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

Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus.

LUKE 19:4
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

November 3, 2019

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why do good things happen to bad people? Does this question strike you as odd? Aren’t we usually struggling with the bad things that happen to good people? True enough, but when good things happen to others, especially those we consider under-served, it can seem natural to grumble. How do some people always seem to “get away with it,” while we spend our lives trying to act as God would want? As a tax collector, Zacchaeus cheated and got rich off of his own people. Why does Jesus want to be so nice to him? It’s just not fair!

This problem of “good things for bad people” can cause as much distress as the problem of bad things happening to good people. Both touch on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence: Is the universe fair? Is God just? This is what is making the crowd grumble about Jesus favoring Zacchaeus. Why is Jesus befriending such a sinner?

This is the third such complaint about Jesus in Luke’s Gospel (see Luke 3:27-33 and 5:22-39). However, the encounter with Zacchaeus is different. In the other accounts, Jesus responds to his critics himself, but here, it is Zacchaeus who speaks up. Not only does Zacchaeus announce compensation for the he has cheated, he vows to give away half of his goods to the poor. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, where he knows he will be put to death. No one else that Jesus meets on this journey has responded as readily as Zacchaeus to his summons—first, to come down from the tree, then to “come down” from his wealthy lifestyle and the corruption that supported it. Although he did not travel to Jerusalem with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly understood the demands of discipleship.

This story gives us a hint as to why good things might happen to bad people: it is God’s patience, with Zacchaeus and with us as well, as God awaits our response, for us to become the disciples God is calling us to be.

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Mass Collections for the week of November 2nd & 3rd.
$10,798.29
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
Maria Estel Garza  Stephanie Luna Victor T. Castillo
George Aguilar  Robert Scheffel Gloria Pastrano
Bertha Lopez  Margarita Velasquez Maria Elena Martinez
Maria De Carmen Garza  Jesse Vera  Beatrice Ramirez
Carolyn Wright  Grace Herrera Sylvia Trujillo
Rosa Settles Martinez

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019
8:00 a.m. SFC Staff and their families
5:00 p.m. +Ruben & Francisca Enriquez Olga Enriquez
+Ynocencio & Lonjina Paloma Olga Enriquez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019
6:00 a.m. For the homebound
8:00 a.m. Parish Community & Televised Viewers
10:00 a.m. +Fidel Herrera Grace (Wife) & Family
Hijas de Maria Deceased Members & Family
Members / Hijas de Maria de La Catedral
12:00 p.m. + Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel
Meza y Familia Meza
2:00 p.m. +Luz Constantino Platt Family
For CLI Branch #101 Deceased Members CLI Branch #101
5:00 p.m. +Carmen A. Montalvo Gutierrez Idalia y Tommy Ortiz
Special Intention Tony Morales

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Greg Garcia Rosemary Kowalski
5:30 p.m. For those who are homeless

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
12:05 p.m All Parish Organizations
5:30 p.m. For the Elderly

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Abertano Palomo Olga Enriquez
5:30 p.m. For those sick in the parish community

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
12:05 p.m. Accion de Gracias Jesus de la Buena Esperanza
Ricardo & Amparo Pacini
5:30 p.m. For the sick in the Parish Community

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019
12:05 p.m. Benjamin Fuentes & Maria Guadalupe Garcia
(Special Intention) Cumpian Family
President Donald Trump Cumpian Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019
8:00 a.m. +Teodora Gonzalez Familia Gonzalez

FIRST READING — Lord, you love all things that exist
(Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

PSALM — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God
(Psalms 145).

SECOND READING — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and
you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

GOSPEL — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zaccheus’ house

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]
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.

Save the Date

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ 7pm at the Cathedral. Representatives from all faiths will unite in prayer.

Parish Ministries
Meeting Times

CONFESSIONS | CONFESIONES
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

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

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

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

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
Gift Shop Fax: (210) 444-1854
Development office: (210) 576-1365
UPCOMING

The Venues at San Fernando

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EXPO

15 & 16

NOV. 10TH

12:00-6:00 PM

FREEMAN COLISEUM

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Presents

Sal Terrae

Christmas Concert with a Puerto Rican Flavor!

Enjoy the Sounds of the Season!

Thursday, December 5, 2019 | 7 p.m.
115 W Main Plaza
San Antonio, TX 78205

Tickets - $30.00
Online: www.sfecathedral.org/concert
or Contact us at 210.227.1297 ext. 122

Reception to follow at The San Fernando Hall
231 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio TX, 78207

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Save the Date

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
10pm—11pm

tis the season

THE VENUES AT
SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

BOOK YOUR
HOLIDAY PARTY
It's time to start planning!
Celebrate the season at one of our three venues!

Our gift to you:
Up to $250 off venue rental
Complimentary Appetizers and Salad
by A Gala Event Catering
Light up your event with our LED Up-lighting
COCKTAIL HOUR | LUNCHEONS | RECEPTIONS

MANANITAS A
SANTA MARIA DE
Guadalupe
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!
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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!!!

OCTOBER 2019 Knight of the Month
Robert Reyes

OCTOBER
the Holguin Family for Family of the Month
COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS

**RCIA**

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 o conocen 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 inglés. 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).

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

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

The Sanctuary Lamp for OCTOBER will shine for:
+Rick Capelli

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

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

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

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.

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

The Charitas Fund recently helped a young man who has been in and out of foster homes for the most part of his life. He recently turned 18 and is no longer eligible for foster care. His previous foster family gave him an older automobile but the tires were bald which made the auto unsafe to drive. The Charitas Fund bought a new set of tires and paid for an oil change and checkup. The young man is now able to drive to work and college. 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.