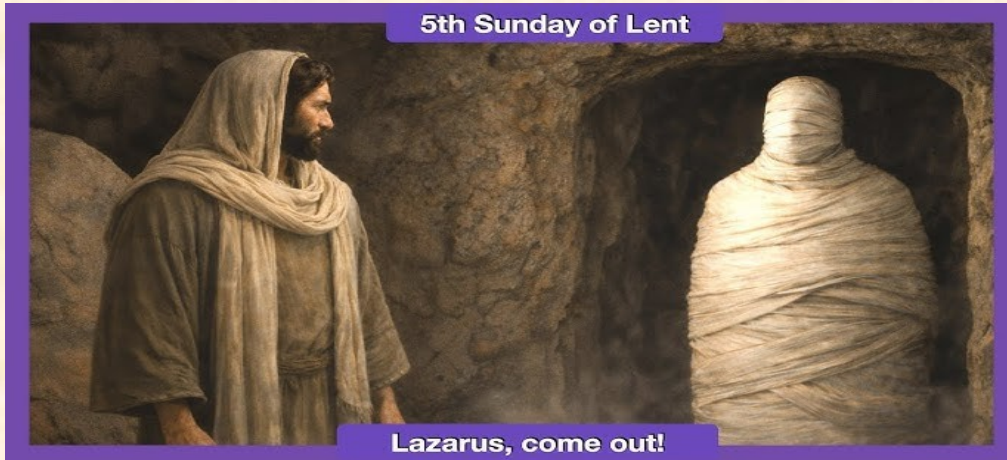


# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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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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• Deacon Luis Guardiola •

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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/Quinceañeras/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

**SJB School:**  
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**ACTS CORE FACILITATOR:**  
**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](http://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 22, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**COME TO BELIEVE**

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow, happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

**LLEGAR A CREER**

Marta tenía una relación muy personal con Jesús. Habló con él sinceramente, desnudando su corazón ante Jesús, expresando abiertamente su confusión y su dolor por la muerte de su hermano. La respuesta de Jesús llevó a Marta a una profunda declaración de fe: "He llegado a creer que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que viene al mundo". También nosotros podemos tener una relación singularmente personal con Jesús. Podemos hablar honestamente con el Señor, desnudando nuestros corazones, expresando la verdad de cada momento de nuestras vidas, ya sea en la alegría o en la tristeza, en la felicidad, en la pena, en la confusión o en los momentos de plenitud. En esa honestidad y confianza, podemos encontrar también una fe más profunda, llegando a creer que Cristo es nuestro todo, nuestro camino, verdad y vida.

**LECTURAS DE HOY:** Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**  
**MARCH 21ST AND MARCH 22ND**

Commentator	1st Lector	2nd Lector
5pm Deborah Campos	Brandon Pesqueda	Sylvia Lore
9am Xanthia Hernandez	Andrew Solis	Oralia Cantu
11am	SJB SCHOOL	

**TEFA APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**  
**LAS SOLICITUDES ESTÁN ABIERTAS**  
**Extended thru March 31st**

MY FAMILY CAN GET HELP PAYING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL — THANKS TO TEFA! LEARN MORE.


[sacatholicschools.org](http://sacatholicschools.org)  
[@sacatholicschools](https://twitter.com/sacatholicschools)


**TEXAS EDUCATION PLEDGE ACCOUNTS**  
Grades K-12 from 2015

**SCAN TO LEARN MORE**  
**ESCANEE PARA CONOCER MÁS**




**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK**  
**ENDING MARCH 15, 2026**



MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 460.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 735.00
9:00 AM	\$ 706.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 953.00
11:00 AM	\$ 390.00	\$ 334.55	\$ 724.55
<b>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES</b>			<b>\$ 554.90</b>
<b>ON LINE GIVING</b>			<b>\$ 155.00</b>
<b>MAIL IN/DROP OFF</b>			<b>\$ 460.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,582.45</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**MARCH 21-22, 2026**

**EASTER LILIES**

**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	Nicole Guerra
Guadalupe Rodriguez	Jesus Garcia	James R. Navarro
Lori Bañuelos	Danny Flores	Gloria Gil
Edith Flores	Baby Marlon	Leonard Rodriguez
Isaiah Vasquez	Sara McCumba Garcia	Guadalupe Gomez
Gloria Rubio	Robyn Pesina	Benito Tenorio
Angie Canales	Reymundo Padilla	Lorenas Grandson
Rosie Gallegos	Juan G. Valenzuela	Infant Austin Catz
Richard Santoyo		David Castillo

**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.**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. † Elida Rocha - Olivia Lopez  
† Henry Vidal - Family  
† Joe Villanueva - Family  
† Elisa Flores - Family  
† Jennifer Davila Rocha - Family

## Sunday, March 22

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

**Special Blessing** Ralph Rodriguez - Family

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

## Tuesday, March 24

12:00 p.m.  
**Gift of Life** Malina M. Beltran - Family

## Wednesday, March 25

8:15 a.m. For Holy Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, March 26

12:00 p.m. † Ofelia Torres - SJB Family

## Friday, March 27

12:00 p.m. † Estela Jaramillo - Family  
**For Healing** Monica Rodriguez

### IN MEMORIAM

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

**OFELIA TORRES**



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



**For the Hungry, the Homeless and the Unemployed  
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
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.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Dear Parish Community,

Thank you for joining us for our Lenten Mission. Your presence, prayer, and participation helped make this time of reflection and renewal truly meaningful for our entire community.

During this sacred season of Lent, it was a blessing to come together in faith, grow spiritually, and deepen our relationship with God. Your openness and commitment brought life and purpose to each gathering. I pray that the fruits of this mission continue to inspire and guide us in the days ahead.

#### School PTC Members!

Thank you so much for helping make our Casino Night such a tremendous success. Your time, effort, and generosity truly made the evening memorable for everyone involved. We are incredibly grateful for your support and commitment. We couldn't have done it without you!

#### Men's Club Members!

Thank you all for making the First Kickapoo bus trip such a great success. Your planning, coordination, and enthusiasm created a fun, smooth, and memorable experience for everyone who attended.

From organizing the trip to ensuring everything ran seamlessly, your efforts did not go unnoticed. Events like this truly strengthen our community and give us all something special to enjoy together. We sincerely appreciate your time, dedication, and commitment.

**Blessings, Fr. Anthony**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wed: Is 7: 10-14; 9:10' Ps 40: 7- 11; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sun: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, March 24 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Confessions**

**Wednesday, March 25 @ 10 AM**  
**Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House**


**Thursday, March 26 @ 6:00pm**  
**HOLY HOUR Ministry: Vigil Team/ Rosary Makers**

**Friday, March 27 @ 6pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Ministry Assigned: CYO/ Altar Servers**

**Friday, March 27 - ACTS ANNUAL FISH FRY**  
**Time: 4pm—7:30pm**

**Saturday, March 28 @ 8:00am - Church Cleaning**  
**Ministry Assigned: CYO & Guadalupanas**

**What are the items used at Mass?**

Practical guide of the objects used at the altar 

<p><b>Chalice</b></p>  <p>A large cup used to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.</p>	<p><b>Purificator</b></p>  <p>A white cloth that the priest uses to cleanse the chalice.</p>	<p><b>Ciborium</b></p>  <p>It is used to hold the Hosts which will be used for communion.</p>	<p><b>Corporal</b></p>  <p>A linen cloth on which the vessels (with bread and wine) are placed.</p>	<p><b>Pall</b></p>  <p>It is a stiff, square, white cover that is placed over the chalice.</p>
<p><b>Host and paten</b></p>  <p>The host is placed in the paten (a saucer-like disk).</p>	<p><b>Lavabo and manuterge</b></p>  <p>They are used by the priest to wash his hands during Mass.</p>	<p><b>Cruets</b></p>  <p>Small vessels that hold the water and wine.</p>	<p><b>Roman Missal</b></p>  <p>It contains the prayers, chants and instructions for the Mass.</p>	<p><b>Candles and crucifix</b></p>  <p>It reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ, Light of the World.</p>

**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**



**CONFESSIONS**

Lent is a time when we try to come closer to our Heavenly Father. During lent one can make the extra effort to come to daily mass more often and, it is also the time to reconsider the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

Please come and reconcile with the Lord on **Tuesday March 24th @ 6:30pm** in the Church. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. Remember it is your responsibility to confess your sins at least once a year and we can see the love and mercy of the risen Lord Jesus.



**ACTS ANNUAL FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 27th**

**\$12 per plate**

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

**Tickets sold after all masses.**

 **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!*

