Lo, the day is coming,
blazing like an oven,
when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble.

— Malachi 3:19
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

November 17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a natural tendency in human nature to wonder about the future. We look for reassurances from psychics that all shall be well as we wander from cradle to grave (although we don’t really want to know about that last part). But what if the predictions are not all rainbows and cherubims? The words of the prophet Malachi (possibly not his name) seem to embody the age-old concept of a “fire and brimstone” preacher in his warnings to the post-Exile Israelites, who were living as though they had either forgotten the Covenant or just didn’t care anymore. We might know how that feels—when life has become so painful that we turn to the “lesser gods” of hedonism and self-medication.

APOCALYPSE NOW AND LATER

If we thought that Malachi’s images were upsetting, the words of Jesus in the Gospel today are downright terrifying. He is trying to steel his followers for life in this vale of tears, especially the life of righteousness. His followers want to know when, how, where. But Jesus describes a general state of chaos and troubles, not giving any real data about their future. That’s the point, isn’t it? Even the most casual observer of history in those days could probably remember many instances of the earth in disorder as described by Jesus. There are wars, earthquakes, and persecutions in every age. The life of a disciple of Jesus is a constant state of bringing light into a darkling world. As Saint Paul scolds the Thessalonians because they had seemingly given up in expectation of the Apocalypse, Jesus admonishes his followers that discipleship requires always being ready and always remaining true to the mission.

And so, in light of these warnings, how do we sing our Psalm 98 song of praise in a land of fear and trembling about the future? It is our joyful confidence that the Lord “comes” to rule with justice and equity—not only in the future, but always.

17 de noviembre de 2019 • Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hay una tendencia natural en la naturaleza humana de preguntarse acerca del futuro. Buscamos seguridad por parte de los psíquicos de que todo estará bien, al mismo tiempo que deambulamos de la cuna a la tumba (aunque en realidad no queremos saber acerca de la última parte). Pero, ¿y si las predicciones no son arcoíris y querubines? Las palabras del profeta Malalquías (posiblemente no es su nombre) parecen encarnar el antiguo concepto del predicador de “fuego y azufre” en sus advertencias a los israelitas del post exilio, quienes estaban viviendo como si hubieran olvidado el Alianza o que no les importaba más. Podríamos saber cómo se siente, cuando la vida se ha vuelto tan dolorosa que nos dirigimos a los “dioses menores” del hedonismo y la auto-indulgencia.

EL APOCALIPSIS AHORA Y DESPUÉS

Si pensamos que las imágenes del profeta Malalquías eran perturbadores, las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son verdaderamente aterradoras. Él está intentando de equipar a sus seguidores para la vida en este valle de lágrimas, especialmente la vida de la justicia. Sus seguidores quieren saber cuándo, cómo y dónde. Pero Jesús describe un estado general de caos y problemas, sin dar ningún dato verdadero acerca de su futuro. Ese es el punto ¿cierto? ¡Aun el observador más preocupado de la historia en esos días podría probablemente recordar muchos ejemplos de la tierra en el desorden escrito por Jesús! Hay guerras, terremotos y persecuciones en todos los tiempos. La vida de un disipulado de Jesús está en un estado constante de llevar luz a un mundo oscurecido. Aunque San Pablo regaña a los tesalonicenses porque le parecía que se habían dado por vencidos en la espera del apocalipsis, Jesús advierte a sus seguidores que el disipulado requiere siempre estar listos y ser fieles a la verdadera misión.

Así que, a la luz de estas advertencias, ¿cómo cantamos nuestro salmo 98 de alabanza en una tierra de miedo y extremecimiento acerca del futuro? Nuestra alegría es la confianza de que el Señor “viene” a gobernar con justicia y equidad, no solo en el futuro, sino siempre.
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
Rosie Heredia  JoAnn Pena  Gloria Munoz
Mireya Perez  Judy Bloom  Dolores Villarreal
Guadalupe Valdez  Nicholas Garcia Jr.  Maria Carmen Villarreal
Ruben Corous  Charles Garcia Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa
Amy Webber  Elsa Treat  Tim Settles Martinez
Ty Cline  Debbie Ruiz  Rosa Settles Martinez
Margo Lago Vela
Maria Regina Vidal Jane Rodriguez Martinez
Hector Amigo Guadalupe Valdez

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8:00 a.m.  SFC Staff and their families
5:00 p.m.  +Capt. Robert Ivan Lopez  Myrna De Lopez

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

6:00 a.m.  For the homebound
8:00 a.m.  Parish Community & Televised Viewers
10:00 a.m.  +Fidel Herrera  Wife Grace & Family
           CLI Branch # 101 Deceased Members  CLI Branch #101
12:00 p.m.  +Choco Gonzalez  Danile Meza y Familia
           +Juanita Fernandez  Maria Montalvo
2:00 p.m.  Remedios Guillen (Health)  Arista Family
5:00 p.m.  For the Elderly

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

12:05 p.m.  For the Parish Community
5:30 p.m.  For those who are homeless

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

12:05 p.m.  For peace around the world
5:30 p.m.  For those who are homeless

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

12:05 p.m.  +Seledonia Palomo  Olga Enriquez
           +Amparo Gloria Muñoz  Jesse F. Muñoz
5:30 p.m.  +Martha Munguia  Family

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

12:05 p.m.  +Guadalupe Alvarado  Family
5:30 p.m.  For the sick in the Parish Community

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

12:05 p.m.  +Humberto Ayala Cepeda  Sonia Mireles
           +John F. Kennedy  Sonia Mireles

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

8:00 a.m.  For all Parish Organizations

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 o (para el memorial de la Dedicación) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

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**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

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**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

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**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
7pm | San Fernando Cathedral

Representatives from all faiths will unite in prayer.

Hosted by Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gift Shop Hours
Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday
8:30am - 3:30pm
Gift Shop:
(210) 357-5608
Fax: (210) 444-1854
Gift Shop Fax:
(210) 223-7854
UPCOMING

San Fernando Cathedral 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.sfcathedral.org/concert
or Contact us at 210.227.1297 ext. 122

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

Now available for booking!
Stellar Views of the Cathedral and city's downtown skyline!

Breathtaking outdoor space with an industrial chic-style and bistro lighting. Perfect to celebrate!

♦ Holiday Party
♦ Cocktail Reception
♦ Bridal or Baby Shower
♦ Wedding Reception

San Fernando Cathedral

Rooftop Terrace

Mass 10am

November 28th & 29th 2019

Annual Serenata a la Virgen de Guadalupe
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
10pm—11pm

Thanksgiving DAY

Office Closed
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

BOOKING NOW FRIDAY CEREMONIES AT 2PM,
BEGINNING IN MAY 2020!
2020 Available Saturday Dates!
March 7th - 12noon & 7pm
March 14th - 7pm
March 28th - 7pm
April 4th - 12noon
April 18th - 7pm
May 2nd - 7pm
May 9th - 7pm
May 23rd - 12noon
May 30th - 7pm

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!!!

Peter J. Hartley & Andrea K. Lackups
Aristeo Garcia & Adriana Ortega
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).

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.
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

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

11:00 a.m. +Sammy Scrivano - Anthony & Cheryl Martino
+ Ann Monaco LaMacchia - Bob & Rozanna Corbo & Fam. Deceased of Altar & Rosary Society

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

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

- 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 Ponzio
- Rivera Noah Martinez
- Mary Martinelli
- Sammy Greco
- Joe Monaco

**Merry Christmas**

The Altar & Rosary Society invites the San Francesco di Paola & Italian Communities to a Christmas Celebration!

- Adults $30.00
- Children ages 5-11 $14.00

Please mail your check (made out to San Francesco di Paola Altar & Rosary Society) and the table seating information to Rose Marie Pagonis;

331 Craigmont Lane San Antonio TX 78213

Reservations due by November 30th

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 support!

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

Loving Memory of Annie Monaco LaMacchia by Bobby and Rozanna Corbo and Family.

**Weekly Mass Collections**

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**2019 Collections to Date / 2019 Collections Budget**

| $ 23, 197.94     | $100, 000         |

**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.
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.

San Francesco Di Paola is excited to welcome Mimi Soliz, as the newest member of our parish team! Mimi joins us our Secretary / Bookkeeper.

If you need any assistance, fee free to reach her at the office at 210.227.0548 or via e-mail sdipaola1927@att.net