outcome of an election without killing each other. I invite each one of you to support our new president and pray so that the Lord will illuminate him in setting policies that will impact positively our nation and the whole world. We also pray for our vice president Kamala Harris and her supporters. May the Lord walk with them in this very difficult time of their earthly journey. May God bless the United States of America.

We thank all of you who journeyed with me on the pilgrimage to San Juan, Texas. May we continue to deepen our relationship with God in our daily life in prayers and actions of charity.

May God Bless you always,

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

### FEAST OF FAITH - CONCLUDING RITES

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an "official" part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! They would announcement coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate.

Today's parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning and community building. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community.





On Veteran’s Day we celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans and is an official United States holiday which honors all people who have served in the armed services.

We will honor and celebrate all veterans in our community and thank them for their service on Sunday, November 10th at the 11:00 am Mass. We are thankful for the sacrifices and the service of all veterans and their families.

**CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!**

Past, or present Altar Servers are invited to participate in a Celebration of our patron saint St. John Berchmans to be held on Sunday, November 17th, 2024 at the 11:00 am Mass. Altar Servers will be blessed during this Mass. A short fellowship will follow in the cafeteria, where we will partake of refreshments and recite the Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception, known as the “12 Stars.” Please join us.



**Sunday, November 10**

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

**Monday, November 11 - VETERAN’S DAY**

**Tuesday, November 12**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Wednesday, November 13**

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

**Thursday, November 14**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Friday, November 15**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Saturday, November 16**

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

**THE FEAST OF SHARING TRADITION CONTINUES!**

Our Parish is blessed to have a wonderful church, school and spiritual leader in Father Fidèle.

This year we have an opportunity to once again show our thanks by sharing our blessings with others. Brown bags will be distributed after all masses to collect food items and provide families in our community a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

Donations should be dropped off at the parish office between 10am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please turn in donation by Friday November 22, 2024.

Help is also needed in delivering the food bags to the families on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Dolores Guardiola (210) 380-0192, Ezmie Tamez (210) 355-7690 or the Parish Office (210) 434-3247.

Thank you for your continued support.

**GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

We are looking for individuals to volunteer for this important church ministry. Volunteer times are every other Friday and Monday from 3pm-5pm.

Please contact John Diaz at (210) 799-6927.

**SJB ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO**

DATE: Sunday, November 24, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 FOR 15 Games plus special

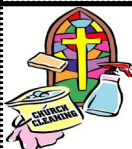
LOCATION: SJB Cafeteria



We have not received any prizes for the Super Special game so we are reaching out for your help. Perhaps you have gifts you’ve received and not using? We are glad to accept them as long as they are new items 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.



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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2024**  
**GUADALUPANAS**



**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.