

# St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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Welcoming and liturgical community celebrating the spiritual needs of God's peFople 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:**  
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**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:**  
**CHOIRS:**  
Saturday 5pm Choir  
Sunday 9am Choir  
Sunday 11am Choir  
**CYO:**  
**CAFETERIA:**  
**EXTRAORINDAY 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:**

Linda Campbell  
Elida Gonzales  
John Diaz  
Angie Diaz  
Teresa Arzola  
Arleen Garcia  
Dolores Guardiola  
Jessica Ramos  
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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](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.



**APRIL 12, 2026 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH**

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

**EJEMPLO DE LA FE**

Pobre Tomás. Señalado entre los discípulos porque se negó a creer lo que le decían: que habían visto, en carne y hueso, a su amigo y a su Señor, Jesucristo. ¿Puede alguno de nosotros culparle? Todos los discípulos estaban aterrados, cabizbajos, escondidos. ¿Pero qué hay de Tomás? ¿Dónde estaba él cuando Jesús se apareció por primera vez al grupo agazapado por el miedo? Se había ido “fuera”, fuera de la comunidad donde su fe tenía vida. Tal vez esto fue en realidad una bendición para Tomás y no la maldición asociada al apelativo de “Tomás el incrédulo” que le otorgó la tradición. ¡Oh, la divina misericordia del Señor! ¿Podría ser Tomás el precursor de todos los que llegamos con frágil esperanza e incertidumbre a la comunidad cristiana, tan bellamente descrita en la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles? ¿Podría ser Tomás un ejemplo máximo de la fe descrita en la Primera Carta de Pedro?

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**  
**April 11th & 12th**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5 p.m.	Sylvia Lore	Jessica Ramos	Izzy Ramos
9 a.m.	<b>GUADALUPANAS</b>		
	Alice Esparza	Arleen Garcia	Maria Alcalá
11 a.m.	<b>SJB SCHOOL</b>		

**April 18th & 19th**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5 p.m.	Deborah Campos	Angie Diaz	John Diaz
9 a.m.	Denise Gomez	X. Hernandez	Oralia Cantu
11 a.m.	<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>		



**FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK**  
**ENDING APRIL 5, 2026**

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
Easter Vigil	\$ 235.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 534.00
9:00 AM	\$ 983.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 1314.00
11:00 AM	\$ 713.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 1358.00
RICE BOWL			\$ 773.45
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 355.00

**GRAND TOTAL \$ 4,334.45**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**APRIL 11th & 12th, 2026**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**



**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, April 11

8:00 p.m. † Grace Perez - Family  
 † Henry Vidal - Family  
 † Joe Villanueva - Family  
 † Elisa Leal Flores - Family

## Sunday, April 12 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.  
 † Ryan Sanchez - Family  
 † Guadalupe Chapa Garcia - Family  
 † Daniel C. & Maria C. Arzola- Family  
 † Gabriel & Guadalupe Gomez - Family  
 † Dora Valdemar - Family  
 † Juan & Hope Esquivel - Family

11:00 a.m.  
 † Arturo & Ana Moreno - Family  
 † Ralph Moreno - Family  
 † Suzanne & Lily Gutierrez - Salinas Family  
 † Josefa Ledesma - Family  
 † Estella Jaramillo - Family  
 † F. J. Rodriguez - Dolores Guardiola  
 † Paul Salinas - Family  
 † Richard Torres - Family  
 † 1yr Death Anniversary of  
 Oliver Vela - Family

## Tuesday, April 14

12:00 p.m.  
**Gift of Life** Andrew B. - Family

## Wednesday, April 15

8:15 a.m.  
**Healing** Abigail Loudermilk - Family  
**Gift of Life** Martha Gallegos - Family

## Thursday, April 16

12:00 p.m.  
**Gift of Life** Elizabeth C. Martinez - Family

## Friday, April 17

12:00 p.m.  
**Healing** Campbell Family - SJB Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Fri: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
 Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sun: Acts 5:27-41; Ps 30:2-13; Rev 5:11-14;



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Dear Parish Community,

Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Sending Jesus Christ to redeem us is the visible sign of God's mercy. We need to constantly contemplate this mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. The Church has given us the works of mercy to help bring God's love to other people. The works of mercy are broken into two categories: the corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy address meeting the physical needs of others and the spiritual works of mercy address meeting their spiritual needs. When have you been the hands and feet of God, the living embodiment of his mercy to those around us?

This weekend we welcome Bishop Michael J. Boulette who will be celebrating confirmations at St. John Berchmans this Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Six of our high school kids and Six adults are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome three Confirmandi from Prince of Peace Catholic Church. They are all prepared well, and I am so proud of them. Confirmation is an important part of their spiritual journey but not the end. I join with parishioners in congratulating them for all their hard work. I want to thank the Faith Formation teachers who prepared them and the parents for their support. You have made today possible. So let us congratulate and continually pray for them.

Blessings,

Fr. Anthony

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



**Campbell Family**  
**For the Hungry, the Homeless and**  
**the Unemployed**  
**For the All Souls in Purgatory**  
**For the Leaders of our Country**  
**For an End to all Wars**

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 15**

10:00am- Adult Faith Enrichment Class  
Formation House

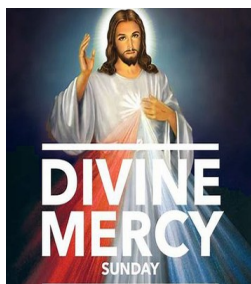
**Saturday, April 18**

8:00am- Church Cleaning  
Ministry Assigned : Martinez & Santoyo Families

10:00am- Reconciliation for SJB School 2nd Grade

**Friday, April 24**

**PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today Catholics throughout the world celebrate the Feast of Divine mercy which is observed the Sunday after Easter.

Jesus said to Sister Faustina that **“Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.”**

Jesus, the risen Christ, offers us forgiveness of all sins as His Easter gift.

**Please join us this Sunday, April 12, as we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 12 Noon in the Church.**

**5 THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- 1 HE IS A PERSON**  
The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.
- 2 HE IS FULLY GOD**  
All three persons of the Trinity are fully God and “equal in glory”.
- 3 HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED**  
God eternally exists as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 4 YOU RECEIVE HIM AT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION**  
We receive Him first in Baptism, and then is strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.
- 5 CHRISTIANS ARE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
We have the Holy Spirit indwelling in us. We must live accordingly.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SJB WINNERS & PARTICIPANTS AT THE CATHOLIC ARTS SHOWCASE SJB COMMUNITY PROUD!**



**!! WAY TO GO KIDS !!**

Camila Rios-Rico	Literature - <b>2nd Place</b>
Michael Izaguirre	Literature - <b>2nd Place</b>
Nicholas Murguia	Art - <b>3rd Place</b>
Amelia Musquiz	Literature - <b>3rd Place</b>
Liam Mateo	Bible Story Telling - <b>2nd Place</b>
Sophia Alvarado	Photography - <b>1st Place</b>
Olivia Reilly	Photography - <b>3rd Place</b>
Ava Torres	Art
Kaizley Vera	Bible Story Telling
Raine Salazar	Art
Madelynn Musquiz	Literature
Esmeralda Sheets	Art
Amelia Musquiz	Bible Story Telling
Athena McMeans	Art
Liam Mateo	Literature
Elaina Rodriguez	Art
Ximena Linares Garcia	Literature
Sophia Gonzales	Photography
Kayden White	Art
Bethanny Navarro	Literature
Bethanny Navarro	Photography
Kamillia Otero	Witness to the Word
Jacob Martinez	Art
Jacob Martinez	Literature
Isabel Villegas	Witness to the Word
Noah Rodriguez	Art
Isabel Villegas	Literature