

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

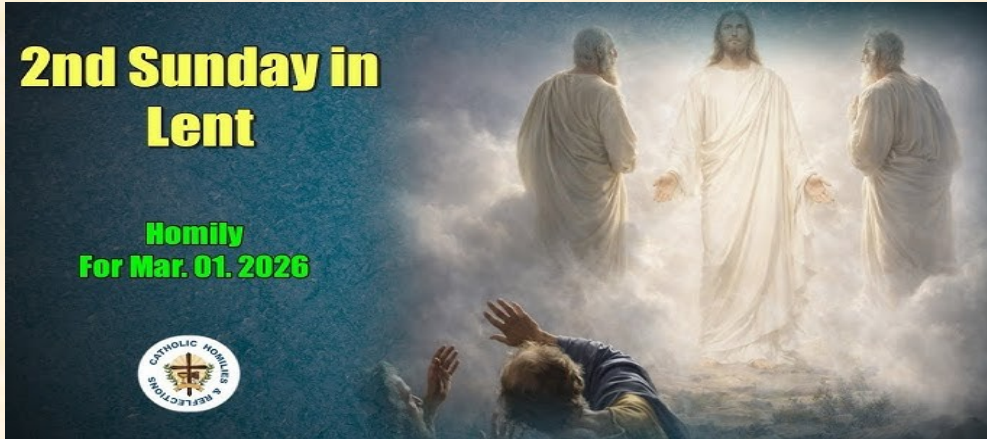
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2nd Sunday in Lent

Homily
For Mar. 01, 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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Sunday 9am Choir
Sunday 11am Choir
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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.



MARCH 1, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY'S READINGS: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

DIOS ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS

Puede resultar difícil comprender que el Dios de la gloria, del poder y del amor eterno está siempre con nosotros. Verdaderamente, éste es uno de los grandes misterios de nuestra fe cristiana. Cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz, recordamos la vida que sale a la luz en Cristo. La vida misma, la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús son la prueba de la determinación de Dios de amarnos a través de todo. Jesús no sólo es la prueba del amor de Dios, sino que su misma presencia con nosotros y dentro de nosotros es una efusión de ese amor. Esta Cuaresma, dedica tiempo a escuchar al Señor y deja que lo que oigas te ayude a alejarte del pecado y a acercarte a la vida y la inmortalidad del discípulo cristiano.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

FEBRUARY 28th & MARCH 1st

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5pm	John Diaz	Annie Salinas	Angie Diaz
9am	Raul Gomez	Denise Gomez	Andrew Solis
11am	Laly Arocha	CYO	CYO



In his first Message for Lent Pope Leo XIV invites the Church to rediscover **two essential practices** as concrete paths toward conversion: **fasting and listening**. Rooted in Sacred Scripture and the living tradition of the Church, the Holy Father reminds us that God is one who listens: *"I have observed ... I have heard their cry"* (Ex 3:7).

If we are to follow Christ to Jerusalem this Lent, we must learn to listen to the Word of God, to the cry of the poor, and even to one another. He also challenges us to fast not only from food, but from words that wound, challenging us to choose kindness and respect in our families, workplaces, and online conversations. This is a timely invitation for our divided world. At the beginning of this sacred season, take time to read and prayerfully reflect on Pope Leo XIV's message.



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 573.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,273.00
9:00 AM	\$ 275.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 482.00
11:00 AM	\$ 999.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 1,296.00
CATHOLIC MISSIONS			\$ 583.00
CATH. CHARITIES & ASH WED.			\$ 1,537.50
ALTAR FLOWERS			\$ 363.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 162.00
ONLINE GIVING			\$ 215.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 5,911.50



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras	Mickey S. Carrasco	Armando Cantu
Frances Lozano	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Tere Peña
Mary S. Martinez	Henrietta Ramos	Irma Brunn
Galilea Romero	Cristina Santoyo	Olga Serna
Iris Luna Sullivan	Marisol Longoria-Parker	Ruben Martinez
Emma O. Velasquez	Jerry Salazar	Oralia Rodriguez
Raymond Sarabia	Baby Ezra Rios	Monica Rodriguez
Miliana Bullock	Socorro Castillo	Daniel Vasquez
Robert Sanchez	Valerie Vigil	Leticia Martinez
Vanessa Quintero	Baby Wade Trinidad	Jesusita Fischer
Virginia R. Lucio	Simon Peter Jesus Garcia	Nicole Guerra
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Danny Flores	Dora Duran
Lori Bañuelos	Baby Marlon	James R. Navarro
Edith Flores	Sara McCumba Garcia	Gloria Gil
Isaiah Vasquez	Robyn Pesina	Leonard Rodriguez
Gloria Rubio	Reymundo Padilla	Guadalupe Gomez
Angie Canales	Juan G. Valenzuela	Benito Tenorio
Rosie Gallegos		
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.

SECOND COLLECTION
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2026
ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Diaz - Olga Diaz
† Joe Villanueva - Family
† Elisa Leal Flores - Family
† Johnny Arocha - Family
† Robert Ortiz - Ortiz Family

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family
† Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family
Healing Of Dora Duran - SJB Family

11:00 a.m. † Isidro Mata - Kimberly & Khloey
† Mariano Arredondo - Kimberly & Khloey
† Ryan Sanchez - Family
† Suzanne & Lily Gutierrez - Salinas Family
† Robert Ortiz - Ortiz Family
† Josefa Ledesma - Family
† Karen Garcia Lazo - Family
† Richard Torres - Family

Tuesday, March 3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

12:00 p.m. † Linda Ann Gonzales - SJB Family

Wednesday, March 4 - ST. CASIMIR

8:15 a.m. For All Holy Souls in Purgatory
Healing Of Baby Wyatt Trinidad - SJB Family

Thursday, March 5

12:00 p.m.
Healing of Infant Austin James Catz - SJB Family

Friday, March 6

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community
Gift of Life 90th Birthday Elida Garcia - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we will be kicking off "Archbishop's Appeal For Ministries". By now, you have probably received a letter from the Archdiocese of San Antonio inviting you to make a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries. This campaign gathers financial resources to help sustain 174 parishes and missions in our Archdiocese. Funds collected through this appeal are distributed to ministries like the seminary, the formation of permanent deacons, Catholic Schools, and lay ministers. Your contribution to this appeal will support 40-plus ministries serving thousands in our Archdiocese.

This year, the theme of the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries is, "*Courageous in Christ*". This year we also celebrate the Centennial of our elevation to an Archdiocese. When we give, we become hands and heart of Christ in our communities. Every gift is an act of love. This year our parish goal is \$11,634. Please be generous to meet our goal.

Thank you.
Fr. Anthony.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Hungry, the Homeless and
the Unemployed

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 4 @ 10 AM
Adult Faith Enrichment Class -
Formation House

Thursday, March 5 @ 6 PM - HOLY HOUR
Ministry Assigned - Guadalupanas

Friday, March 6 @ 6 PM -
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Ministry Assigned: Altar Society / Men's Club

Saturday, March 7 -
8:00am - Church Cleaning
Ministry Assigned- ACTS & CCD

8:30am - Men's Club Meeting
- In Formation House

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 1pm - 4pm
GUADALUPANA MEAT BINGO - School Cafe



40 DAYS OF LENT : 40 CANS FOOD DRIVE
St. John Berchmans Church
Good Samaritan Pantry

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"
-Matthew 25:35

Take the 40 Can Challenge
 During the 40 days of Lent, bring one can a day -or 40 at once to help families in need. Starting now and all through Easter Sunday.

Donate Non-Perishable items:
 Soups & beans. Macaroni/cheese boxes
 Pasta & rice. Canned vegetables & fruit
 Peanut butter. Fideo/ vermicelli
 Cereal Canned tuna/ spam

Blue bins are stationed in the church foyer and rectory.

PRAY, FAST, GIVE

BOOTS, BETS & BLING
CASINO NIGHT

Games • Fun • Prizes
POKER • RAFFLES • FOOD • MUSIC
 SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 6 PM
TICKET \$50



ACTS ANNUAL FISH FRY

Fish Fry Plate Sale
Friday, March 20th
Friday, March 27th

\$12 per plate

Fish, Corn on the cob, coleslaw, green beans, bread, drink & condiments.

Tickets will be sold after all masses.

Bus Tour to 7 churches

\$15 per person ; 52 seats available

Deadline to sign up Friday, March 20th.

Pay & Reserve your seat at the parish office during office hours.

Easter Lily Orders

Purchase an Easter Lily for your loved one
\$15 each
Order envelopes available in the church vestibule or parish office.



IN-PERSON APPLICATION WORKSHOP
TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT (TEFA)

The Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) is now accepting applications. Join us for an in-person workshop where our team will walk you through the application process and help you submit everything correctly before the deadline.

WHAT WE WILL COVER

- Overview of the TEFA program
- Step-by-step completion of the online application
- Uploading required documents
- Understanding priority groups
- UID number guidance
- Live Q&A support

TEFA AWARD AMOUNTS

- Per eligible student enrolled in an approved private school - **\$10,474**
- For students with qualifying disabilities - **Up to \$30,000**
- For homeschool participants - **\$2,000**

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Parent/Guardian

- Valid Driver's License Number
- Email address
- Social Security Number or ITIN # (if applicable)
- The parent applying should be the one who claims the student(s) as a dependent.
 - First two pages of 2024 or 2025 IRS Tax Return or an IRS tax transcript

Student

- Student SSN
- UID number (if previously enrolled in Texas public school or you have an IEP)

Don't have the UID? We'll guide you.

EVENT DETAILS

- 📍 **Location:** St. John Berchmans
- 📅 **Date:** 3/3/2026
- 🕒 **Time:** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- 📄 **Registration Required**
Seats are limited.



RSVP HERE
 Scan the QR code below to reserve your spot.