

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

1147 Cupples Road, San Antonio, TX 78226 210-434-3247 FAX 210-432-0431

www.stjohnberchmans.com



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

ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:

Emilio Semersky

esemersky@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS:

Eddie Campa

ecampa@swri.org

BOY & GIRL SCOUTS:

Aussie Mata

rotorwing2@gmail.com

CHOIRS:

Saturday 5pm Choir

John A. Campa

jhowardcampa@aol.com

Sunday 9am Choir

Roy Sanchez

rsanchez34@satx.rr.com

Sunday 11am Choir

Javier Saucedo

javierrufus@gmail.com

CYO:

Esmeralda "Ezmi" Tamez

ezmiet09@gmail.com

CAFETERIA RENTAL:

Cecilia Sandoval

cecilsand@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Linda Campbell

linda40849@satx.rr.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Elida Gonzales

redg90@sbcglobal.net

GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:

John Diaz

johndiaz7538@sbcglobal.net

Angie Diaz

GUADALUPANAS:

Cecilia Sandoval

cecilsand@yahoo.com

FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :

Cecilia Sandoval

cecilsand@yahoo.com

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Flores

kflores0411@att.net

JOY MINISTRY:

Jessica Ramos

jessicamosfischer@gmail.com

Chayo Gomez

tootsweez@hotmail.com

LECTORS:

Stella Rico

stellav28@att.net

LITURGY COMMITTEE:

Joan Orosco

dorosco08@yahoo.com

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Kimberly Mata

mata_kimberly@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Cyndi Sandoval

ventimochafrap@yahoo.com

ROSARY MAKERS:

Victoria Sanchez

SHARE THE WORD:

Rosalinda Garza

Garza_rosalinda@att.net

VIGIL TEAM:

Oralia Cantu

dduran57@outlook.com

Dora Duran

APRIL 21, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20-21, 2024

www.stjohnberchmans.com

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

EL BUEN PASTOR

La diferencia entre el buen pastor y un trabajador es la distinción entre la vida y la muerte. A diferencia del trabajador quien trabaja por un salario y huye a la primera señal de dificultad, Jesús es un buen pastor que da su vida por sus ovejas. El buen pastor atrae a las ovejas hacia él. Ellas le pertenecen, no como una posesión que se puede desechar, sino como una posesión preciosa que tienen la seguridad que pueden contar con su cuidado y protección. Las ovejas deben su vida al pastor. Sin él, se dispersarían y quedarían solas en lo que a menudo es un mundo peligroso.

HACIÉNDOSE BUENAS OVEJAS

Ninguna oveja con algo de sentido se alejaría y dejaría el rebaño. El pastor proporciona alimento y seguridad. Lejos del rebaño, las ovejas se arriesgan a morir en las fauces de los lobos o a morir de hambre en el desierto. Jesús es el Buen Pastor y nos invita a ser buenas ovejas. Jesús experimentó lo mejor y lo peor de todo lo que la vida tiene reservado. Él conocía las simples alegrías y las profundas decepciones de la vida; él supo lo que era la tentación, la angustia y el cansancio. Jesús camina delante de nosotros, guiándonos en el camino. Tal vez seamos tentados a alejarnos, atraídos a placeres temporales y tentados por la ilusión de algo mejor en el horizonte. En el ruido de la vida diaria, rodeados por mensajes que compiten con Dios y sus caminos, es fácil distraerse de aquello que es importante y duradero. Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, nos invita a ser buenas ovejas que están cerca de él para escuchar y reconocer su voz. Como buenas ovejas, estamos llamados a seguir la voz del Pastor, confiando que él nos guiará a mejores pasturas donde podamos prosperar.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



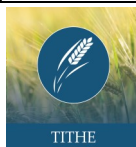
Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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 APRIL 14, 2024

5 PM Mass	-\$	726.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$	785.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$	647.00	
1 PM CONFIRMATION Mass	-\$	1,164.00	
Good Samaritans of SJB	-\$	486.00	2nd Coll.
Mail In	-\$	800.00	
On Line	-\$	82.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$	168.95	
TOTAL		\$4,858.95	

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 20-21 ALTAR FLOWERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending April 14, 2024	\$	168.95
TOTAL	\$	7,687.13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. † Richard E. Castillo - Socorro & Raquel
 † Anastacia Treviño - Family
 † Maria P. Jaramillo - Rose Rodriguez
 † Telesfora R. Martinez - Rose Rodriguez
 † Josefina P. Lopez - Rose Rodriguez
Health Socorro Castillo - SJB Family

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 † Rafael M. Cantu - Cantu Family
 † Maria de Jesus Cantu - Cantu Family
 † Erasmo Uribe - Mom & Sister
Gift of Life Aurora Velasquez - Sisters

11:00 a.m. † Arthur Sanchez - Cindi Sanchez
 † Beatrice Villarreal - Carolin Glass
 † Alfredo R. Solis - Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Michael Cerda - Family
Health Daniel Lira - Gerry Lira

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 p.m. † David Santoyo - Family

Wednesday, April 24

8:15 a.m. † Jose & Juana Castillo - Family

Thursday, April 25 - ST. MARK

12:00 p.m. † Jose Martinez - Family
 † Fr. John Balleza - Family

Friday, April 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

Socorro Castillo
 Emma Velasquez
 Mary Martinez
 Mickey Saucedo Carrasco



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.



EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9 AM—5 PM IN THE CHAPEL

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:28



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The spirit of Easter continues to guide the life of the disciples and made them true witnesses of the Risen Lord. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit addressed himself to the leaders and elders by reminding them that the crippled man was saved in the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazorean whom they crucified and whom God raised from the dead.

He added that He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved. As St. Paul teaches us that we are children of God. When God is revealed to us, we will be like Him. That is why we shall follow the true Shepherd. St. John challenges us to not only follow our Shepherd but also be one in this world. We should not be concerned only for pay and interest but for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me.

We are challenged to love one another and to take care of each other especially during these times of war and ugliness that characterize our society. He is risen and is alive.

I thank all of you who made a special effort to attend and participated in the Christian Concert this past Friday, April 19th. A special appreciation goes to Adam Olmos for a powerful and inspiring concert. May we continue to worship and glorify the risen Lord in our daily life.

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 5K (3.1 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.:** 5k run (3.1 miles) by Fr. Fidèle Dikete and anyone who also wishes 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,

(Signature)

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

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Have you ever noticed how Father sits back in his Chair after distributing Communion? He is giving thanksgiving, and this is an ancient and venerable custom based on the fact that the reality of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus remains in us for about ten to fifteen minutes after we receive Him.

In effect, we are like living tabernacles for that period of time. We should also reflect and offer a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 FOR BATTLE OF FLOWERS.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 10 A.M.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wed: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Col 3:14-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-16; Mt 13:54-58

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 21

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

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, April 24

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 25

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Friday, April 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, April 27

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 - LAST OPPORTUNITY!!!

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CONFIRMATION MASS

Vanessa Godwin, Photographer for Confirmation Mass will be available Sunday, April 21st from 10am - 1:30pm to your take orders.

Depending on the weather she will either be outside the Church or in the Formation House. Thank you!



OUR NEXT ASK-A-LAWYER EVENT IS COMING SOON

If you are in search of legal help for family members OR individuals who are unable to secure food, clothing, or shelter for themselves or need help making decisions, come out to Ask a Lawyer with our Caritas Legal Services.

INFORMATION FOR OUR NEXT ASK-A-LAWYER

Location: 1201 Donaldson, San Antonio, 78228

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Time: 9am - 12pm

Questions? Call (210) 433-3256



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



MINISTRY SCHEDULED

APRIL 27 - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS