

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
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:

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APRIL 7, 2024 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 7, 2024

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SEEING IS BELIEVING

In today's passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can't directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus' wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

VER ES CREER

En la lectura del pasaje de los Hechos de los Apóstoles leemos de una versión idealizada de lo que las primeras comunidades fueron. Las personas están dedicadas a la comunidad, a la enseñanza, a la Eucaristía y al sacrificio. Muchos signos y milagros sucedieron. Primero Pedro ofrece una imagen más realista pues el tiempo ha pasado y los creyentes siguen esperando. La fe se pone a prueba por el paso del tiempo y el sufrimiento que es parte de la vida. En el Evangelio, los discípulos están sobrecargados por los eventos recientes. Eso es todo de lo que pueden hablar. El pobre de Tomás se perdió de la visita de Jesús resucitado a los discípulos en la habitación cerrada. Él está enojado y rechaza compartir la emoción o aún creer lo que ocurrió. Así que Jesús se aparece una vez más, está vez Tomás está presente. Jesús le dice que lo toque y meta sus dedos en las heridas para que Tomás pueda creer. Jesús luego le recuerda a Tomás y a nosotros que hay algo más que creer que está más allá de la realidad física.

¿O NO?

Somos como Tomás más frecuentemente de lo que podríamos pensar. Nos alteramos cuando no podemos ver directamente o experimentar los resultados de nuestra fe. Queremos alguna evidencia por todos los años de fe y lucha cuando parece tan poco que ver de nuestra fe. El error que Tomás hizo y que nosotros hacemos es pensar que si pudiéramos solo ver alguna evidencia que nuestra fe hace una diferencia, entonces sería más fácil tener fe. Pero no es la evidencia lo que hace la fe posible. Tomás no aumenta su fe porque él pone su mano en las heridas de Jesús. Tomás aumenta su fe porque Jesús regresa. Jesús regresa una y otra vez. Jesús regresa cada vez que invocamos su presencia en nuestra vida porque Jesús nunca nos deja. Tomás solo tuvo que pedirlo. Nosotros necesitamos solo pedir.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hch 4:32-35; Sal 118 :2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



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 31, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$ 883.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 1,008.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,643.00
Rice Bowl	-\$ 615.00
Altar Linen	-\$
Mail In	-\$ 545.00
On Line	-\$ 86.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 261.37
TOTAL	\$ 5,041.37



2nd Collection
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SECOND COLLECTION

APRIL 6-7, 2024

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending March 31, 2024	\$ 261.37
TOTAL	\$ 6,616.43

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6

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, April 7 - DIVINE MERCY 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
 All the Departed - Olga Rocha
 Health Alyssa Araguz - Victor Araguz

Monday, April 8

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is a feast day and is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustine Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church. The floodgates from heaven are wide-open and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, even the most hardened sinners, who to go Confession and receive him in Holy Communion.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As we continue to celebrate Easter, I am very pleased to announce that St. John Berchmans community celebrated the following sacraments: 17 newly baptized, 19 confirmed, 15 received the body and precious blood of Christ for the first time and 1 was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during Easter Vigil mass. Thanks to the hard work and leadership of our new DRE Cynthia Sandoval and her dedicated staff of Catechists. Our evangelization team went to the neighborhood and apartment complexes to spread the Good News, and all of you, my parishioners, for responding to the challenge of recruiting new members. It is also a testimony of your hard work that Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, will be coming to our parish community next Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 in the afternoon mass to confirm 28 young men and women. We are beyond blessed. May we continue to be blessed and healed by the Risen Lord. God is great, all the time!

Please make time to participate in the celebration of our 28 young men and women who will be confirmed by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, on Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 in the afternoon.

I am very excited to announce a special Christian Concert that will take place in our Church on Friday, April 19th at 7:00 in the evening. Adam Olmos, is a well known musician. He used to be a director of our youth choir and moved to Holy Spirit, St. Peter and Paul in Boerne to continue to evangelize through music. We are blessed to have Adam come to our community and perform his new album of songs. Make a special effort to attend and worship the Lord especially during this Eastern season??

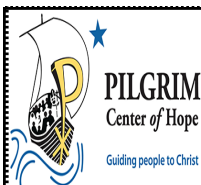
Please strongly consider supporting my efforts to raise money for our St. John Berchmans School. My plan is to register 50 new students and offer each new registered student a scholarship of \$1,000. I will be sponsoring a 10K (6.2 miles) run on Mother's Day Weekend, **Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park** for the purpose of raising money for our beloved school and also to celebrate all our beloved mothers. Schedule of events for the day:

- **8:00 a.m.:** 10k run (6.2 miles) by Fr. Fidèle Dikete and anyone who wishes also to run
- **9:30 am:** 1.3 mile run by students
- **10:00 am:** 1.3 mile walk by all the mothers
- **10:30 am thru 11:00 am:** Mariachi

I am asking for a donation of \$20 to support the effort. Generous donations are also welcomed to raise \$50,000 to assist the school. Please support our school and me, your Pastor, in this endeavor.

God bless you always,

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
 fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com



MEN'S CONFERENCE PILGRIM CENTER OF HOPE invites men of all faith journeys to the Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8am-2:30 pm at St. Luke Banquet Hall, 4603 Manitou, San Antonio. Hear from dynamic speakers, experience fellowship with men like you, and encounter the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. You don't have to be perfect to begin anew in Christ. Learn more & register at CMCSanAntonio.com or contact Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and help us bring an end to the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10
Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:1-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:1-11; Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9; Lk 24:35-48

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 7 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Monday, April 8

Tuesday, April 9

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, April 10

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 11

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

Friday, April 12

12:00 p.m. MASS - Church

Saturday, April 13

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.

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 us at (210) 433-0411.

⇒ **TREE GRANT: URBAN FORESTRY**

St. John Berchmans School was the recipient of a \$12,789 grant from The Urban Forestry: City of San Antonio, Parks and Recreation the project consists of planting multiple trees in front and around the school property. The faculty, staff, students and Principal Mr. Garcia would like to thank The Urban Forestry for their generous contribution.

⇒ **CAAC CHOIR: CONGRATULATIONS**

To the St. John Berchmans choir who represent Ed our school on March 23rd at Providence Hi School for the Sing at the Cross Catholic Arts And Academic Competition. Congratulations to Brooklyn Ware, Ava Aguirre, Annabeth Meneses, Elaina Rodriguez, Sophia Gonzales, Alejandro Nino, Joshua Menchaca, Lailaa Flores, Justin Martinez, Delma Ramos, Olivia Reilly, Giana Reily, Beatrice Barrera, Kylee Cardenas and Mrs. Saucedo.

⇒ **TRACK: WELL DONE!**

Congratulations to the following who placed: Juan Aguilera, Jacob Garcia, Hayley Maner. Coach Ortiz, D. Esparza, A. Esparza and Nino are Super proud of you all. Next meet 4/12th And 4/13th at Antonian High School.

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULED

APRIL 13 - ALTAR SERVERS/LITURGY COMM.