

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Homily
For April. 19. 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/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:
EXTRAORINDAY MINISTERS:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
GOOD SAMARITANS OF SJB:

GUADALUPANAS:
FORMATION HOUSE RENTAL :
HOSPITALITY:
J.O.Y. MINISTRY:

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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.



APRIL 19, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pet 1:17-2; Lk 24:13-35

EMMAUS Y LA MISA

Emaús podría ser también como un pueblo poco conocido. Oímos hablar de este lugar en este único relato -y sólo en Lucas- y luego desaparece. El viaje a Emaús es uno de los relatos más queridos sobre Jesús, y sin embargo el pueblo es probablemente “mítico” en el sentido más estricto. Como gran parte de la vida, esta historia trata del viaje, no del destino. Huyendo de Jerusalén y de sus miedos, probablemente volviendo a casa desilusionados, dos de los discípulos de Jesús encuentran en el camino a un desconocido que, como un rabino, es capaz de ayudarles a entender sus experiencias utilizando su profundo conocimiento de las escrituras. Más tarde, compartiendo una comida con él, reconocen al desconocido como Jesús, y vuelven a Jerusalén para contárselo a los demás. Es como nuestra misa: escuchamos las escrituras y su explicación, compartimos una comida y salimos a contar las buenas nuevas.

Hechos 2:14. 22-33; Sal 16; 1Ped 1:17-21; Luc 24:13-35



Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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

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. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		

April 25th & 26th

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>1st Lector</u>	<u>2nd Lector</u>
5pm Laura Castañeda	Brandon Pesqueda	Gilbert Mendiola
9am Raul Gomez	X Hernandez	Denise Gomez
11am CYO		



HISTORIC CONFERENCE
Pilgrim Center of Hope invites people of all faith journeys to participate in the historic return of the Mother of Hope Marian Conference to San Antonio on

Friday & Saturday, July 24 - 25, 2026 at the Boeing Center. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSps will preside over the Holy Mass.

Learn from inspiring speakers about Mary, our Blessed Mother, experience healing encounters with Jesus, receive spiritual tools, shop vendors & more!

For more information:
MotherOfHopeConference.com or Call
(210) 521-3377.



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2026

MASS TIMES	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
5:00 PM	\$ 635.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 900.00
9:00 AM	\$ 639.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 835.00
11:00 AM	\$ 365.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 761.00
Confirmation Mass	\$ 190.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 350.00
Capital Improvements			\$ 1506.20
ONLINE GIVING			\$ 290.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF			\$ 478.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 5,120.20

**SECOND COLLECTION
APRIL 18th & 19th, 2026**

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 22

10:00am - Adult Faith Enrichment Class
Formation House

Thursday, April 23



3 - 6pm SJB School Mini FIESTA FESTIVAL

Friday, April 24

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday, April 25

8:00am- Church Cleaning
Ministry Assigned : ACTS & CCD

Sunday, May 3

SJB School BINGO
1- 4pm



We want to share an important update regarding the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program.

Based on the most recent information from the state, award notifications are expected to begin going out later this week.

As the state begins reviewing applications, they will start with families who fall within the **first priority group.**

After reviewing those applications, they will move to the next priority group, and so on, until available program funding is allocated.

Odyssey/TEFA notifications will be sent via email starting April 17th.

Families who are not selected this year will be added to the Waitlist.

What Families Should Do Now

We strongly recommend that families:

- Log in to their **Odyssey / TEFA portal** to ensure they can access their account.
- **Check their email regularly** for updates from the state.
- **Log into their portal weekly** to monitor their application status and ensure no important updates are missed.



Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

4522 Fredericksburg Rd, Balcones Heights, TX 78201

Senior Fiesta is the only Fiesta-sanctioned event for Seniors 55 and older! **Catholic Charities is hosting Senior Fiesta on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Wonderland of the Americas.** Seniors will enjoy live entertainment, a health and wellness fair, and activities at this **FREE EVENT.**

Senior lifestyle partners will be on site to provide information about medical, household aids, senior engagement programs, leisure activities, and more. Join us for an entertaining and informational morning planned just for you!

NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.