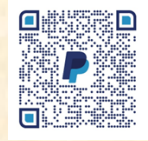


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Venmo

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:

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Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager
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Olivia Santoyo, Bulletin Editor
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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:

Monday and Friday; 3pm - 5pm

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JANUARY 19, 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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EPIPHANY—AGAIN?

Two weeks ago, Christians celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord, or the revelation of God's light to the world, in the visit of the magi to the Christ child. In other centuries, the wedding at Cana was also included in the Epiphany, as were other events, such as the baptism of Jesus and even the Nativity itself. We now have separate, yearly celebrations of the Nativity, the magi, and Jesus' baptism, but this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, in Year C of the Lectionary cycle, is the only celebration of the wedding at Cana. Even so, wedding imagery seems to dominate the Church's understanding of those other epiphanies, as we see in the antiphon used in the Liturgy of the Hours for the Epiphany. It refers to the Christ as the Bridegroom and the Church as his bride, and to the magi as hastening with their gifts to the royal wedding. It concludes with the rejoicing of the wedding guests.

SIGNS IN JOHN—EPIPHANIES OF THE ROYAL WEDDING

John the Evangelist describes the turning of water into wine at the wedding in Cana as "the beginning" of the signs that Jesus would perform to manifest God's glory. "Beginning" here means more than first in a series. "The beginning" points to the source of all the signs in that "royal wedding" of divinity and humanity in Jesus as the Word become flesh, elevating and transforming everything it touches. The wine that Jesus provided was better than the water that had previously filled the stone jars, and it was better than the wine the guests had already been drinking.

Early Christian writers saw in this transformation of water into wine an anticipation of Jesus' transformation of wine into his own blood. The epiphany at Cana shows us how to become participants in that great wedding of divinity and humanity. Cleansed in holy waters and sharers in the wine that has become Christ's blood, we too can be transformed into signs of God's glorious love.

Today's Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

EPIFANÍA, OTRA VEZ?

Hace dos semanas, los cristianos celebramos la Epifanía del Señor, o la manifestación de la luz de Dios en el mundo, en la visita de los magos a Cristo niño. En otros siglos, la boda de Cana también estaba incluida en la Epifanía, al igual que otros eventos, como el bautismo de Jesús e incluso la misma Navidad. Nosotros ahora las hemos separado, celebraciones anuales de la Navidad, los magos y el bautismo de Jesús, pero este Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario en el año C del leccionario, es la única celebración de la boda de Cana. Aun así, imágenes de boda parece dominar la comprensión de la Iglesia de esas otras epifanías, así como las vemos en la antifona que usamos en la Liturgia de las Horas para la Epifanía. Esta antifona se refiere a Cristo como el novio y la Iglesia como la novia, y los magos apurándose a dar sus regalos al matrimonio real. Termina con el júbilo de los invitados a la boda.

LOS SIGNOS EN JUAN—LAS EPIFANÍAS DEL MATRIMONIO

REAL Juan el evangelista describe la conversión de agua en vino en la boda de Cana como "el comienzo" de los signos que Jesús realizaría para manifestar la gloria de Dios. "El comienzo" aquí significa más que lo primero en una serie. "El comienzo" señala al origen de todos los signos en que el "matrimonio real" de la divinidad y la humanidad en Jesús como la Palabra hecha carne, elevando y transformando todo lo que toca. El vino que Jesús proporciona fue mejor que el agua con previamente había llenado las ánforas, y era mucho mejor que el vino que los invitados ya habían estado tomando.

Los primeros escritores cristianos vieron en esta transformación del agua en vino una anticipación de la transformación de Jesús al vino de su propia sangre. La epifanía en Cana nos muestra cómo hacernos colaboradores en esa gran boda de la divinidad y humanidad. Limpios en las aguas sagradas y divididos en el vino en el que la sangre de Jesús se ha convertido, nosotros también podemos ser transformados en signos del amor glorioso de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: 62:1-5; Sal 96:1-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Gloria Rubio	Daniel Rodriguez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Rebecca Zuniga	Marisol Longoria-Parker
Frances Lozano	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Jerry Salazar
Irma Urias	Angie Canales	Baby Ezra Rios
Mary S. Martinez	Rosie Gallegos	Henry Castro
Galilea Romero	Richard Santoyo	Socorro Castillo
Iris Luna Sullivan	Mickey S. Carrasco	Alexis Ramos
Emma O. Velasquez	Robert Prieto	Clarissa Ramos
Raymond Sarabia	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Nicole Guerra
Julissa Rodriguez	Mary Rose Cerda	Bryan Ramos
Miliana Bullock	Zander from WA.	Daniel Vasquez, Jr.
Lydia Soriano	Henrietta Ramos	Valerie Vigil
Robert Sanchez	Cecilia Muñoz	Lillie Velez
Vanessa Quintero	Vanessa Gomez	Leticia Isaac
Virginia R. Lucio	Robert Treviño	Isaac Isaac
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Sulema Hernandez	Janie Mireles
Lori Bañuelos	Lucio Vasquez	Bobby Gallegos II
Edith Flores	Buddy Ochoa	
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 12, 2025

5 PM Mass	-\$	860.00
9 AM Mass	-\$	793.00
11 AM Mass	-\$	1,344.00
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$	520.00 2nd Coll
Mail In	-\$	620.00
On Line	-\$	25.00
Gift of Giving	-\$	226.00
TOTAL	\$	5,149.00

SECOND COLLECTION

ALTAR FLOWERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED

2025 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending, Jan. 12, 2025	\$	226.00
NEW BALANCE	\$	2,935.91

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m. † Henry Vidal- Janie Vidal
 † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
Health Monica Rodriguez - Sweet Family
Gift of Life Greg Dominick - Sweet Family
Gift of Life Irma Sweet - Sweet Family
Gift of Life Leslie Villarreal - Sweet Family
Gift of Life Maria Enriquez - Socorro & Raquel

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita Canales
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Jaime Esteban Lopez - Oralia Cantu
 † Kathy Vidal - Family

 11:00 a.m. † Daniel Lizalde - Patty Lizalde
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family
 † M/M Felipe & Guadalupe Saldaña - Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Kathy Vidal - Tias
 † M/M Gregorio & Angie Ramirez - Daughter

Monday, January 20 - ST. FABIAN

Tuesday, January 21 - ST. AGNES

12:00 p.m. † Frances Ramirez - SJB Family
Gift of Life Libby Sanchez - Socorro & Raquel

Wednesday, January 22

8:15 a.m. † Alice Rodriguez - SJB Family

Thursday, January 23

12:00 p.m. † Infant Oliver J. Garza- SJB Family

Friday, January 24 - ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

12:00 p.m. † Jose Z. Castillo, Jr. - Family

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

† Alice Rodriguez



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

† Angie Ramirez
 † Frances 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 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tue: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-10; Mk 2:23-28
 Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thu: Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Fri: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85: 8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Sat: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
 Sun: Neh 8:2-10; Ps 19:8-15; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I will be taking my annual vacation on Monday, January 27th through Thursday, February 27th, 2025. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend some needed time with my family and my Grandson Fidelito, who will be celebrating one year and 4 months on February 1, 2025. God is great, all the time.

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! May Jesus Christ become the center of our lives. A true happiness is only found in our Lord Jesus Christ.


I invite you to our friendly competition that intends to improve our health. You can register anytime 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. Remember, the deadline for our friendly competition is on Friday, January 31, 2025. May the year 2025 improve our relationship with God and our brothers and sisters.

Olivia Santoyo will represent St. John Berchmans community as a recipient of this years Lumen Gentium Award at St. Mark Catholic Church on Monday, February 3rd, 2025. Please extend your gratitude to her for her ministry to St. John Berchmans community. I will continue to recognize our leaders for their commitment and loyalty to St. John Berchmans. A plaque has been awarded to each one of them in appreciation for their dedication to the church in support for its saving mission and grace.

Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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THE ECUMENICAL CENTER
FOR
 EDUCATION. COUNSELING. HEALTH.

LIFE AFTER LOSS PROGRAM
 The Ecumenical Center is designed to help people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that is healing. It provides a place to share experience and to support one another.

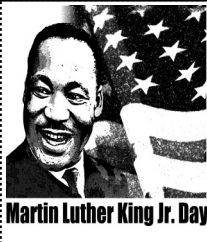
Each six-week session is a combination of teaching, discussion, and learning activities. It is led by trained facilitators with knowledge of bereavement and grief support, the session are open to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and there is no charge for the program.

DATE: February 11, 2025 - March 18, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8PM

THE ECUMENICAL CENTER
 8310 Ewing Halsell Drive
 San Antonio, Tx 78229

Website: ecrh.org
Phone: (210) 616-0885f



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 21. Have a safe holiday!

**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL
HOSTING
ANNUAL BBQ PLATE SALE**



DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
PLATE PICK UP TIME: 11AM - 4PM
LOCATION: SJB SCHOOL CAFETERIA,
1147 CUPPLES ROAD, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78226
COST: \$10.00 PER PLATE

Desserts and Drinks available for purchase
Tickets are available at the school.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SJB SCHOOL
Thank you for your support of our School!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I challenged to live my life differently?
Can I recognize the Spirit when I am challenged to change?

**WEEKLY
EVENTS**

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 21

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, January 22

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

2:00 p.m. 15 Minutes with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, January 23

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, January 24

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Saturday, January 25

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

POPE FRANCIS REFLECTS ON "3 VERBS" TO GUIDE THE FAITHFUL

The Holy Father reflects on three verbs, which guide not only the Confraternity, but all Christian faithful": Adore, Serve and Walk.

In regards to "Adoration", the Pope urged worship of the Blessed Sacrament. He encouraged the cultivation of prayer, both private and in communion with others.

In regards to "Service", the Pope explained that each time we care for the poor or the sick and each time we accompany those experiencing suffering, this is a service to the Lord.

In his final reflection, on the verb "Walk" he reminded that Jesus is the Way and we are called to persevere as we follow Christ's path. It is during this earthy pilgrimage that we are tasked with keeping the torch of faith alight.

**JANUARY 22ND A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE
CALLED THE "DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN"**

Millions of abortions since 1973 reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and gain in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

**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 25, 2025
CYO**



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.