San Fernando Cathedral
THE OLDEST CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY IN THE UNITED STATES
FOUNDED IN 1731

August 18, 2019 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I HAVE COME
TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,
AND HOW I WISH
it were already blazing!

~ Luke 12:49

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Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S
Archbishop of San Antonio

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DE PADRE VICTOR

August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus’ intentions to “set the earth on fire” and to cause division were disturbing to his listeners, and may be disturbing to us, too. In the Old Testament, fire was seen as the means of God’s purification and judgment, truly a gift to the people. The fire destroys our illusions about ourselves and our behaviors. It burns away obstacles to a loving relationship with God. God’s fire melts any institutions, beliefs, or practices that enable evil and injustice.

Jesus came to expose evil and thereby force decisions about God’s true nature and purposes. Divisions emerged because of the diverse choices people made. Does Jesus represent some demonic power, or the true God? Do we fight to preserve current attitudes and behaviors, or do we enter the path offered by Jesus? In evoking fire, Jesus is certainly not suggesting violence or disrespect toward others. Jesus lights a fire, and then in his death, bears its results. It is a fire of sacrificial love, melting cold hearts and bringing light to a darkened world.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews places Jesus at the center of faith. The author uses the Greek word archegos, translated as “leader.” This rich word includes various meanings: pioneer, instigator, and captain. Jesus blazed the trail, showing us how to run the long-distance race of faith—with steadfastness and courage. To a community experiencing persecutions and discouragement, Jesus is known as the exemplar of faithful endurance.

In “keeping our eyes on Jesus,” we confront what often is the most persistent obstacle to our faith—discouragement. Our faith-filled focus on Jesus enables us to see reality as filled with the presence of God. God is neither distant nor indifferent; God is close and passionately loves us. Discouragement results in part from seeing mostly sin and darkness in our world and in ourselves. Jesus, God and human, reminds us of the divine activity within us and among us.

MANTÉN TUS OJOS EN JESÚS

El autor de la Carta a los hebreos pone a Jesús en el centro de la fe, ademas usa la palabra en griego archegos que puede traducirse como “líder”. Esta generosa palabra incluye varios significados: iniciador, instigador y capitán. Jesús traza el camino, mostrándonos cómo correr la carrera de la fe. Con perseverancia y valor. Para una comunidad que está experimentando persecuciones y desánimo, Jesús es conocido como el modelo de una fe perseverante.

Al “mantener la mirada en Jesús” enfrentamos lo que a menudo es el obstáculo más persistente en nuestra fe, el desaliento. Nuestra atención llena de fe nos permite ver la realidad tan llena de la presencia de Dios. Dios no está distante ni es indiferente, Dios está cerca y nos ama apasionadamente. El desaliento resulta en parte de ver sobre todo el pecado y la oscuridad en nuestro mundo y en nosotros mismos. Jesús, verdadero Dios y verdadero Hombre, nos recuerda de la acción divina dentro de nosotros y en medio de nosotros.
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019
8:00 a.m.  SFC Staff and their families
5:00 p.m.  † Eladio & Eloisa Alvarado - Ruben & Hope Alvarado  
† Guadalupe Velasquez - Ruben & Hope Alvarado

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019
6:00 a.m.  † Preston N. “Sonny” Littrell Jr. - Rosemary Kowalski
8:00 a.m.  Parish Community & Televised Viewers
10:00 a.m. † Greg Rupe - Ruben & Hope Alvarado  
† Juan Coronado - Ruben & Hope Alvarado
12:00 p.m. † Choco Gonzalez Meza - Daniel Meza y Familia  
† Janita Fernandez - Maria Montalvo
2:00 p.m.  † Clarence W. Platt - Platt Family  
† Earl Platt Sr. - Platt Family
5:00 p.m.  † Seby Cullum—Tony Guajardo & Cullum Family  
† Janita Sanchez Solis - Marisela Sanchez

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
12:05 p.m. † Yolanda Mendez - Ruben & Hope Alvarado  
† Armando Diaz - Ruben & Hope Alvarado
5:30 p.m.  For the Parish community

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019
12:05 p.m. † Ruben Enriquez - Olga Enriquez
† Maria Elena Ayala Zepeda - Mrs. Alice Mireles
5:30 p.m.  † Jimmie Keenon’s Mother - Rosemary Kowalski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019
12:05 p.m. For those who are Homeless
Ignacio Cazares - Family
5:30 p.m.  For All Parish Organizations

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019
7:00 a.m.  Thanksgiving Jesus de al Buena Esperanza - Ricardo & Amparo Pacini
12:05 p.m. † Josefina Salenga - Salenga & Mendez Family
7:00 p.m.  For those sick in the parish community

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019
12:05 p.m. † Carmen Mendez - Salenga & Mendez Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019
8:00 a.m.  † Roberto y Tomas Gonzales - Alfonso y Antonia Gonzalez  
SFC Staff and their families

Talleres de Oracion y Vida

All are cordially invited to attend “Talleres de Oracion y Vida,” founded by the late Father Ignacio Larrañaga, Capuchin Franciscan Friar. They began Saturday August 3 and will go for 15 consecutive weeks. They are taking place on Saturdays from 9 am to 11 am, at the Administration building, 1st floor, at 231 W. Commerce. You will learn and practice 14 Modes of Prayer. The presentations are offered in Spanish.

Pastoral Care Ministers

Training will be on Saturday, August 24 from 9am to 11am

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

If you are sick and in need of the Church’s prayers, please let your Parish Priest know so that he can say Mass for you.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).

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Lecturas de la Semana

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Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40-5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings of the Week

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfector of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Parish Ministries
Meeting Times

Hijas de Maria (Junta en espanol/ Spanish) Knights of Columbus -(English)
1st Sunday of the Month
11:00am - La Sala (Above Poblanos)
Contact: Gloria Gonzalez
210-533-7475

2nd Sunday of the Month
3:30pm - San Juan Room
231 W Commerce
Contact: Ruben Alvarado
210-227-1297 ext. 128

Guadalupano Society -(English)
3rd Saturday of the Month
9:30am - Cathedral Choir Room
(Above Gift Shop)
Contact: Maggie Marroquin
214-605-9124

Teen Ministry
1st Sunday after 2pm Mass
3:15pm - La Sala
Ages: 13-18
Contact: Fr. Tom
210-227-1297 ext. 124

Grupo de Oracion
Every Tuesday (Junta en Español)
7:00pm - Concepcion Room
Contact: Rosa Escobedo
210-717-2612

Holy Hour
Every Wednesday
6:30pm - 7:30pm - Cathedral

Contact: Maggie Marroquin
214-605-9124

Contact: Fr. Tom
210-227-1297 ext. 124

Classic Choir
Mariachi Choir
Every Wednesday
Every Thursday
6:00pm - 9pm - Cathedral Choir Rm
6:30pm - 7pm - San Jose Rm

Coro Popular
Knots of Hope—(Prayer Quilt Group)
Every Thursday
3rd Thursday of the Month
6:30pm - 9pm - Cathedral Choir Rm
2:00pm - 4:30pm - Concepcion Rm
Contact: Cati Reyna
210-748-9948

Wedding Rehearsals
Every Friday

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch
12:30pm - 1:30pm

Gift Shop Hours
Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday
8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish office:
(210) 227-1297
Gift Shop:
(210) 357-5608 Fax: (210) 444-1854
Gift Shop Fax:
(210) 223-7854
Development office:
(210) 576-1365

San Fernando Cathedral
Gift Shop
Rosary Bracelets
20% OFF
Valid from August 17th - September 2, 2019
TAKE THIS COUPON TO REDEEM AT CHECK OUT

WIN A DINNER WITH ARCHBISHOP
Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S.
$20.00 PER TICKET
DINNER HOSTED AT ARCHBISHOP’S HOME FOR 10 GUESTS
DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2019.
PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CATHEDRAL’S TV MINISTRY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE.
LOUIS SANCHEZ AT (210) 227-1297 EXT. 129 | SANCHEZ@SFCATHEDRAL.ORG OR AT RECEPTION DESK.

Parish Meetings and Upcoming Events

San Fernando Cathedral
Fall Festival
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
SAN FERNANDO HALL
11AM - 7PM

Family Fun
MUSIC | GAMES | FOOD
BINGO 12PM - 4PM
BBQ PLATES $10.00
TEA, BRISKET & SAUSAGE PLATE W/TRIMMINGS
DRIVE-THRU AVAILABLE ON CAMERON ST.

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE CONTINUING
RESTORATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

ELOISE CORTEZ-LARA 210.227.1297 EXT. 126
UPCOMING EVENTS

The Hijas de Maria
A trip to The Basilica de San Juan de Valle
Progresso, Mexico

Sunday, October 6, 2019
Fee: $50.00 per person (Round trip)
Bus Departs from San Fernando at 5am/
Returning to San Fernando between 10pm & 10:30pm

For more information please call:
Gloria Gonzalez at 210-533-7475
Gloria Torres at 210-223-2515

Please join the Hijas de Maria de San Fernando for a fun-filled trip with Mass at the Basilica and then lots of shopping in Progresso, Mex.

PASSPORT NEEDED!!!

SFC KofC Council #9463 Invites All Catholic
Gentlemen to Become a Member

Council #9463 is increasing its membership to assist San Fernando Cathedral’s parish and community members by providing for those in need — CHARITY; provide the opportunity for eligible Catholic men to work together and accomplish great deeds that the council could not accomplish alone — UNITY; and provide the opportunity to build the bonds of friendship with fellow council brothers that will last a lifetime — FRATERNITY.

Potential brothers’ wives are encouraged to ask questions to either our brother knights or wives of council #9463 to obtain information related to how much time is needed, how often we meet, and what activities we participate in as a council.

For more information please contact Recruiting Director Jose Rincones, Chancellor at (210) 885 - 1511. However, if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact either George Ramos, Grand Knight at (210) 315 - 7388 or Robert Ruiz Jr., Deputy Grand Knight at (210) 488 - 2250
HISTORIC CHARM IN THE HEART OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL
WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS | QUINCEÑERAS

EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

Founded in 1731, the historic Cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. The oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States, the mother church of San Antonio's Archdiocese, also the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive carvings, the nave is a beautiful and glorious space adorned by stained glass windows and Gothic style architecture.

THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO
SAN ANTONIO'S DESTINATION FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!
WEDDINGS | CORPORATE | REHEARSAL DINNERS | QUINCEÑERAS

SAN FERNANDO HALL AND CENTRE CAFE

A venue with a picturesque setting located in the heart of Downtown San Antonio.

Discover the venue by experiencing its Colonial atmosphere surrounded by history to create a unique, fun, and unforgettable event.
Parish Registration/Forma de Registración

Date/Fecha:________________________________________
Name | Nombre:_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Address/Domicilio:_______________________________City/Cuidad______________________State/Estado____________Zip Code/Codigo Postal____________
Telephone Number/Número de telefono:________________________Cell/Cellular: ______________________Email:_______________________________________
Language preference/Preferencia de Idioma:  _________English/Ingles _____________Spanish/Espanol

If you are not receiving envelopes from San Fernando, you are not registered as a parish member. **There will be a two month process before receiving envelopes.** Please fill out the above form and return it to the Parish Office or Gift Shop to become an official parishioner. Si no esta recibiendo sobres de la Catedral de San Fernando, no esta registrado como miembro’s de la Parroquia. **Habra un periodo de dos meses antes de que reciba sus sobres.** Por favor llene la forma y entregela a la Tienda de Regalos o a la oficina de la Parroquia. Please allow 90 days to receive the envelopes.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**
As this couple began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, August 17, 2019 ask the Parish Community to keep them in prayer as they continue to walk with each other with our Lord Jesus Christ as their spiritual guide. On this new journey of marriage may they always cherish and love one another and to always remember that love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous, nor pompous. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 12) May God bless you all always!!

Robert McAtee & Carmen Rocio McAtee

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**Retiro de ACTS para Hombres en Español**
September 12-15, 2019

Los Hombres de la comunidad de ACTS lo invitan a unirse a nosotros donde seran testigos del Espiritu Santo y la presencia de Dios. Nuestro Señor Jesucristo te espera!

Costo: $ 170.00 Deposito: $50.00 parte del costo total El saldo total se debe pagar a mas tardar el 12 de Septiembre del 2019. Le damos la bienvenida y le agradecemos su apoyo.

Se acepta efectivo y giros postales, no se aceptan tarjetas de credito. 

Envie su registro junto con el deposito de $50.00 a: ACTS de hombres a la atencion de: Louis Sanchez Catedral de San Fernando .
231 W. Commerce St. | San Antonio TX, 78205

Llamar para que le envien un formulario o cualquier pregunta:
Jose Esparza | Director   Jose Nino | Tesorero
210.391.3844   210.882.0567
OUR COMMUNITY

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has never been baptized?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

In our Cathedral, we have a program or process to prepare the people to receive the sacraments of initiation and to become full members of our Catholic Church. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

This journey will begin Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Cafe. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the parish office and ask for Lupita Mandujano (210-227-1297) or Dr. Ramon Figueroa (210-872-3518).

¿ES USTED ALGUIEN OR CONOCE A ALGUIEN QUE …

- Nunca ha sido bautizado?
- Ha expresado interés en ser miembro activo de la Iglesia Católica?
- Tiene un niño(a) de más de 7 años de edad y nunca ha sido bautizado?
- Fue bautizado de niño(a) y nunca recibió los sacramentos de Confirmación y Primera Comunión?

Si este es su caso, los invitamos a que participen en el proceso que se llama Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos o RCIA por sus siglas en Ingles. Este programa o proceso preparará a estas personas que necesitan recibir los sacramentos de iniciación para que puedan convertirse en miembros activos de nuestra comunidad de fe. Durante el proceso, ofrecemos la oportunidad de aprender más sobre nuestra fe. Las sesiones se concentran en las enseñanzas y prácticas de nuestra iglesia Católica. El RCIA los preparará para celebrar los sacramentos del Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión durante la Pascua. Tenemos sesiones separadas para niños, adolescentes y adultos. Las sesiones se ofrecen en inglés y en español.

Esta jornada va comenzar el Martes 10 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm en el Café. Si necesita más información, pueden comunicarse a la oficina parroquial y preguntar por la Sra. Lupita Mandujano (210-227-1297) o con el Dr. Ramón Figueroa (210-872-3518).

Converging Roads Conference and White Mass for Healthcare Providers

Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society | Continuing Education Credits

Saturday, October 19, 2019 | 8:30AM to 7:30PM
University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX

Annual White Mass for Healthcare Providers celebrated by Archbishop García-Siller, M.Sp.S to conclude the conference
Speakers: Robin Pierucci, MD, MA; Paul Hruz, MD, PhD; Frances Broghammer, MD; Jeffrey Berger, MD, FASAM; Monica Ashour, MTS, MHum; and more Cost ranges from $69-$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion.

Student scholarship rate is $15. To register or for more information, please visit convergingroads.com

Converging Roads is an initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation, presented in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Catholic Physicians Guild of San Antonio
Baptisms/Bautismos - Baptism Classes and required documents are needed please contact Ruben Alvarado at 210-227-1297 ext. 128 for more information and dates.

Marriage/Matrimonios & Quinceañera’s - Must be scheduled at least 6 months prior to the wedding or quinceañera date upon availability of the Parish. Paperwork, documents, and requirements must be met before marriage or quinceañera’s are celebrated. Please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-227-1297 ext. 131

Funerals - Contact the Parish Office

Mass Intentions/Names for Prayer of the Sick - can be made at parish during the weekend mass with the envelopes provided or you may contact the parish office. Mass Intentions should be made at least three weeks in advance if the intentions are to be put into the bulletin.

Sick and Homebound - For any Parishioner, Family Members or Friends who are sick or homebound and are in need of the Eucharist please contact; Phil Grazier (210) 216-8160, Pat Watters (210) 288-8769 or Jo Ann Scrivano (210) 422-0907
The Sanctuary Lamp for JULY will shine for:

THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Lay Ministry
Pat Watters
Pastoral Care of the Sick
Jo Ann Scrivano
Altar and Rosary Society
Deborah P. Walton
San Francescanci Society
Henry F. Garcia

Please pray for those who are sick and in need of healing graces/Por favor oren por los enfermos

Angelina & Ivan Hinojosa
Josephine Garza,
Alexis Kimberly Garcia
Mariah Chanel Torres
Ralph B. Torres
Leonard & Regina Lee
Loretta Gutierrez
Jorge Faria VanDune
Mariana Gaspar
John Tia
Maria Lee Young
Joseph Roberto Moreno
M. del Carmen Sanchez
Mike Casanovan
Mario Reyes
Cynthianna Martinez
Janie Miller
Frances Ponzio
Annie Pantusa
Rivera Noah Martinez
Patrick John Meyers
Mary Martinelli
Sharon Anderson
Sammy Greco
Kathy Greco
Joe Monaco
Frank Pantusa

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019
5:30p.m.
For the San Francesco Community
+Ann LaMacchia - Anthony Martino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019
11:00a.m.
+Sammy Scrivano - Vincy Dunn
Mamie De Hoyos - Rita and Carrie
+Ann LaMacchia - Bernadette McKay and Cathy

1:30p.m.
Para La Comunidad de San Francesco
Deceased members of the Altar and Rosary Society

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019
5:30p.m.
+Ann La Macchia - Ann R. Pantusa

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

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2019 Collections to Date | 2019 Collections Budget
$2,321.82 | $100,000

NOTE: Fiscal Year (FY) is from July 1, 2019—June 30th, 2020.

For ordering of flowers in honor of a loved one to decorate our beautiful church the cost is $60 for one large or $60 for two small arrangements. Please make checks payable to: Flowers by Grace. Thank you for your generosity. Sfdp Altar/Rosary Society. See Rose Marie Pagonis for more details. You can give her the check or place in collection marked for flowers.

This Week, the flowers are in Remembrance of Mamie De Hoyos by Rita and Carrie.
ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA ESQUINA DE CHARITAS

“Ayudando a los necesitados a través de la grandeza de Dios y su generosidad.”

El Fondo Charitas ayudó recientemente a cinco familias necesitadas:

- Pagó una factura de servicios vencidos para una familia que no pudo realizar el pago debido a gastos inesperados de reparación del vehículo.
- Cubrió el alquiler de un mes para una madre soltera despedida del trabajo.
- Ayudó a pagar los gastos necesarios para una persona mientras recibe tratamiento para un tumor cerebral.
- Pagó el alquiler de un mes para una madre soltera (con dos niños pequeños) que recientemente perdió su trabajo y se enfrentó al desalojo.
- Realizó un pago de la factura de servicios públicos para una mujer soltera que no puede trabajar debido a sus condiciones de salud física y mental.

¡Su apoyo y generosidad continúan ayudaron a que estos actos de bondad sucedieran!

El Fondo Charitas es administrado por la Sociedad San Francescani y se financia principalmente a través de la segunda recaudación, generalmente el tercer domingo de cada mes. El propósito de este Fondo es ayudar a los beneficiarios que, sin ser culpa suya, han pasado por momentos difíciles y tienen una necesidad documentada de asistencia para recuperarse. El Fondo es una fuente de una donación única a un destinatario. Con frecuencia, las solicitudes de asistencia superan con creces el dinero disponible, y esto impide que el Fondo ayude a todos los necesitados. ¡Esta es la razón por la que pedimos su apoyo continuo a través de sus generosas donaciones!

Además de la segunda colección, el Fondo Charitas acepta contribuciones individuales y comerciales. Las donaciones / contribuciones se pueden enviar por correo a: Ralph Paglia, Tesorero, Sociedad San Francescani, P.O. Box 782474, San Antonio, TX 78278-2474.

Gracias.

Sociedad San Francescani

CHARITAS CORNER UPDATE

“Helping those in need through God’s greatness and your generosity.”

The Charitas Fund recently helped five families in need:

- Paid an overdue utility bill for a family not able to make their payment due to unexpected vehicle repair expenses.
- Covered one month’s rent for a single mother laid off from work.
- Helped pay necessary expenses for an individual while he is receiving treatment for a brain tumor.
- Paid a month’s rent for a single mother (with two small boys) who recently lost her job and faced eviction.
- Made a utility bill payment for a single woman unable to work due to her physical and mental health conditions.

Your continued support and generosity helped make these acts of kindness happen!

The Charitas Fund is administered by the San Francescani Society and funded primarily through the second collection, usually on the third Sunday of each month. The purpose of this Fund is to assist recipients who, through no fault of their own, have fallen on hard times and have a documented need for assistance in getting back on their feet. The Fund is a source of a one-time donation to a recipient. Frequently, requests for assistance far exceed the money available, and this prevents the Fund from helping all those in need. This is the reason why we ask for your continued support through your generous donations!

In addition to the second collection, the Charitas Fund accepts individual as well as business contributions. Donations/contributions can be mailed to: Ralph Paglia, Treasurer, San Francescani Society, P.O. Box 782474, San Antonio, TX 78278-2474.

Thank you.

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