

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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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/Quinceñeras/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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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 8, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

TODAY'S READINGS: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

DEJA QUE JESÚS CALME TU SED

El día en que Jesús encontró a la mujer en el pozo, probablemente hacía calor bajo el sol del mediodía. Los eruditos nos dicen que debió de ser rechazada por las demás mujeres de la comunidad, lo que la llevó a evitar la hora más fresca de la madrugada, cuando los demás llenaban sus cántaros. Añádase a esto que judíos y samaritanos se tenían animosidad mutua desde hacía mucho tiempo. No es de extrañar que se quedara sorprendida y perpleja cuando Jesús le pidió de beber. Sin embargo, no huyó. Jesús la buscó y ella abrió su corazón y su mente a su oferta de salvación. Jesús también nos busca a nosotros. Nuestro Señor desea que abramos nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes a la plenitud del amor, el perdón, la misericordia y la paz que sólo se encuentran en Dios. ¿De qué tienes sed en este momento? ¿De compasión, de justicia, de consuelo? Sólo Cristo puede saciar verdaderamente tu sed. Jesús desea hacerlo. Abre hoy tu corazón; "la esperanza no defrauda, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado" (Romanos 5:5).

LECTURAS DE HOY: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates

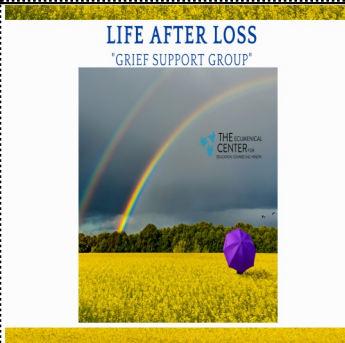


Sarah Contreras	Mickey S. Carrasco	Armando Cantu
Frances Lozano	Elizabeth Rose Valdez	Tere Peña
Mary S. Martinez	Henrietta Ramos	Irma Brunn
Galilea Romero	Cristina Santoyo	Olga Serna
Iris Luna Sullivan	Marisol Longoria-Parker	Ruben Martinez
Emma O. Velasquez	Jerry Salazar	Oralia Rodriguez
Raymond Sarabia	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		Lorenas Grandson
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.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE
MARCH 7TH AND MARCH 8TH**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5pm	Laura Castañeda	Angie Diaz	John Diaz
9am	Raissa Dominguez	Arleen Garcia	Oralia Cantu
11am	Tomas Torres	Ethan Bowlin	Matthew Picazo



LIFE AFTER LOSS is a free six-week grief support program offered by The Ecumenical Center for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one at least six months ago. Led by trained facilitators, each session combines education, discussion, and learning activities in a supportive group setting. Attendance at all six sessions is required, as each session builds on the last to support healing, understanding and continued growth after loss.

LOCATION: The Ecumenical Center
8310 Ewing Halsell Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229

DATES: Every Tuesday from March 17, 2026
6:30pm through Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 8pm

WEBSITE: ecrh.org

PHONE: (210) 616-0885



**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK
ENDING FEBRUARY 28-
MARCH 1, 2026**

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 1,038.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 1,443.00
9:00 AM	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,350.00
11:00 AM	\$ 970.00	\$ 654.10	\$ 1,624.10
SJB SCHOOL			\$ 849.47
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 910.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,176.57

**SECOND COLLECTION
MARCH 7-8, 2026**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

5:00 p.m. † Dora Duran - SJB Family
 Gift of Life Libby Castillo - Family
 Gift of Life Monica Roriguez - Family
 Gift of Life Jimmie Rodriguez, Jr. - Family

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola - Family
 † Cecilia Espinoza - Family
 † Gabriel & Guadalupe Gomez - Family
 † Dora Valdemar - Family
 † Dora Duran - SJB Family

11:00 a.m. † Ryan Sanchez - Family
 † Suzanne & Lily Gutierrez - Salinas Family
 † Josefa Ledesma - Family
 † Ruben D. Lopez - Family
 † Richard Torres - Family
 † Dora Duran - SJB Family

Tuesday, March 10

12:00 p.m. † Fernando Camarillo, Sr. - Family
 Gift of Life Emily R. B. - Family

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

12:00 p.m. † Alicia V. Hernandez - Family
 For Healing Infant Austin James Catz - SJB Family
 Gift of Life Laura F. Kevilus - Friends

Friday, March 13

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community
 For Healing Monica Rodriguez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
 Mt 5:17-19
 Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear St. John Berchmans family,

I invite everyone in our parish family and friends to come and participate in this Lenten mission. I pray that this will be a time for all of us to reflect on Christ as our Personal and true friend accompanying us on our journey to celebrate Easter mysteries in a meaningful way.

The Mission will be held over two nights, March 18th and 19th. We will begin each evening at 6:30pm and the presentation will run for about an hour.

On March 24th we will have Penance service at 6.30pm and at 7.00 pm individual confessions begin.

This year's mission will be led by Rev. Jose Antonio Caballero. The Topic is *Contemplating Christ as our personal and true friend*. He was ordained on November 25th 1994. He did his higher studies, formation and teaching in Rome from 1985 through 2011. He continued teaching in the Assumption Seminary in Denver from 2017 through 2024. Let us welcome him to our lovely parish.

Blessings.

Fr. Anthony



With
 Deepest
 Sympathy...

We are saddened to inform our parish community that a pillar of our church has passed away.

Mrs. Dora Duran, has been a lifelong member of St. John Berchmans and was actively involved with many of our ministries. Mrs. Duran was always ready to assist in any capacity. Her husband, Mr. Luis Duran, was also involved alongside her for many years.

We pray for the family and extend our prayers for healing, peace and mercy during this time.

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25:21

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 11 @ 10 AM
Adult Faith Enrichment Class -
Formation House

Thursday, March 12 @ 6 PM - HOLY HOUR
Ministry Assigned: ALTAR SOCIETY/MEN'S CLUB

Friday, March 13 @ 6 PM -
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Ministry Assigned: Guadalupanas

Saturday, March 14— 8:00am - Church Cleaning
Ministry Assigned: JOY/LECTORS AND
GOOD SAMARITANS

Wednesday, March 18th & Thursday March 19th
LENTEN TALK — 6:30 pm in the Church
Rev. Jose Antonio Caballero, Presenter

WORKS OF MERCY CHECKLIST

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| Corporal Works of Mercy | Spiritual Works of Mercy |
| 1. Feed the Hungry | 1. Admonish the sinner |
| 2. Give drink to the thirsty | 2. Help others to learn and know. |
| 3. Clothe the naked | 3. Counsel the doubtful |
| 4. Shelter the homeless | 4. Comfort the sorrowful |
| 5. Visit the imprisoned | 5. Bear wrongs patiently |
| 6. Visit the sick | 6. Forgive all injuries |
| 7. Bury the dead | 7. Pray for the living and The dead |

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. Donate now and 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 Parish office.
PRAY, FAST, GIVE



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.

St. John Berchmans
 — Catholic Church —

In Honor or Loving Memory of a

Honor or remember a special loved one this Easter by sponsoring an

Easter Lily for \$15

Sponsored by the Altar Society Ministry

Names you submit will be placed in our Mass Petition Book and presented on the altar at the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass.

How to Participate:

- ✿ Place your Easter Lily envelope in the Collection Basket.
- ✿ Or drop it off at the Church Office.

Thank you for filling our church with beauty, remembrance, and prayer this Easter season!

BOOTS, BETS & BLING
 CASINO NIGHT

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