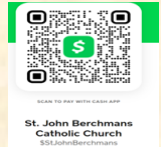


# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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

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## Parish Ministries

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Dora Duran

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## WORDS OF DARKNESS

We may feel uneasy about the end of the world for many reasons, especially considering the dramatic language that today's scriptures use to describe the last days. Rarely do our Sunday readings provoke us with descriptions of "tribulation" that is "unsurpassed in distress;" of the awakened dead who wallow in "everlasting horror and disgrace;" and of darkened heavens where "the stars will be falling from the sky." The end of the world unsettles us for another, more basic reason, too: we do not know when it is coming. The unknown can frighten us. Horror movies rely on that tendency to terrify moviegoers. Mystery and suspense thrillers fill us with anxiety while we await a resolution. We could rest easier and plan ahead, we like to think, if only we knew exactly when this final ordeal will beset humanity.

## WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

"Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus assures us in today's Gospel, "but my words will not pass away." Foreboding words about the end of the world may distress us, but Jesus' words bring us glory. Word-made-flesh, Jesus walked and talked among us. We have inherited his gospel. Jesus gave us the words of everlasting life so that we can look forward to his second coming with faith, hope, and love.

While we wait, the Lord accompanies us in word and sacrament. If we begin to feel anxious, Jesus is with us. We can turn to his words in the Bible and experience his closeness. If we are overwhelmed by our shortcomings and sins, we can participate in the liturgy and feel the intimacy of Jesus in the Eucharist and in one another. The world will end, certainly. But Jesus, the Word of God, has already conquered death. Jesus invites us be unafraid. Over and over again in the Gospels, Jesus says not to fear, offering instead his deep and lasting peace.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## PALABRAS DE OSCURIDAD

Por muchas razones podemos sentirnos intranquilos por el fin del mundo, especialmente considerando el lenguaje dramático de las Escrituras de hoy que describen los últimos días. Raramente nuestras lecturas del domingo nos provocan con descripciones de "tribulación" que es "insuperable en angustias" de los muertos que se revuelcan en "horror y desgracia eterna"; y de los cielos oscurecidos donde "las estrellas que caen del cielo". El fin del mundo también nos desestabiliza por otra razón, más básica, no sabemos cuándo va a suceder. Lo desconocido puede asustarnos. Las películas de terror dependen de esa tendencia para asustar a los cinéfilos. Las novelas de suspenso y misterio nos ponen ansiosos mientras esperamos un desenlace. Podemos descansar tranquilos y planificar el futuro, nos gusta pensar, si solo supiéramos exactamente cuándo esta dura prueba acosará a la humanidad.

## PALABRAS DE VIDA ETERNA

"Cielo y tierra pasarán", Jesús nos asegura en el Evangelio de hoy "pero mis palabras no pasarán". Las palabras premonitorias acerca del fin del mundo pueden angustiarnos, pero las palabras de Jesús nos dan gloria. La Palabra hecha carne, Jesús caminó y habló en medio de nosotros. Heredamos su Evangelio. Jesús nos dio palabras de vida eterna para que podamos esperar su segunda venida con fe, esperanza y amor.

Mientras esperamos, el Señor nos acompaña en palabra y Sacramento. Si comenzamos a sentirnos ansiosos, Jesús está con nosotros. Podemos volver a sus palabras en la Biblia y experimentar su cercanía. Si estamos abrumados por nuestros defectos y pecados, podemos participar en la liturgia y sentir la intimidad de Jesús en la Eucaristía y en los demás. Ciertamente el mundo tendrá un fin. Pero Jesús, la Palabra de Dios, ya ha vencido la muerte. Jesús nos invita a no tener miedo. Una y otra vez en los evangelios, Jesús dice no temer, ofreciéndonos en su lugar su paz profunda y eterna.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Dn 12:1-3; Sal 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mc 13:24-32



## 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 10, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$	642.00
9 AM Mass	-\$	879.00
11 AM Mass	-\$	1,695.00
Good Samaritans	-\$	463.00 2nd Coll.
Drop In/Mail In	-\$	805.00
Gift of Giving	-\$	216.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,700.64</b>

## SECOND COLLECTION ALTAR FLOWERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!

## 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Nov. 10, 2024	\$	216.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,079.74</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, November 16

5:00 p.m. † Anthony "Moose" Contreras - Friends  
† Roberto Jesus Gonzales - SJB Family

## Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Alfonso Grothues - Leonor Rodriguez  
† Joe Ventura - Family  
† Frank Rodriguez - Lupe Rodriguez  
† Elida Cardenas - Sister Lupe Rodriguez

### Health Gift of Life

Pat Covarrubias - Friends  
Victoria Sanchez - Family

11:00 a.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family  
† Carmen Paiz - Niece  
† Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas  
† Gregorio & Angie Ramirez - Family  
Souls in Purgatory - Gilbert Barrera

### Health

Anita C. Muñoz - Gabriel Muñoz

## Monday, November 18

## Tuesday, November 19

12:00 p.m. † Juanita R. Guerrero - SJB Family  
Health Deacon Jesus & Rosalinda Rodriguez

## Wednesday, November 20

8:15 a.m. † Lucy Sandoval - Family  
Gift of Life Steven Saucedo - Family

## Thursday, November 21 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:00 p.m. † Anthony Zapata - Family  
Health Lucio Vasquez - Family

## Friday, November 22 - ST CECILIA

12:00 p.m. † Vickie Valdez - SJB Family  
Gift of Life Anita C. Muñoz - Gabriel Muñoz



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

† Roberto Jesus Gonzales  
† Anthony Contreras

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: Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43  
Tue: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10  
Wed: Rev 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28  
Thu: Rev 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44  
Fri: Rev 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111;  
Lk 19:45-48  
Sat: Rev 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40  
Sun: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;  
Jn 18:33b-37

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As we end the fifth month (November) of our new fiscal year (7-1-2024 to 6-30-2025), I feel the urgency to inform you of the unique financial situation we find ourselves by the end of the fiscal year.

As you recall, during these past three years, we have been submitting insurance claims to the Archdiocese due to damages caused by the heavy and torrential hail and heavy rains of 2021. All of our claims were approved and the necessary repairs and replacements were addressed such as a new roof for the Church, School, and the Formation House. We also had a new floor done in the church. As it is in many cases, when liability claims are submitted, insurance premiums increase. Consequently, our Property/Liability insurance has been increasing yearly.

On July 1st, 2024, our Property/Liability Insurance premium increased from \$8,518 monthly, \$102,216 yearly to \$10,802 monthly, \$129,624 yearly. We have been able to upgrade our infrastructure with our insurance assistance; however with an insurance increase of \$2,284 monthly, \$27,408 yearly.

Also, in an effort to help the school increase their enrollments, I promised to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to each new child enrolled in our school this year. This campaign helped such interest that 34 new students registered for the academic year 2024-2025. The 5K Run I initiated in May, 2024 to raise the money to sponsor the new student initiative raised only \$11,000. Therefore, we will have to make up the additional \$23,000 to sponsor the 34 new student scholarships.

We had been able to manage and cover the usual expenses of the church such as the total cost of utilities for church, formation house and school; office/janitorial supplies; contracted services (plumbing/air conditioning/alarm security); and, salaries with the annual budget projection of parishioners contributions and all of our fundraisers, such as Annual Raffle, Turkey BINGO, Chicken/Sausage Plate and 5K Run. However, with this year's additional insurance premium increase of \$27,408 and the new student scholarships of \$24,000, we will be forced to dip into our savings substantially and withdraw funds in order to meet these obligations. We are also praying that no other new obligations arise!

I truly thank you for your generosity to your church and appeal to you to financially continue supporting your parish as you have been for many years and if possible, consider increasing your weekly donation.

May God Bless you,

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

**ENCOURAGEMENT**

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How does not knowing when the end will come change the way I live my life?



**Sunday, November 17**

9:00 a.m. MASS - Church  
11:00 a.m. MASS - Church  
Altar Server Fellowship - Cafeteria

**Monday, November 18**

**Tuesday, November 19**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Wednesday, November 20**

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

**Thursday, November 21**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Friday, November 22**

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

**Saturday, November 23**

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

**PILGRIMAGE TO EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS**

Are you interested in art, architecture and the Catholic history of San Antonio?

Join Fr. Fidèle on **Saturday, December 14th** on a pilgrimage to El Camino de San Antonio Missions. We will visit 5 missions and learn about the birth of our Catholic roots and history in San Antonio. The cost is \$30 per person and includes your pilgrim passport, special token and lunch.

For additional information or to register, please contact the parish office at (210) 434-3247. Thank you!

**THE FEAST OF SHARING TRADITION CONTINUES!**

Brown bags have been distributed 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 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.

**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 still need prizes for the Super Special game so we need 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.

Food, sweets and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets 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 23, 2024**

**ALTAR SERVERS/LITURGY COMMITTEE**



**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.