Jesus said to them, “I tell you, the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 27, 2019

Most Reverend
Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S
Archbishop of San Antonio

Rector:
Very Rev. Victor Valdez

Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Alejandro Ortega
Rev. Kishore Bathula
Rev. Raymond Schuster - In Residence

Deacons:
Deacon Joe Marroquin
Deacon C. Roger Macias
Deacon Roger Morales
Deacon Jesse Nunez

Director of Religious Ed:
Lupita Mandujano

Director of Music Ministries:
Rick Mc Laughlin

Parish Staff:
Louis Sanchez - Parish Administrator
Lupita Mandujano - Bookkeeper
Eloise Cortez-Lara - Director of Facilities & Special Events
Veronica Alvarez - Wedding Coordinator
Dora Ramos - Gift Shop Manager
Cielo Perez - Director of Internal Communications
Ruben Alvarado - Receptionist /Records
Elizabeth Nunez - Housekeeper

Sacristan:
Marta Figueroa

Maintenance:
Felix Pastrano - Supervisor
Arturo Bustamante
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
OCTOBER 27, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DE PARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

October 27, 2019 • Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would
regularly upset assumptions about how the world
works, especially the world of religious observances.
Moreover, just when we think we’ve figured this out,
we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation
layered over surprise.

The Pharisees of Jesus’s day emphasized the obser-
vance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a
path of righteousness for people unable to attend
temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took
pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becom-
ing self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable to them, to “those who
were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone
else,” like tax collectors. But didn’t they have a point? Tax collectors
were among society’s outcasts: didn’t this one just admit his own sin-
freeness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right)
before God, while the Pharisees were not? Why would God even listen
to the prayer of a tax collector? this surely was a surprise, upsetting
common assumptions about righteousness.

BUT WHO ARE THE “LOWLY”?

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax
collectors could hardly be considered “lowly.” Widows, orphans,
those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones, for whom the Law
commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax
collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were
outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the
“lowly?” For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple
anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising: it might even be
disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified
before God, embraced by God’s mercy, are the ones whom God
sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether
we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either “worthy”
or “unworthy,” either “like us” or “one of them”? What if we took
seriously the idea that God’s love is for “them” just as much as it is for
“us”?

27 de octubre de 2019 • Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Cuando Jesús enseñaba o predicaba, sus palabras a menudo afectaban nuestras creencias de cómo funciona el mundo, especialmente el de las prácticas religiosas. Además, justo cuando pensamos que ya lo resolvimos, otra vez nos toman por sorpresa, desorientación sobre otra asombrosamente.

Los fariseos en el tiempo de Jesús enfatizaban el cumplimiento de la Ley de Moisés en la vida cotidiana, ofreciendo un camino de virtud para las personas que no podían resistir a los sacrificios del Templo. Sin embargo, algunas de esas personas se sentían arrogantes cumpliendo los preceptos religiosos, mirando de arriba abajo a los demás y se creían que se llamaríamos hoy un santurrones. Jesús les contó esta parábola “sobre algunos que se sentían por justos y despreciaban a los demás”, como a los recolectores de impuestos. Pero, ¿eso indicaba algo? Los recolectores de impuestos estaban entre los marginados por la sociedad; ¡acaso este recolector de impuestos no acababa de reconocer su propia maldad! ¿Cómo podría un recolector de impuestos ser “justificado” (es decir, justo) ante Dios, mientras los fariseos no? ¿Por qué Dios escucharía la oración de un recolector de impuestos? Por seguro esto era una sorpresa, molestando las creencias comunes acerca de la justificación.

¿PERO, QUIÉNES SON LOS “HUMILDES”??

Hay otra serie de suposiciones que se exponen aquí: los recolectores de impuestos difícilmente podían ser considerados “humildes”. Las viudas, los huérfanos, las personas que sufren, ellos son los verdaderos humildes para quienes la Ley exige generosidad y obviamente Dios escucha sus oraciones. ¿Por los recolectores de impuestos? Ellos recaudaban ingresos para los idolatos romanos; ellos eran los marginados y sujetos de desprecio. ¿Cómo podrían ser considerados en medio de los “humildes”? De hecho, ¿qué hace un recolector de impuestos en el Templo en todo caso?

Aquí la parábola podría ser más que sorprendente, incluso podría ser desorientadora. ¿Qué pasa con las personas que pensamos no pueden ser justificadas ante Dios, abrazadas por la misericordia de Dios, son aquellas a quienes Dios las ve como humildes? ¿Qué pasa si la parábola nos desafía a preguntarnos si nosotros categorizamos incorrectamente a las personas como “dignas” o “indignas”, o bien “como nosotros” o “una de esas”? ¿Qué pasa si tomamos seriamente la idea de que el amor de Dios es para “ellos” tanto como lo es para “nosotros”?

Mass Collections for the week of October 19th & 20th.
$11,616.48
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.

Marta L. Celarie               Carmen M. Calderon
Guadalupe G. Rodriguez Maria Y. Torres
Carlos Francisco Alvarez Uribe
Manuel Valdez  Ruben Alfaro Vicky Tesillo
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Guadalupe Valdez Nicholas Garcia Jr. Jovier Villareal
Ruben Caspas Charles Garcia Maria Carmen Villareal
Amy Webber Ella Trest Tim Settles Martinez
Ty Cline Debbie Ruiz Rosa Settles Martinez
Margi Lago German Oritz Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa
Vela Sara Verones Roberta Garza
Maria Regina Vidal Guadalupe de Hoyos Theresa Tovar
Jane Rodriguez Martinez Jacob Garza Stephanie Luna
Hector Arrigo Maria Cardenas
RELIC OF SAN JOSELITO

Wednesday, October 30th, 2019
5:30pm

Adoration Following right after Mass

San Fernando Cathedral
Gift Shop

Rosaries

20% OFF

Valid until October 31, 2019
TAKE THIS COUPON TO REDEEM AT CHECK OUT

Parish Ministries
Meeting Times

CONFESSIONS | CONFESSIONES
Everyday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
ADORATIONS
Wednesday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm
BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS | MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO
Please contact the Parish Office
Favor de llamar a la oficina | 210.227.1297

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

Knights of Columbus -(English)
2nd Wednesday of the Month
6:30pm - San Juan Room
231 W Commerce
Contact: George Ramos
210-772-3417

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
Contact: Rosa Escobedo

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

Chorale
Every Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:15pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

Mariachi Choir
Every Thursday
6:30pm - 9pm - San Jose Rm

Coro Sagrado
Every Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

Knots of Hope—(Prayer Quilt Group)
3rd Thursday of the Month
2:00pm - 4:30pm - Concepcion Rm
Contact: Cati Reyna
210-758-9948

Wedding Rehearsals
Every Friday
5:00pm & 6:00pm - Cathedral

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
A Mission of Faith
A family of Ministries

Just one person at a time.

You have the opportunity to be that one person to someone who needs what you have to offer. And what you have to offer is never small and insignificant.

Be part of our Faith Community! For more information on any of our ministries, contact us at 210.227.1297

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1, 2019
Mass Times
7:00 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm

Join Us
All Souls Day Mass

San Fernando Cathedral
SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 2, 2019 • 8 AM

National Vocations Awareness Week Nov. 3-9, 2019

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.
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.

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As these couples began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, October 26, 2019 we ask the Parish Community to please 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!!!
COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS

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).

- 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?

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 Inglés. Este programa o proceso preparara 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 preparara 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).

There are 2 parking options for mass:
* First Option—Surface lot on Dolorosa before Flores St. (approx. 70 spaces). There is no fee.
**Second Option—Bexar County Parking Garage on Flores St.

For this garage, you must present your ticket per instructions below to receive complimentary pass:
Available for pick up at the Gift Shop on Sundays after Mass Times: 8am, 10am, 12noon, and 2pm.
5PM Mass Times for Saturdays and Sundays.
Tickets available from Mass Coordinators only.

Garage ticket must be presented prior to receiving a complimentary ticket.
**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, Deacon Jesse Nuñez (210) 705-3029.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

5:30p.m. For the San Francesco Community

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**

11:00a.m. Deceased members of Altar Rosary Society

1:30p.m. Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

5:30p.m. For the San Francesco Community

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**FATHER VICTOR VALDEZ, PASTOR,**

will be joined by

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

**AUXILIARY BISHOP MICHAEL BOULETTE**

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

REV. FRANCESCO BRAMUGLIA

FROM CALABRIA ITALY “THE SINGING PRIEST”

**SPAGHETTI DINNER TO FOLLOW**

Father Francesco will entertain us during the dinner
Proceeds from the dinner will go to CCIS

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**Cake Sale Revenue will go to Altar and Rosary Society**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY OF FAITH, ENTERTAINMENT, GOOD FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR DINNER TICKETS CONTACT:**

SAM GRECO @ 210-289-5800 or RALPH PAGLIA @ 210-744-1226

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**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

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**2019 Collections to Date**

|               | $18,393.00      |

**2019 Collections Budget**

|               | $100,000        |

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

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**MEMORIAL BRICKS**

If you would like to have your name engraved on a Memorial Brick in the foyer of the church, now is the time to purchase one. This project will run from June 29 thru September 29th. The cost of two lines is $250.00 and $300.00 for three lines. First come, first served when picking your spot.

If you are interested, please see Jo Ann Scrivano or you may call her at 210-422-0907.
For ordering 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.

Please contact Rose Marie Pagonis for any Memorial Flower Orders 210-289-9887.

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**CHARITAS CORNER UPDATE**

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

The Charitas Fund recently helped a brother in need who lost his longtime job. He was unable to pay his auto insurance and needed the car to look for other employment opportunities plus support his family. We were able to help pay part of the insurance and refer him to a state agency that assists the unemployed. He is now getting back on his feet! Your continued support and generosity helped make this act 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 monies 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.

**San Francescani Society**