

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

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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:

Monday and Friday; 3pm - 5pm

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JANUARY 12, 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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BAPTIZED WITH THE SPIRIT

In today's Gospel according to Luke, when John the Baptist clarified that he was not the expected Messiah, the Christ, he distinguished his baptism with water from the baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" that would be offered by Jesus.

John's baptism with water signified the surrender of one's own agenda and the opening of one's heart to God. The baptism with fire and Spirit describes God's power entering and transforming the human heart. When Jesus was baptized in water, he publicly displayed his own full commitment to following God's path for him. When the Spirit descended upon Jesus, he was empowered to begin his work. In effect, Jesus received both kinds of baptism described by John. He would go on to "baptize" those whose hearts were open through his ministry, death, and resurrection. Later, at Pentecost, the new community received a "baptism" of Spirit with tongues of fire.

TRINITY AND BAPTISM

This week's Gospel not only tells of Jesus' baptism, but dramatically describes God as the Holy Trinity: Jesus in prayer, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father's voice from heaven. The nascent church linked its earliest understanding of God as Trinity to Baptism as the initiation into Christian life and community. New Christians were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Jesus was proclaimed Beloved by his Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission. Mission is a sending; to accept a mission is to be sent. After his ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus' mission continued through the Spirit beginning at Pentecost. The Father sent the Son and Spirit, who together now send the church into the world. Baptism, then, is the sending of the newly baptized to join the Trinity in this mission. We the baptized are empowered to proclaim that all are God's beloved. Our triune God is already ahead of us in the world, inviting our participation.

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10 ; Acts 10:34-38

BAUTIZADOS CON EL ESPÍRITU

En el Evangelio de Lucas de hoy, cuando Juan el Bautista aclara que él no es el esperado Mesías, el Cristo, él distingue su bautismo con agua del bautismo "con el Espíritu Santo y fuego" que Jesús va a ofrecer.

El bautismo de Juan con agua significa la renuncia a nuestros intereses y la apertura de nuestro corazón a Dios. El bautismo con fuego y Espíritu describe al poder de Dios entrando y transformando el corazón humano. Cuando Jesús fue bautizado con agua, él públicamente manifestó su compromiso total a seguir el camino de Dios para él. Cuando el Espíritu desciende sobre Jesús, él fue fortalecido para empezar su ministerio. En efecto, Jesús recibió ambos tipos de bautismo descritos por Juan. Él iría a "bautizar" a aquellas personas cuyo corazón estuvieran abiertos durante su ministerio, muerte y resurrección. Después, en Pentecostés, la nueva comunidad recibió un "bautismo" de Espíritu con lenguas de fuego.

LA TRINIDAD Y EL BAUTISMO

El Evangelio de esta semana no solo cuenta el bautismo de Jesús, sino que describe extraordinariamente a Dios como la Santísima Trinidad: Jesús en oración, el Espíritu Santo descendiendo y la voz del Padre desde el cielo. La Iglesia naciente asoció su interpretación de Dios como la Trinidad y el Bautismo como la iniciación a la vida cristiana y a la comunidad. Los nuevos cristianos eran bautizados en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Jesús fue proclamado como el amado por su Padre y fortalecido por el Espíritu Santo para empezar su misión. La misión es un envío, aceptar una misión es aceptar ser enviado. Después de su ministerio, muerte, resurrección y ascensión, la misión de Jesús continuó por medio del Espíritu empezando en Pentecostés. El Padre envió al Hijo y al Espíritu, quienes juntos ahora envían a la Iglesia al mundo. El Bautismo, entonces, es el envío de los nuevos bautizados a unirse a la Trinidad en su misión. Nosotros los bautizados estamos fortalecidos para proclamar que todos somos los amados por Dios. Nuestro Dios trino ya está



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Gloria Rubio	Rosa Moreno
Marty Carrera Tobias	Rebecca Zuniga	Roger Arizpe
Frances Lozano	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Daniel Rodriguez
Irma Urias	Angie Canales	Marisol Longoria-Parker
Mary S. Martinez	Rosie Gallegos	Jerry Salazar
Galilea Romero	Richard Santoyo	Baby Ezra Rios
Iris Luna Sullivan	Mickey S. Carrasco	Henry Castro
Emma O. Velasquez	Robert Prieto	Socorro Castillo
Raymond Sarabia	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Alexis Ramos
Julissa Rodriguez	Mary Rose Cerda	Clarissa Ramos
Miliana Bullock	Zander from WA.	Nicole Guerra
Lydia Soriano	Henrietta Ramos	Bryan Ramos
Robert Sanchez	Cecilia Muñoz	Daniel Vasquez, Jr.
Vanessa Quintero	Vanessa Gomez	Valerie Vigil
Virginia R. Lucio	Robert Treviño	Lillie Velez
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Sulema Hernandez	Leticia Isaac
Lori Bañuelos	Lucio Vasquez	Isaac Isaac
Edith Flores	Buddy Ochoa	Janie Mireles
Isaiah Vasquez	Cristina Santoyo	

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 JANUARY 5, 2025

5 PM Mass	-\$ 1,023.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 1,160.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,409.00
New Year's Day	-\$ 1,100.00
Capital Improvements	-\$ 712.00 2nd Coll
Mail In	-\$ 715.00
On Line	-\$ 250.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 208.39
TOTAL	\$ 6,577.39

SECOND COLLECTION GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

2025 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending, Jan. 5, 2025	\$ 208.39
NEW BALANCE	\$ 2,709.91

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family
 † Roger & Elida Garcia - Family

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. † Aurora Terrazas - Angelita Canales
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
 † Jaime Esteban Lopez - Oralia Cantu
 † Sister Regina I. Belleza -
 Sister Leonor Rodriguez
 † Victoria Galvan - Daughter Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. † Daniel Lizalde - Patty Lizalde
 † Isidro Mata - Kimberly & Koko
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family
 † M/M Felipe & Guadalupe Saldaña - Family
 † Alfred Marin - Alfred & Adolfo Marin

Monday, January 13 - ST. HILARY

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. † Raul & Carmen Iruegas - SJB Family
 Health Joe & Rosemary Vasquez - SJB Family

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m. † Angelica H. Alfaro - SJB Family

Thursday, January 16

12:00 p.m. † Sarah Castañeda - SJB Family

Friday, January 17 - ST. ANTHONY

12:00 p.m. † Joseph & Dolores Crittell- SJB Family

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

† Teresa Silva Riojas



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Lucio Vasquez
 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: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1-9; Mk 1:14-20
 Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-9; Mk 1:21-28
 Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thu: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sun: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

My heartfelt gratitude to everyone who honored me with a present, cards, phone calls and token of appreciation this Christmas. These kind thoughts made the holidays extra special. May God Bless you always.

We have been blessed with health, family, love, faith and the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. I pray each one of you finds joy, love and peace in 2025. I love you and wish you the best in 2025!

I invite you to our friendly competition that intends to improve our health. You can register anytime to lose to lose weight and enhance your health. You are given a year until next Christmas to lose weight. If you lose 10 pounds, you will be awarded a \$50 VISA gift card. For any additional 10 pound loss, a \$50 VISA card will be given to the person. Great luck is offered to each participant. May God walk by our side as we continue improving our health. May the year 2025 improve our relationship with God and our brothers and sisters.

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Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does my baptism affect the way I live my life? Does prayer help guide me?

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m. SCHOOL MASS - Church
2:00 p.m. 15 Minutes with Fr. Fidèle
10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions - Formation House

Thursday, January 16

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, January 17

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Saturday, January 18

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

POPE FRANCIS' NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.
- 2) Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.
- 3) Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.
- 4) Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.
- 5) Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.
- 6) Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.
- 7) Be careful of envy, lust hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.
- 8.) Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.
- 9) Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY - ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

Are you struggling with the incarceration of a loved one? Join other families who share your same struggle for an inspiring time of fellowship and spiritual reflection and renewal.

Saturday, February 8, 2025 8am-1:30pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Serenity Center

1204 Castrovilla Rd. Cost: Free

Retreat will include Holy Mass, Group Sharing, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Success stories, and other important topics. **Questions:**

Contact Grace Rodriguez at 210) 734-1643.



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULED

JANUARY 18, 2025

HOSPITALITY



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.