

# 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

## Parish Office Staff:

• Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor •

Stella Rico, Secretary  
Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager  
Andrew Solis, Bus Maintenance  
Christine McWilliams, WebMaster/ FB

Connie Peché, Family Records  
Joan Orosco, Sacristan/Bereavement  
Kathy Flores, 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

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

## Parish Ministries

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**MARCH 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## March 31, 2024

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### GONE

Acts gives us the whole story in a nutshell. Jesus was baptized, anointed, and preached. He was crucified, died, and rose. Each line of the Gospel gives us a bit more information about this unfolding mystery that Mary of Magdala, John, and Simon Peter are encountering. First, Mary comes and sees just the stone removed from the entrance to the tomb and knows something is wrong. Then John comes and sees the burial cloths lying in the tomb. Finally, Peter comes and enters the tomb and sees the cloths spread around the tomb. But there is no body. What are they to do? What are we to do?

### BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Do they understand it all? Do we understand it? No. Not even Jesus' closest friends knew what to make of his absence. But this absence, the absence of his body, does not feel like the loss we experienced on Friday as we recalled his painful, agonizing death. Then we felt loss and fear and a profound emptiness. But his absence today fills us with hope and joy and a peace we only feel when the one we thought was lost is found again. We believe even without understanding because we experience not just his death but his whole life, a life that, as the disciples and we will soon realize, is transformed. We can believe that what Jesus said is true. Every word he spoke about his life and death, about his love for us and for the Father, every transformation of water to wine, every curing of the sick of body and soul, every day spent in the company of outcasts and the poor, every word of comfort and challenge, all of it is true because not even death itself could hold our beloved friend within a tomb.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 10:34a, 37--43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

### SE FUE

Los hechos de los apóstoles nos cuentan la historia completa en pocas palabras. Jesús fue bautizado, ungido y predicó. Él fue crucificado, murió y resucitó. Cada frase del Evangelio nos da un poco más de información acerca del misterio de esta revelación que María Magdalena, Juan y Simón Pedro están siendo testigos. Primero, María viene y ve solamente la piedra que ha sido removida de la entrada de la tumba y se da cuenta que algo no está bien. Luego, Juan viene y ve la mortaja ahí sobre la tumba. Finalmente, Pedro viene y entra a la tumba y ve la mortaja que está esparcida sobre la tumba. Pero el cuerpo no está. ¿Qué es lo que van a hacer ellos? ¿Qué es lo que vamos a hacer nosotros?

### PERO NO SE OLVIDA

¿Ellos entienden todo esto? No, ni siquiera los seguidores más cercanos a Jesús sabían que hacer en su ausencia. Pero esta ausencia, la ausencia de su cuerpo, no se siente como la perdida que experimentamos el viernes si recordamos su dolorosa y agonizante muerte. Lo que sentimos es una perdida, miedo y profundo vacío. Pero su ausencia hoy nos llena con esperanza, alegría y paz, eso que solo sentimos cuando aquel que creíamos perdido lo volvemos a encontrar. Creemos sin que necesitemos entender, por que experimentamos no solo su muerte, sino toda su vida, una vida que, como los discípulos y nosotros pronto conoceremos, es transformada. Podemos creer que aquello que Jesús dijo fue verdad. Cada palabra que él dijo acerca de su vida y muerte, acerca de su amor hacia nosotros y por el Padre, cada cambio de agua en vino, cada sanación de un enfermo de cuerpo y alma, cada día que pasamos en la compañía de los marginados y los pobres, cada palabra de consuelo y desafío, todo esto es verdad porque aún la misma muerte no podría mantener a nuestro amigo amado dentro de la tumba.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Hch 10:34a, 37--43; Sal 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



### Please Pray for the Sick

#### Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Isaiah Vasquez	Lucy Treviño & Family
Marty Carrera Tobias	Esther Nicholson	Mickey S. Carrasco
Frances Lozano	Valerie Vigil	Robert Prieto
Irma Urias	Rosemary Flores	Elizabeth Rose Valdez
Mary S. Martinez	Anthony Ramirez	Muñoz Family
Galilea Romero	Carmen Garza	Mary Rose Cerda
Iris Luna Sullivan	Gloria Rubio	Zander from WA.
Emma O. Velasquez	Lisa Brown	Pete Muñoz
Kenny De La Rosa	Rebecca Zuniga	Mary Alice Vasquez
Raymond Sarabia	Rosa Elva Villaseñor	Terry Herrera
Julissa Rodriguez	Lupe Gomez	Rosa Castoreno
Miliana Bullock	Angie Canales	Henrietta Ramos
Lydia Soriano	Joseph Kavanaugh	Cecilia Muñoz
Robert Sanchez	Rosie Gallegos	Maria Dorado
Vanessa Quintero	Maritza Garcia	Jose Calderon
Virginia R. Lucio	Liam Adrian Martinez	Carmen Perez
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Michael P. Ramirez	
Lori Bañuelos	Alfred Marin	
Edith Flores	Maria Martinez	

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 MARCH 24, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 883.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$ 1,008.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,643.00	
Religious Education	-\$ 615.00	2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$ 545.00	
On Line	-\$ 86.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 261.37	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,041.37</b>	



### SECOND COLLECTION

**MARCH 30-31, 2024**

**RICE BOWL & ALTAR LINEN**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### 2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending March 24, 2024	\$ 261.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,616.43</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, March 30 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. † Mary Herrera - Socorro & Raquel  
 † Diamantina Garcia - Family  
 † Genevieve Cruz - Cruz Family  
 † Jennifer Davila - Parents  
 All the Departed - Olga Rocha  
 Gift of Life Jon Edward Martinez - Family

## Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. † Frank Rodriguez - Rosalinda Garza  
 † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Erasmo Uribe - Mom & Sister  
 Health Paul Muñoz, Jr. - Rose Mary Ramirez  
 Gift of Life Cristina Santoyo - Family  
 Gift of Life Gloria Reyes - Socorro & Raquel  
 11:00 a.m. † Beatrice Villarreal - Carolin Glass  
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family  
 † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas  
 † Isidro Mata - Kimberly & Koko Mata  
 † Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Olivia Lopez  
 † Deceased Sisters - Olivia Lopez  
 All the Departed - Olga Rocha  
 Health Alyssa Araguz - Victor Araguz

## Monday, April 1

## Tuesday, April 2

12:00 p.m. † Carmen Melendez - SJB Family

## Wednesday, April 3

8:15 a.m. † Fred Estrello - Cindy Sanchez  
 † Oscar Roberto Vasquez - Socorro & Raquel

## Thursday, April 4

12:00 p.m. † Raul, Gloria & David Solis - SJB Family

## Friday, April 5

5:00 p.m. † Hope C. Valero - Family

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

**Socorro Castillo  
 Emma Velasquez  
 Mary Martinez**



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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

## **HAPPY EASTER!**

It has taken us 40 days to finally experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The Lenten season has prepared us through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to a renewal of our commitment to the Risen Lord. I hope and pray that the healing process has either taken place or is in the making. Remember it takes time to heal in order for us to serve the Lord. The resurrection gives us a taste of that healing that only Jesus Christ can provide.

Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Salome went to the tomb expecting to see the body and care for it as they were accustomed to. They had their share of doubt and fear. They were still hurt and wounded. Their first healing took place when they encountered the Angel that directed them to Galilee where they were able to see the Lord and be able to heal for the journey. We cannot continue to make our trip to the empty tomb and expect a better outcome. Our old and bad habits have kept us doing the same things and hoping for healing or a better outcome. May we learn from the women that fasting, anxiety, worries, doubts, lack of trust and ultimately sin will allow us to heal in order for us to be in a better position to serve the Lord. Those he healed ended up waiting on him.

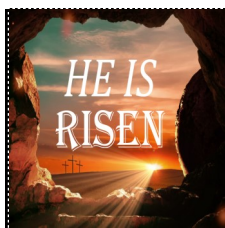
May this Easter heal our wounds and renew our commitment to the Risen Lord.

I invite you to join me for a unique pilgrimage to Italy! We will visit historical sites in the beautiful city of Rome with its amazing Basilicas, an audience with Pope Francis followed by a visit to the Vatican Museum and the beautiful art of Michelangelo. We will celebrate mass at the tomb of Padre Pio and also include a visit to Assisi, the city of St. Francis and to many other sites. The trip includes daily mass, round trip airfare from San Antonio to Rome, private bus, English speaking professional tour escorts, American breakfasts, dinner, water, wine, local guides, etc. with the cost being \$3,399 per person. Twenty five pilgrims and I will be departing San Antonio on Monday, October 14th and returning on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024. Please contact the parish office if you wish to join us for this unique life experience, and obtain a brochure for a complete detailed itinerary. My parishioners, this is a unique opportunity to visit and see first hand what we read in the Bible and enjoy in the company of friends creating memories for a lifetime.

God bless you always,

*(Signature)*

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
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### EASTER SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Jesus Christ and the Lord's work for our redemption. We give great thanks for this precious gift. Let us set aside this wonderful day by making it holy and bringing ourselves closer to our God.

On behalf of Fr. Fidèle, and the entire parish office staff, we wish you a happy and Holy Easter. May the risen Lord fill you with his love, compassion, joy and forgiveness.



### WHAT IS VITA?

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation for anyone who earns up to \$60,000 a year.

The Guadalupe Community Center VITA office is open for assistance: Monday through Friday 8:30am - 5pm. 1801 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd, 78207 (210) 226-6178.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
Tue: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thu: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14  
Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
Sun: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Jn 20:19-31

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

### Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

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

### Monday, April 1

### Tuesday, April 2

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

### Wednesday, April 3

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

2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

### Thursday, April 4

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

### Friday, April 5

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

### Saturday, April 6

5:00 p.m. MASS - Church



### 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.

### SJB DIRECTORY

We have been given 1 more date to schedule your photograph for the Parish Directory and this will be our last opportunity. **Photo date: Tuesday, May 14th from 2pm - 8 pm.**

To set up an appointment, or for more information, please contact Angie Diaz (210) 919-2411, or call the Parish Office at (210) 434-3247.

### ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL NEWS

#### ⇒ SCHOOL REGISTRATION/ENROLLEMENT

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is open. Registration is \$260 per student until April 19th. Beginning April 20th registration fee will increase to \$300 per child. For information about tuition and to schedule your school tour contact Mrs. Hopcus (Secretary) at (210) 433-0411. We are excited to meet you!

#### ⇒ HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Scholarship applications are currently being accepted. Visit FACTS Application for 2024-25 Archdiocese of San Antonio ([archsa.org](http://archsa.org)) for more information.

### **5 SIMPLE WAYS TO PRACTICE SILENCE**

- 1 HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS. DON'T SPEAK FOR SPEAKING'S SAKE.
- 2 RESTRAIN YOUR TONGUE WHEN YOU DESIRE TO COMPLAIN.
- 3 GIVE YOUR OPINION ONLY WHEN IT IS NECESSARY.
- 4 RESIST THE URGE TO FILL EVERY SPARE MOMENT WITH NOISE.
- 5 KEEP SILENCE WHEN YOU DESIRE TO CRITICIZE OTHERS.

ADAPTED FROM THE ARTICLE "THE PRACTICE OF SILENCE FOR LAY PEOPLE" | THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED AND/OR PURCHASED PLATES FOR OUR ACTS FISH FRY. OUR SJB COMMUNITY ALWAYS COMES THROUGH!!**

Welcome to anyone interested in assisting us to clean our beautiful church. **EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM!!!**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED**  
**APRIL 6 - GUADALUPANAS**

