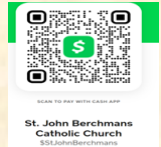


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Welcoming and liturgical community celebrating the spiritual needs of God's people in the spirit of St. John Berchmans.
"My penance is to live the common life. I will pay greatest attention to the least inspiration of God." - St. John Berchmans

Parish Office Staff:

• Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete, Pastor •

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Olivia Lopez, Bookkeeper/Office Manager
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Christine McWilliams, Web Master/ FB

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Raquel Castillo, Office Volunteer
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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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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

BENDICIÓN PARA TODOS

La historia del hombre sordo que se cuenta en el Evangelio de hoy es una de las varias descripciones de curaciones extraordinarias que están en esta parte del Evangelio de Marcos; quien lleva a los lectores a comprender que, en Jesús, Dios está cumpliendo las promesas divinas profetizadas por Isaías: "los oídos de los sordos se abrirán . . . , la lengua del mudo cantará". Cuando el sordo pueda escuchar y el mudo cantar, esta señal de la venida de Dios significa que los dones de la vista y el oído están disponibles ahora, no sólo para los individuos involucrados, sino para sus familias y toda la comunidad que está alrededor de ellos.

Hay un "efecto domino" de bendición que se extiende mucho más allá de la curación individual. Las personas aisladas por la sordera y los impedimentos del habla pueden ahora participar plenamente en la vida común. Con su inclusión, la misma comunidad recibe la curación. En los evangelios, la salvación es siempre inclusiva e integral. Dios trae la bendición a una pequeña parte de la creación, para extender la bendición a toda la creación.

TANTO EL AMOR COMO LA CRÍTICA

Para quienes escucharon por primera vez el pasaje de la carta de Santiago, probablemente les tocó la fibra sensible. Santiago cuestionaba la forma cómo la iglesia local trataba a los pobres en comparación con los ricos. Puede que a nosotros también nos toque una fibra sensible, porque vivimos en una sociedad en la que los ricos gozan de muchos privilegios, y el honor de la riqueza está profundamente arraigado en nuestro sistema de valores culturales. Santiago advierte a la iglesia que no debe imitar las distinciones de clase que se hacen en la sociedad en general. El Evangelio proclama que todos somos igualmente hijos de Dios.

La Iglesia típicamente vive en un lugar concreto y dentro de una cultura dominante. La Iglesia siempre está llamada a reflexionar sobre su fidelidad al Evangelio, discerniendo si absorbe valores y actitudes culturales que entran en conflicto con el Evangelio. La Iglesia está llamada a amar y alimentar la cultura, y al mismo tiempo a hablar con crítica de sus idolatrías. Estos desafíos continúan en nuestras propias comunidades parroquiales, aquí y ahora.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Is 35:4-7a; Sal 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Sant 2:1-5; Mc 7:31-37



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Sarah Contreras | Carmen Garza | Mary Alice Vasquez |
| Marty Carrera Tobias | Gloria Rubio | Henrietta Ramos |
| Frances Lozano | Lisa Brown | Cecilia Muñoz |
| Irma Urias | Rebecca Zuniga | Carmen Perez |
| Mary S. Martinez | Rosa Elva Villaseñor | Baby Petra |
| Galilea Romero | Lupe Gomez | Antonia Degollado |
| Iris Luna Sullivan | Angie Canales | Zachary Lopez |
| Emma O. Velasquez | Rosie Gallegos | Joseph Vasquez |
| Raymond Sarabia | Maritza Garcia | Vanessa Gomez |
| Julissa Rodriguez | Michael P. Ramirez | Ybarra Family |
| Miliana Bullock | Alfred Marin | Robert Treviño |
| Lydia Soriano | Lucy Treviño & Family | Sulema Hernandez |
| Robert Sanchez | Mickey S. Carrasco | Lucio Vasquez |
| Vanessa Quintero | Robert Prieto | Buddy Ochoa |
| Virginia R. Lucio | Elizabeth Rose Valdez | Cristina Santoyo |
| Guadalupe Rodriguez | Muñoz Family | Rosa Moreno |
| Lori Bañuelos | Mary Rose Cerda | Roger Arizpe |
| Edith Flores | Zander from WA. | Daniel Rodriguez |
| Isaiah Vasquez | Pete Muñoz | Marisol Longoria-Parker |

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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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| 5 PM Mass | -\$ 1,193.00 |
| 9 AM Mass | -\$ 1,173.00 |
| 11 AM Mass | -\$ 890.00 |
| Capital Improvements | -\$ 870.00 2nd Coll. |
| Drop In/Mail In | -\$ 286.00 |
| Gift of Giving | -\$ 198.81 |
| TOTAL | \$4,610.81 |

SECOND COLLECTION GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!**

2024 GIFT OF GIVING

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| Contributions ending Sept. 1, 2024 | \$ 226.65 |
| TOTAL | \$ 10,865.33 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

5:00 p.m. † Ramona C. Campa - Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Ginny Cruz- Cruz Family
 Gift of Life Daniel Orosco - Mom

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Family
 † Mr. Rosario Juarez - Angelita Canales
 † Hope & Juan Esquivel - Guadalupanas
 † Frank Rodriguez - Family
 † Sebastian & Chana Velez - Virginia Velez
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family
 Gift of Life Daniel Santos - Family
 Health Marisol Longoria-Parker - Family

11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Family
 † Suzanne Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Daniel Lizalde - Wife Patty & Family
 † Olga Forey - Family
 † Angie & Gregorio Ramirez - Sylvia Serna
 Gift of Life John Gutierrez - Grace Salinas

Monday, September 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER

Tuesday, September 10

12:00 p.m. † Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter
 † John Ruiz - Family

Wednesday, September 11

8:15 a.m. † Rosa Castorena - Rosalinda Garza
 Gift of Life Violet G. Flores - Family

Thursday, September 12

12:00 p.m. † Martha Flores - Family
 † Joe G. Martinez - Family
 Gift of Life Daniel Santos - Family
 Gift of Life Socorro Castillo/85th birthday- Family

Friday, September 13 - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

12:00 p.m. † Hope Esquivel - Guadalupanas



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT BY THE TABERNACLE BURNS FOR:

† Rosa Castorena
 Socorro Castillo
 Lucio Vasquez

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: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
 Tue: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
 Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
 Thu: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24;
 Lk 6:27-38
 Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84: 3-6, 12;
 Lk 6:39-42
 Sat: Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78: 1-2, 34-38; Phi 2:6-11



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today Sunday, September 8th, 2024 is officially Grandparents Day in the United States. This is a time when we should honor our grandparents and/or abuelitos. Grandparents are the focal point of the family. They raise, love, protect and nurture their grandchildren. They teach us about our family history and spoil us in many ways. Please take time to remember and honor each grandparent either living or deceased.

May God protect all of our grandparents!

The City of San Antonio is proposing eminent domain of 152 homes on 52 acres bound by Barclay, Kirk Place, Hwy 90, and the railroad tracks due to a Conception Creek Drainage Project. I extended an invitation to Judge and Attorney Joan De Hoyos to come and speak to us regarding this issue. She challenged all of us to engage in this pressing issue by visiting with our council members, and asking for accountability and transparency. Several organizations such as the Thompson Neighborhood Association, Housing, COPS and some leaders have been involved in this particular controversy issue. Many families will be affected by this drainage project. Please join us in our efforts to ask our elected officials and challenge them to explore other options or alternatives instead of focusing on our neighborhood. It is within our power to defeat this project.

We recognize that flooding is as a threat to our city but believe that there are many other and better efficient ways in resolving this issue.

God bless you,

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Looking to grow in your faith? As we read the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we will read what it means to be a Christian during the most difficult times. The Apostles were the instruments God used to continue the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures in the Christian faith.

You are invited to join us on **Wednesday mornings in the Formation House from 10am to 11:30 am** for the Adult Faith Enrichment sessions.

We are continuing to listen to God's word in the book, Acts of the Apostles. As we read, we also have videos that take us to the actual sights in the Holy Land.

Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM

St. Dominic Catholic Church (5919 Ingram Rd., SA, TX 78228)
Bishop Gary Janak, J.C.L., *Celebrant and Homilist*

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, Bishop Gary Janak, J.C.L., will celebrate a special Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. In honor of a loved one, those attending will be invited to lay a flower at the altar to symbolize our commending those lost by suicide to God's love, mercy, and care.

Questions/comments? Contact Michelle Flores at michelle.flores@archsa.org or call 210-734-1695

Visit <https://archsa.org/es/event/remembrance-mass-for-those-who-have-died-by-suicide/>



Sunday, September 8 - GRANDPARENTS DAY

- 9:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 11:00 a.m. MASS - Church
- 11:00 a.m. SJB 8th Grade Fundraiser

Monday, September 9

Tuesday, September 10

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Friday, September 13

- 12:00 p.m. MASS - Chapel

Saturday, September 14

- 5:00 p.m. MASS - Church

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

It is time for the second phase of the parish directory. We are ready for our wonderful and giving ministries and organization group pictures. We would like to thank Mr. Ray Garza, again, for donating his time and talent in taking these group photos. To ensure that everyone is in the group pictures it's important that we stay on schedule as much as possible.

We have put together the schedule for all the groups, and also asking for all members to be there at least 15 minutes before your group's scheduled time. Group pictures will take place on the weekend of **Saturday, September 21st through Sunday morning September 22nd in the school cafeteria.**

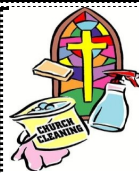
We thank you for all you do for the SJB Community and want the opportunity to capture your beautiful smiles.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST

- 9:00 am - Guadalupanas
- 9:15 am - Altar Servers
- 9:30 am - Office Staff/Followed by Money Counters
- 9:45 am - Vigil Team
- 10:00 am - JOY Ministry/Followed by Rosary Makers
- 10:15 am - Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry
- 10:30 am - Lectors
- 10:45 am - Pastoral Council/Followed by Finance Committee
- 11:00 am - CCD/Followed by Adult Faith Enrichment Group
- 11:15 am - Hospitality (all Masses)
- 11:30 am - Choirs (all Masses)
- 11:45 am - Rosary Makers

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 22

- 10:00 am - School Staff
- 10:15 am - ACTS
- 10:30 am - CYO



Our Church Cleaning Ministry meets **EVERY SATURDAY @ 8AM** to clean our beautiful place of worship.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULED
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
VIGIL TEAM**



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.