

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Homily
For Jan 25, 2026



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

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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.

If interested proceed as follows:

- Simply visit 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.



JANUARY 25, 2026 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAILY DOSES OF LIGHT

Jesus assures us: "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5b). But how, exactly, does God's light overcome the darkness that we still experience? Saint Paul shows us how: through the cross. Today's reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians implores Jesus' followers to get along with one another, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." We believe that two thousand years ago, Jesus saved the world and destroyed darkness; but until Jesus comes again, we must unite as the Body of Christ to continue pushing back the gloom of sin and division. As followers of Jesus, we work against these evils in simple ways. We intentionally attempt genuine conversation with a person we find irritating; we ignore gossip and refuse to talk behind someone's back; we befriend an awkward or needy individual. Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation. Jesus chooses us, calls us, and invites us to accompany him—and imitate him—as we live in, and wait for, the Light of the World.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

DOSIS DIARIAS DE LUZ

Jesús nos asegura: "Dios es luz y no hay en él oscuridad alguna" (1 Juan 1:5b). Pero cómo, exactamente, ¿la luz de Dios vence la oscuridad que todavía experimentamos? San Pablo nos muestra cómo: por medio de la cruz. La lectura de hoy de la primera carta de san Pablo a los corintios implora a los seguidores de Jesús a llevarse bien entre ellos, "conserven la armonía en el pensar y en el sentir". Creemos que hace dos mil años, Jesús salvó al mundo y destruyó la oscuridad; pero hasta que Jesús vuelva otra vez, debemos unirnos como el cuerpo de Cristo para continuar rechazar la oscuridad del pecado y la división. Como seguidores de Jesús, nos empleamos en contra de estos males en formas sencillas. Deliberadamente intentamos conversaciones genuinas con una persona que nos parece fastidiosa; ignoramos el chisme y rehusamos hablar a las espaldas de alguien; nos hacemos amigo de una persona difícil y necesitada. Jesús quiere nuestra ayuda. Como Pedro, Santiago y Juan en el Evangelio de hoy, estamos llamados por Cristo a participar en la salvación. Jesús nos elige, nos llama y nos invita a acompañarlo, y a imitarlo, en donde vivamos, y esperamos por la Luz del Mundo.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Sal 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

WHAT WAS THE PASSION OF CHRIST REALLY LIKE?

"Who Is the Man of the Shroud?" museum exhibition in San Antonio offers a unique experience for all ages: Discover science, medicine, history, and art related to Jesus' Passion, with replicas, audio tour, chapel, outdoor Stations of the Cross, and more! Open 10am-4pm most Fridays at Pilgrim Center of Hope (7680 Joe Newton, San Antonio 78251). No fee; donations welcome.

For details: DiscoverWho.org or call 210-521-3377.

A WILL OF HOPE



Wills are important to ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes. With the new year, now is the time to ensure your affairs are in order.

CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES offers affordable aid with writing wills, helping our community gain peace of mind by ensuring their loved ones are protected and their intentions are clearly documented. Whether you're creating a will for the first time or updating an existing one, now is the perfect time to take action.

E-mail Caritas Legal Services below to schedule your consultation with one of our attorneys to plan your will today.



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Sarah Contreras | Mickey S. Carrasco | Viola Garza |
| Frances Lozano | Elizabeth Rose Valdez | Reymundo Padilla |
| Mary S. Martinez | Henrietta Ramos | Dominique |
| Galilea Romero | Cristina Santoyo | Dominguez |
| Iris Luna Sullivan | Marisol Longoria-Parker | And Baby |
| Emma O. Velasquez | Jerry Salazar | Edna Cruz |
| Raymond Sarabia | Baby Ezra Rios | Armando Cantu |
| Miliana Bullock | Socorro Castillo | Tere Peña |
| Robert Sanchez | Valerie Vigil | Irma Brunn |
| Vanessa Quintero | Lillie Velez | Olga Serna |
| Virginia R. Lucio | Baby Wade Trinidad | Ruben Martinez |
| Guadalupe Rodriguez | Simon Peter Jesus Garcia | Oralia Rodriguez |
| Lori Bañuelos | Stephanie Perez | Monica Rodriguez |
| Edith Flores | Danny Flores | Daniel Vasquez |
| Isaiah Vasquez | Baby Marlon | Leticia Martinez |
| Gloria Rubio | Sara McCumba Garcia | Jesuita Fischer |
| Angie Canales | Robyn Pesina | Nicole Guerra |
| Rosie Gallegos | | Dora Duran |
| 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.



**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK
ENDING JANUARY 18, 2026**

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 555.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 838.00
9:00 AM	\$ 435.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 506.00
11:00 AM	\$ 580.00	\$ 254.05	\$ 834.05
SJB SCHOOL	\$	\$	\$ 636.60
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 275.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 3,089.65

**SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 24 - 25, 2026
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24

5:00 p.m. † Joe Villanueva - Family
† Sarah Castañeda - Family

Sunday, January 25

9:00 a.m. † 11 year Death of Mary Lou Barrera - Family
† Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family
† Consuelo Saucedo - Family
♥ 45th Wedding Anniversary of Thomas & Margaret Gaitan

Healing of Dora Duran

11:00 a.m. † Paul & Juan Salinas - Family
† Suzanne & Lillie Gutierrez - Salinas Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Family

Tuesday, January 27

† Pilar Rubio - Alma Rubio

Wednesday, January 28

For All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 29

† Jeannie Ybarra

Friday, January 30

♥ 60th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Lucy Sanchez

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear People of God

On the 50th Anniversary of Pope John XXIII's opening of the Second Vatican Council, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, established The Lumen Gentium Award.

This award is bestowed on February 2, 2026, upon Catholic lay people from each parish who have demonstrated participation in the Catholic Church's mission to bring Christ's light to all. The individuals are practicing Catholics who manifest an understanding of the teachings of the church and have been graced with a life formed in the Catholic spiritual tradition.

These individuals have used their time and talents to deepen the life of the church in the parish or have served in an extraordinary way.

This year, our parish chose to honor Ms. Oralia Cantu for her hard work and dedication to our parish community. Over the years she has served in many roles in our church. She is an example of a faithful servant; she embodies the "laity's vocation" envisioned in Lumen Gentium

I would like to thank her for all she has done to help our parish and to spread the joy of the Gospel.

Congratulations to you Oralia!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Anthony



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE For the Hungry, the Homeless and the Unemployed

For the Leaders of our Country

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: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; Mk 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thu: 2 Sm 7:18-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146: 6b-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3).

Psalm - The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psa 27)

Second Reading - Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Cor 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23).

IN MEMORIUM



We offer condolences to our parishioners and their families who have experienced loss of their loved ones:

† MARTIN T. TOVAR



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ALTAR SOCIETY
Bake Sale
 Whole homemade baked goods ..
***CAKES *COOKIES**
***PIES AND MORE**
 February 7-8, 2026
 After all masses
Pick up your favorite dessert to take home and enjoy with your family during the Super Bowl!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - 10am
 Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House

Saturday, January 31, 2026
 Church Cleaning

Ministry Assigned-ALTAR SERVERS/HOSPITALITY

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 11am - 3pm
 St. John Berchmans School BBQ Plate Sale
 Tickets available at school office.



2025 TAX LETTERS

You may request your 2025 tax letter by calling the Parish Office at (210) 434-3247. Tax letters will be available for pickup the week of January 26th.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT REQUESTS

Send requests by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com
 Requests will be finalized upon approval.
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.



TEFA APPLICATIONS OPEN FEB 4, 2026
 The Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) help families cover Catholic school tuition and educational expenses.
 Our office is ready to help you learn more, find a school, and guide you through the application process.
We're here to walk with you.
 SCAN TO LEARN MORE & PREPARE YOUR FAMILY
 TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS
 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL
 You can apply early to receive priority consideration for tuition assistance.

Early Verification Window:
Now thru January 31
Begin your path today:
<https://onlinefactsmgmt.com/aid>
 God Bless, Nora Garcia - Principal

USCCB GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLICS DURING FLU SEASON

HOME IF SICK: The primary advice from Church guidelines is to exercise charity and stay home if you are contagious. It is not considered a sin to miss Mass due to illness.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST: Roman Catholic theology holds that the fullness of Christ is present in the Consecrated Host alone. Therefore, you receive the entirety of the sacrament even if you only receive the Sacred Host.

AVOID THE CHALICE: If you are feeling sick or suspect you might be contagious, refrain from drinking the common chalice to prevent spreading illness.

RECEIVE IN THE HAND: To minimize contact and germ spread, it is recommended to receive the host in your hand rather than the tongue.

By following public health guidelines and Church recommendations, you help protect the health of the entire faith community.