

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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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/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

SJB School:
Nora Garcia, Principal - 210-433-0411

Parish Ministries

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:

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- 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 29, 2026 - PALM SUNDAY

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phi 2:6-11

ENCUENTRO CON LA CRUZ

El camino de la Cuaresma nos lleva al encuentro con la cruz. Durante la Cuaresma, hemos sido conducidos más profundamente a las preguntas en el corazón de nuestra fe: ¿Quién es Dios? ¿Y quiénes somos nosotros, la Iglesia? El Evangelio de Mateo indica que, en la crucifixión, la verdadera naturaleza de Dios se revela plenamente en Jesús. En Jesús, Dios es el que se despoja de sí mismo, que abraza la humildad y sufre el rechazo, como dice Pablo a los filipinos. El poder de Dios se redefine, presente no en la coerción y la violencia, sino en el amor sin límites de Jesús. Nosotros, la Iglesia, podemos aprender quiénes somos, los seguidores del Crucificado, cuando llevamos cruces que ofrecen vida y esperanza al mundo. Nos convertimos más plenamente en la Iglesia cuando nos vaciamos compartiendo el sufrimiento de los demás, rechazando la violencia y asumiendo riesgos por la justicia y la reconciliación. Como Jesús, podemos revelar el poder de Dios como compasión y misericordia.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Mt 21:1-11; IS 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fili 2:6-11

LECTOR SCHEDULE
MARCH 28th AND MARCH 29th

	Commentator	1st Lector	2nd Lector
5pm	Edna Cruz	Izzy Ramos	Andrew Dominguez
9am	Marie Sanchez	Raul Gomez	Denise Gomez
11am	Laly Arocha	Rosario Estrada	Tomas Torres
Speaker at all Masses: Deacon Luis Guardiola			

***SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who came out and supported our CASINO NIGHT. As you can see, it was a great success!*

We continue to be amazed and appreciative at the support we are given by our parish

ST JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL
2026 Casino Night

Tables Sold	3,500.00
Donations	8,213.36
Casino Night Proceeds	20,549.00
Expenses	(12,127.22)
Net Income	20,135.14

Attendance 202



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK
ENDING MARCH 22, 2026

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 530.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 767.00
9:00 AM	\$ 512.00	\$ 167.71	\$ 679.71
11:00 AM	\$ 892.00	\$ 478.00	\$ 1370.00
ALTAR FLOWERS			\$ 910.64
ON LINE GIVING			\$ 105.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 2157.75
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 5,990.10

SECOND COLLECTION
MARCH 28 - 29, 2026

GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB



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 28

5:00 p.m. † Joe Villanueva - Family
 † Elisa Flores - Family
 † Jennifer Davila Rocha - Family
Gift of Life Priscilla R. Lopez - Lopez Family
Healing Tasha Rocha - Family

Sunday, March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

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

Special Blessing Martha Gallegos - Family

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

Gift of Life Louise G. Zamora - Friend

Tuesday, March 31

12:00 p.m. † Death Anniversary of
 Fr. John Balleza - Family

Gift of Life Cristina Santoyo - Family

Wednesday, April 1

8:15 a.m. † Daniel "Danny" Romero - Family

Thursday, April 2 - HOLY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. † Rafael Mireles Cantu - Family
 † Dora Duran - Enrichment Group

Friday, April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. † Leonardo Serna - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tue: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15-17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thu: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Fri: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
 Sat: 1) Gen 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35
 2) Gen 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 3) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 4) Is 54:5-14; Psa 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 5) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 6) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 7) Eze 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4
 Epistle) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Mk 16:1-7
 Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:13-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parish Community,

Holy Week is about what Christ has done for humanity. Let the memory of God's mercy sink in without any compulsion to do something. Just relish His mercy and relax in the radiance of His love. During Holy Week, tell God **"Thank you."** Holy Week is not what human beings do to make these days holy. But what God has done already for us.

Fasting is good, but without sincere concern for others, it is nothing. Prayer is good, but without remembering others and laying aside personal comfort, it is just an ego trip. Helping the poor and giving alms are good, but if you do it for show or to get a "feel good" reward later, it is just a noisy bell. Can we go to the beach during Holy Week? If it will help you love like Jesus, yes, you can. But if it will distract you from the story of His love, please don't.

The highest law is love. Choose to love. Love begins with a smile. Make someone happy this Holy Week. Make someone feel loved. With your smile, show that God is love. The first Christians were known to be the most loving of all. Love is our identity. This week is holy because of love. Love alone can make us holy. I want to encourage every parishioner to attend the Holy Week services. ***Especially the Triduum-Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.*** Hope to see you all during this holiest time of the year.

Blessings, Fr. Anthony

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



† Dora Duran
**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 1 @ 10 AM
 Adult Faith Enrichment Class - Formation House

HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30pm
 MASS (WASHING OF THE FEET)

Thursday, April 2 ADORATION SCHEDULE
 8pm - 9pm Guadalupanas/SJB School/ CYO

9pm - 10pm Religious Ed/Altar Servers/
 Vigil Team/Rosary Makers

10pm - 11 pm Altar Society/Men's Club

11pm - Midnight ACTS/JOY

Thursday, April 2 BUS TOUR OF 7 CHURCHES
 8pm - Midnight

Friday, April 3 GOOD FRIDAY
 12 Noon - Stations (PASSION OF CHRIST)
 presented by the SJB Catholic School

3 pm - Liturgy of the Word/Adoration of the
 Cross/ Communion Service

Saturday, April 4 @ 8:00am - Church Cleaning
 Ministry: Eucharistic Ministers/Vigil Team

Saturday, April 4 - EASTER VIGIL MASS 8 PM
(NO CONFESSIONS & NO 5 PM MASS)

Sunday, April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY
 Regular Mass Schedule



PALM SUNDAY commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ in Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday.

It thus marks the beginning of the Holy Week, the final week of lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's death and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2 & FRIDAY,
 APRIL 3, 2026.**



Stations of the Cross

We encourage all parishioners to attend this traditional Lenten service as we gather to reflect on the Passion of the Lord. Come and experience the love of Jesus for yourself. This play is enacted by the students of St. John Berchmans School.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, 2026 at 12 noon .



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

sites are now open and ready to provide services for the new tax season! This program offers free tax preparation to individuals earning up to \$65,000 per year.

Guadalupe Community Center VITA
 Monday-Friday 12pm - 6pm
 Saturday 9am - 3pm
 1801 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd.

What to bring to receive free tax filing:

- Original photo ID
 - Original Social Security Card
 - All tax documents, including W-2's, 1099R's, SSA-1099, 1099 Misc, bank interest, or dividend forms (1095A)
 - Completed intake forms in English and Spanish
- Questions? Call (210) 222-2975
 Have questions or need information call:
 (210) 222-2975.



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