

# 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*

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

**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)

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

**Baptisms/Quinceañera/Sweet 16:**  
Please contact office for more information

**Baptism Classes:**  
Please contact office for more information

**Weddings:**  
Father Anthony Male, Pastor  
Please make an appointment  
six months in advance.

**CCD:**  
Sunday 9:30am – 12 Noon

**Good Samaritans of SJB:**  
Monday and Friday; 3pm - 5pm  
Every Other Week

**SJB School:**  
Nora Garcia, Principal - 210-433-0411

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**ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:**  
**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:**  
**CHOIRS:**  
Saturday 5pm Choir  
Sunday 9am Choir  
Sunday 11am Choir  
**CYO:**  
**CAFETERIA:**  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
**GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:**

**GUADALUPANAS:**  
**FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :**  
**HOSPITALITY:**  
**J.O.Y. MINISTRY:**

**LECTORS:**  
**LITURGY COMMITTEE:**  
**OCIA/OCIC:**  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL:**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION :**  
**ROSARY MAKERS:**  
**VIGIL TEAM:**

## ONLINE GIVING

We are partnering with **ParishSOFT Giving** and the Archdiocese of San Antonio to help you with online contributions to our church. This would be done automatically from your checking account or credit card, just as you do now with other payments.

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- Simply visit [giving.parishsoft.com/giving/sjbsanantonio](http://giving.parishsoft.com/giving/sjbsanantonio)
- Text "Give" to 210-934-0959 or
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to go directly to our parish's online giving page. From there, you can give a one-time or recurring offering, and set up your account from the "Sign in" tab.



**FEBRUARY 22, 2026 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY**

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

**CONFÍA EN LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS**

"Ten piedad, Señor, porque hemos pecado". El estribillo del Salmo responsorial de hoy da voz a nuestra convicción de que Dios es bueno y nos recuerda que podemos confiar en la misericordia de Dios mientras afrontamos nuestro pecado, buscamos el perdón y nos proponemos evitar pecar en el futuro. Cuanto más profundamente crecemos en nuestra relación con Cristo, más seguros estamos del amor de Dios. Arraigados en este amor, podemos admitir nuestros fallos y confiar en que Dios siempre desea estar cerca de nosotros, atrayéndonos hacia la vida abundante. La Cuaresma es un buen momento para buscar la misericordia y el perdón de Dios en el sacramento de la reconciliación. Podemos animarnos con la seguridad de que el perdón espera a nuestro corazón arrepentido.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Sal 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



**Please Pray for the Sick**

**Prayer List Updates**



Sarah Contreras	Mickey S. Carrasco	Armando Cantu
Frances Lozano	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Tere Peña
Mary S. Martinez	Henrietta Ramos	Irma Brunn
Galilea Romero	Cristina Santoyo	Olga Serna
Iris Luna Sullivan	Marisol Longoria-Parker	Ruben Martinez
Emma O. Velasquez	Jerry Salazar	Oralia Rodriguez
Raymond Sarabia	Baby Ezra Rios	Monica Rodriguez
Miliana Bullock	Socorro Castillo	Daniel Vasquez
Robert Sanchez	Valerie Vigil	Leticia Martinez
Vanessa Quintero	Baby Wade Trinidad	Jesusita Fischer
Virginia R. Lucio	Simon Peter Jesus Garcia	Nicole Guerra
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Danny Flores	Dora Duran
Lori Bañuelos	Baby Marlon	James R. Navarro
Edith Flores	Sara McCumba Garcia	Gloria Gil
Isaiah Vasquez	Robyn Pesina	Leonard Rodriguez
Gloria Rubio	Reymundo Padilla	Guadalupe Gomez
Angie Canales	Juan G. Valenzuela	Benito Tenorio
Rosie Gallegos		
Richard 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.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 21st and 22nd**

	<b><u>Commentator</u></b>	<b><u>1st Lector</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Lector</u></b>
5pm	Juan Piña	Sylvia Lore	Brandon Pesqueda
9am	Chayo Gomez	Xanthia Hernandez	Oralia Cantu
11am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		

**FEBRUARY 28th & MARCH 1st**

	<b><u>Commentator</u></b>	<b><u>1st Lector</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Lector</u></b>
5pm	John Diaz	Annie Salinas	Angie Diaz
9am	Raul Gomez	Denise Gomez	Andrew Solis
11am	Laly Arocha	CYO	CYO

**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL**

**2025-2026 CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHARITABLE LIFE INSURANCE WINNERS**

Grand Prize winner of \$20,000 pre-paid VISA gift card is Bryan Cepak from Grand Prairie, Texas.

We are pleased to announce the lucky winner from our parish community, is Marissa Cardenas, and will be presented with a \$1,000 Visa Gift Card.

Thank you all again for your participation and for the meaningful impact you continue to make.

A full list of winners will be posted on our website at [cliu.com/membership/](http://cliu.com/membership/).



**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK**  
**ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>ENVELOPES</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
5:00 PM	\$ 950.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 1,107.00
9:00 AM	\$ 541.00	\$ 141.00	\$ 682.00
11:00 AM	\$ 725.00	\$ 470.84	\$ 1,195.84
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	\$	\$	\$ 1,093.51
<b>GOOD SAMARITANS</b>		\$	\$ 133.00
<b>MAIL IN/DROP OFF</b>	\$		\$ 330.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 4,541.35</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026**  
**ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG BLACK**  
**AND NATIVE AMERICANS**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, February 21

5:00 p.m. † Pedro B. Martinez - Family  
† Elida Rocha - Olivia Lopez  
† Brandon Peña - Sylvia & Ken Lore  
† Henry Vidal - Family  
† Joe Villanueva - Family  
† Elisa Leal Flores - Family  
† Cruz Villarreal - Sweet Family  
† Elodia Gallegos - Sweet Family  
**Gift of Life** Ruben Maldonado - Lopez Family

## Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. † Felicitas Juarez - Angelita T. Canales  
† Guadalupe Chapa Garcia - Family  
† Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family  
**Healing of** Dora Duran - SJB Family

11:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Family  
† Suzanne & Lily Gutierrez - Salinas Family  
† Josefa Ledesma - Family

## Tuesday, February 24

12:00 p.m. † Ruben James Garza - Family

## Wednesday, February 25

8:15 a.m. † Mary Rose Cerda - SJB Family

## Thursday, February 26

12:00 p.m. † Eva Dominguez - Family

## Friday, February 27

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community  
**Healing of** Monica Rodriguez - SJB Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tue: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8B-10; Mt 17:1-9

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that began on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. The giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

The baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. During this time, we recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began a new life in Christ.

**Blessings,  
Fr. Anthony**



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

**For the Hungry, the Homeless and  
the Unemployed**

**For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026 - 10 AM**  
**Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House**

**Thursday, February 26, 2026 - 6 PM -HOLY HOUR**  
 Ministry Assigned - CYO/ALTAR SRVRS/YOUTH

**Friday, Feb. 27 - 6 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 Ministry Assigned: CYO/ALTAR SRVRS/YOUTH

**Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 - CHURCH CLEANING Assigned- Martinez/Santoyo families**



**GUADALUPANA MEAT BINGO**

**DATE:** Sunday, March 8, 2026

**TIME:** 1pm to 4pm.

**COST:** \$10 for 15 games

**2026 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You call us to be *Courageous in Christ*—to encounter Your Son in every person, to unite as one family of faith, and to serve one another with love.

Grant us the courage to open our hearts to the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. Strengthen us to walk together as Your Church, building up the kingdom here in our archdiocese, and proclaiming the Gospel with joy.

Bless the generous hearts who support the mission of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. May their gifts be multiplied with abundant grace, bringing hope to families, healing to the broken, and light to those in darkness.

Lord, make us steadfast in faith, bold in charity, and joyful in service. May we always live as disciples who are *Courageous in Christ*, trusting that Your Spirit guides us, and Your love sustains us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**COME AND JOIN US STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM DURING LENT**

Stations of the Cross

When was the last time you prayed the Stations of the Cross in Church?

This is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

When you pray the Stations of the Cross you are tracing the footsteps of Christ, in his journey from being condemned to death to his resurrection.

In knowing that our Lord and Savior died such a violent death for love of us, meditating on the Stations of the Cross becomes an experience where one can unite with Christ. This meditation allows you to contemplate Christ's suffering and His victory of sin and Satan.



**SJB MENS CLUB**

Come join us for a day of casino fun. The SJB Men's Club is taking reservations and payments for a casino bus trip to Kickapoo in Eagle Pass on **Saturday March 14**. The \$40 fee guarantees your seat. The bus will depart from SJB @ 7 am and return at 7pm. For more information contact:

Tomas Torres @ 210-313-4204  
 John Diaz @ 210-799-6927

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