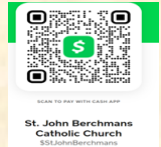


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Venmo

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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Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager
Andrew Solis, Bus Maintenance
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/Quinceañeras/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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IMAGINATIVE PRAYER

Today marks the end of our liturgical year. Set aside a few minutes to reflect on your relationship with Christ, our King. Relax, close your eyes, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your imagination.

Choose one quality of God shared in today's readings: power, eternity, or truth. Allow your heart and mind to explore this attribute. Perhaps, like the prophet Daniel, vivid images of God will appear. Maybe the word itself will resonate more and more deeply as you consider it. You might imagine faces of people you know whom God has gifted with that particular quality.

Breathe, and trust the Holy Spirit to show you something about God that will draw you closer to the divine. Continue to meditate like this as long as is comfortable.

IMAGINATIVE SERVICE

When you are ready to draw your few minutes of imaginative prayer to a close, ask God how you might serve Christ the King better in daily life. Challenge yourself to remain quiet and still while you wait to receive God's response.

Here are some questions that might inspire your conversation with the Lord.

Power

- In what ways do I have power over others?
- How responsibly do I use that power?
- Which people or situations make me feel powerless?
- How can I feel closer to you, Lord, in those moments?
- What can I do, Lord, to bring your power to the people and places I see every day?

Eternity

- How do I react when good relationships or experiences come to an end?
- How do I endure unpleasant situations that seem to last forever?
- What can I do, Lord, to bring your everlasting life into the things I must do each day?

Truth

- How important to me is telling the truth?
- How would I speak or act differently if you, Lord, were standing visibly by my side each day?
- What can I do, Lord, to testify to others that I believe in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Dan 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

ORACIÓN IMAGINATIVA

Hoy termina nuestro año litúrgico. Dedicamos unos minutos para reflexionar en tu relación con Cristo, nuestro Rey. Relájate, cierra tus ojos y pide al Espíritu Santo que guíe tu imaginación.

Elige una cualidad de Dios compartida en las lecturas de hoy: poder, eternidad o verdad. Permite que tu corazón y mente exploren este atributo. Quizá, como al profeta Daniel, aparecerán imágenes vividas de Dios. Tal vez la palabra misma resuene más y más profundamente a medida que la consideras. Podrías imaginar rostros de personas que conoces a quienes Dios les ha dado esa cualidad particular.

Respira y confía en el Espíritu Santo para mostrarte acerca de Dios y así te acerque más a lo divino. Continúa meditando así mientras te sientas cómodo.

SERVICIO IMAGINATIVO

Cuando estés listo para terminar tus pocos minutos de la oración imaginativa, pregúntale a Dios cómo podrías servir mejor a Cristo Rey en la vida diaria. Desafíate a ti mismo para permanecer en silencio y tranquilo mientras esperas recibir la respuesta de Dios.

Aquí hay algunas preguntas que podrían inspirar tu conversación con el Señor.

Poder

- ¿De qué maneras tengo poder sobre los demás?
- ¿Qué tan responsable uso ese poder?
- ¿Cuáles personas o situaciones me hacen sentir impotente? ¿Cómo puedo sentirme más cerca de ti, Señor, en esos momentos?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu poder a las personas y lugares que veo todos los días?

Eternidad

- ¿Cómo yo reacciono cuando las buenas relaciones o experiencias llegan a su fin?
- ¿Cómo enfrento situaciones desagradables que parecen durar para siempre? ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para llevar tu vida eterna a las cosas que debo hacer todos los días?

Verdad

- ¿Qué tan importante es para mí decir la verdad? ¿Cómo hablaría o actuaría de manera diferente si tú, Señor, estuvieras visiblemente a mi lado todos los días?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer, Señor, para dar testimonio de que creo en ti?

LECTURAS DE HOY: Dan 7:13-14; Sal 93:1-2, 5; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37



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	Rosa Moreno
Emma O. Velasquez	Lucy Treviño & Family	Roger Arizpe
Raymond Sarabia	Mickey S. Carrasco	Daniel Rodriguez
Julissa Rodriguez	Robert Prieto	Marisol Longoria-Parker
Miliana Bullock	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Jerry Salazar
Lydia Soriano	Mary Rose Cerda	Baby Ezra Rios
Robert Sanchez	Zander from WA.	Henry Castro
Vanessa Quintero	Henrietta Ramos	Socorro Castillo
Virginia R. Lucio	Cecilia Muñoz	Alexis Ramos
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Carmen Perez	Clarissa Ramos
Lori Bañuelos	Zachary Lopez	Nicole Guerra
Edith Flores	Joseph Vasquez	Michelle Tijerina
Isaiah Vasquez	Vanessa Gomez	

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 17, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$	485.00
9 AM Mass	-\$	754.00
11 AM Mass	-\$	1,235.00
Altar Flowers	-\$	332.00 2nd Coll.
Human Development Campaign	-\$	221.00 2nd Coll.
Drop In/Mail In	-\$	165.00
Gift of Giving	-\$	212.37
TOTAL	\$	3,404.37

SECOND COLLECTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Nov. 17, 2024	\$	212.37
TOTAL	\$	13,292.11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m. † Melba Smith - Joe Espinoza
Health John Martinez - Family

Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Zulema Fernandez - Sisters
 † Ernesto Rodriguez - Eva & Family
 † Esteban Galvan - Rodriguez Family

11:00 a.m. † Irene Lloyd - Liz Herrera
 † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
 † Gregorio & Angie Ramirez - Family
Health Anita C. Muñoz - Gabriel Muñoz

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

12:00 p.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero- Family
Gift of Life Deborah Maldonado - Sister Olivia


Wednesday, November 27

12:00 p.m. † Lucy Villarreal - SJB Family
 † Esther Guevara - SJB Family

Thursday, November 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 a.m. † Ginny Cruz - Cruz Family
 † Isidro Mata - Kimberly & Khloey
Health Linda Campbell - Cruz Family
In Thanksgiving Jose & Jesus Families

Friday, November 29 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

 **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE
 TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:**
John Martinez
Familia Velez
Monica Rodriguez

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: Rv 14:1-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
 Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
 Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Ps 100:1-5
 Lk 21:20-28
 Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-5,8a; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

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

† Linda Juarez



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity and wish each one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving celebration.

Please thank God for the gift of life and consider spending time with your family, friends and loved ones.

The applications for Christmas gift of giving are available in the Parish Office and in the foyer of the church. Please fill out the application and return it to me as soon as possible. We have up to \$10,000 to be given out to our parishioners in need. Thank you to my parishioners for their year round generosity and assistance in achieving this remarkable amount of \$10,000.

Today, November 24th, 2024, we celebrate Christ the King, the King of the Universe. Christ the King feast marks the end of the Liturgical Year B. We have begun the preparation for the second coming of the Lord and celebration of His birthday in our midst. Please consult your liturgical calendar for the celebrations and events scheduled during this coming Advent time and Christmas.

I am asking for your generosity to provide us with children's presents for Christmas. The Evangelization team will be walking in the neighborhoods and sharing Christmas presents with children. Please consider buying children gifts ranging from toddler through the age of 11 years. If you would be kind enough to wrap the gifts and specify the gender and age of the child on the top. I will be playing Santa and we hope to distribute 600 gifts. You may also buy gift cards in increments of \$10 from either Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, Whataburger, Subway, Pizza Hut, etc. for teenagers ranging from 12 years through 17 years.

Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you,

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

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart, I will be found by you says the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

THANKSGIVING

We thank God for the gift of life, for our families, friends, country, city, community, parish and one another. Please do not take for granted all the blessings bestowed upon us. Everyday is a blessing and gift from God.

Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, 2024.**

Regular office hours will **resume on Monday, December 2nd at 9 a.m.**

REMINDER: Parishioners who wish to have their bread blessed for their Thanksgiving meals are asked to bring them to the 10 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH & DECEMBER 1ST. CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

REMINDER TO SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Drawing date is set for **Wednesday, December 25, 2024,** please help us by doing your part to sell your raffle tickets.

Remember this will be our last fundraiser for the year and will go directly to the church to help us with our financial debt.



Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 2:00 p.m. TURKEY BINGO - School Cafeteria

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, November 27

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Thursday, November 28 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 a.m. BILINGUAL MASS - Church

Friday, November 29 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 30 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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



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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and on this day, we contemplate the kingship of Jesus our Redeemer.

We gather in our churches this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to worship Christ our King. We celebrate the memorial of His death and resurrection. The King of the Universe comes to us under the humble forms of bread and wine to nourish us with his true Body and Blood. Our Eucharistic King strengthens us to overcome evil with good, and hatred and violence with forgiveness and love.

May we serve, honor, and obey Him in our daily lives. May Christ's peace reign in your hearts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 1, 2024 at 2 pm

Guadalupe Federation Mass @ St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7 PM

Advent Talk - Sally Gomez

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.

BE A VITA VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides San Antonio families with free tax preparation to pave the way for a secure and self sufficient future. Training via Zoom or in person. Seeking volunteers during tax season from January-April at various locations in San Antonio. Interested? Contact us at (210) 355-0049.



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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED
NOVEMBER 30, 2024
VIGIL TEAM**