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You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.
MATTHEW 24:44

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTHE DEL PADRE VICTOR

December 1, 2019
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Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for “in case you missed it.” We might think of today’s readings as an “in case you missed it” announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ’s return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind,” and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

HIT THE REFRESH BUTTON

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God’s love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to talk stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us “stay awake” to Christ’s higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.

Today’s Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

1º de diciembre de 2019
Primer Domingo de Adviento

Hay tantas abreviaturas usadas en las redes sociales que solo toman las primeras letras de las palabras de la frase, una de ellas es STP que algunas personas la interpretan como Se Te Pasó. Podríamos considerar que las lecturas de hoy como un anuncio de “se te pasó” en los primeros días de Adviento. A menudo pensamos del Adviento como el tiempo que precede al de la Navidad, todo acerca de esperar y anhelar por la venida de Jesús como niño, y así es. Aunque en las primeras semanas de Adviento nos enfocamos en el regreso de Jesús al final de los tiempos, y cómo somos llamados a estar preparados para ello.

Muchos de nosotros no pasamos mucho tiempo pensando acerca del final de los tiempos o la expectativa de la gloria del regreso de Jesucristo. Quizá no queremos admitir que nuestras acciones o actitudes están muy lejos de las maneras en las que sabemos debemos comportarnos como personas que siguen las enseñanzas de Jesús. O quizá estamos incomodos con la idea del juicio final. Nos hace avergonzarnos, así que adoptamos una actitud de “ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente” y vivimos nuestras vidas diarias sin mucha que pensar o reflexionar en quienes estamos llamados a ser discípulos de nuestro Señor.

PRESIONA EL BOTÓN DE REINICIO

Adviento es el inicio de un nuevo año litúrgico y puede ser un tiempo para nosotros de abrazar más profundamente el amor de Dios. Si nos damos cuenta que estamos fallando en vivir cómo sabemos que deberíamos, permitamos que este tiempo sea un tiempo de reinicio de nuestros compromisos para vivir y crecer como personas de fe. Aunque mucho de las siguientes semanas se llevarán tiempo para nuestra preparación para la Navidad, es bueno para nosotros también tomar algo de tiempo para tomar acciones y encomendar nuestros corazones y vidas a Cristo. Permitámonos, “permanecer desiertos” a propósitos más altos de Cristo, que no son sin sentido de temor o miedo al juicio, sino al contrario en anticipar el Adviento o venida de nuestro Señor.
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 Corpus

Maria Estel Garza
Jesse Vera
Grace Herrera

Rosie Heredia
Mireya Perez
JoAnn Pena

Guadalupe Valdez
Maria José Martin
Debbie Ruiz

Amy Webber
Ty Cline
German Ortiz

Margo Lago
Vela
Sara Verrones

Maria Regina Vidal
Janie Rodriguez Martinez
Guadalupe De Hoyos

Hector Amigo
Marcos Garcia
Maria Cardenas

Maria Elena Martinez
Maria Elena Martinez
Sylvia Trujillo

Ron Berg
Dolores Villaareal
Maria Del Riego Hinojosa

Sandra J. Berg
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
12:05 p.m. Oliver Garcia

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12:05 p.m. Thanksgiving Jesus de la Buena Esperanza

Ricardo & Amparo Pecini

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Angelita Gonzalez

Ellie & Javier Cortez-Lara

+Miguel Valdez
Ruben & Hope Alvarado

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
8:00 a.m. For all Parish Organizations

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
12:05 p.m. For the Parish Community

5:30 p.m. For those who are homeless

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
12:05 p.m. For peace around the world

5:30 p.m. For those who are homeless

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Billie Whitestone

Louis & Angie Whitestone

+Lupe Santos
Louis & Angie Whitestone

5:30 p.m. Ron Berg
Sandra J. Berg

PRAYER FOR THE SICK
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Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).
Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor" (Salmo 122 [121]).
Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).
Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

READINGS OF THE WEEK
First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).
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 Poblano’s)
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

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

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

Parish Meetings and Upcoming Events

Teens Gathering
Sunday December 1st, 2019 | 3:30pm
Meeting at La Sala
(second floor above poblano’s)
Fr. Tom and Dcn. Roger Macias

For more information, please contact
Fr. Tom via e-mail tomymsfs@gmail.com

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 EVENTS

SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL      SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS      DECEMBER 1, 2019

DECEMBER

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 - $50.00
Online: www.sfcathedral.org/concert
or Contact us at 210.227.1297 ext. 122
Reception to follow at The San Fernando Hall
331 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio TX, 78205
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Save the Date

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

The Venues at
San Fernando Cathedral

Rooftop Terrace
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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
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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.

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As the couple began their new journey as husband and wife this past Friday, November 22, 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!!!

Terri Pixley & Rick McLaughlin
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 Comunición?

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).

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
Marianna 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

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019
5:30p.m.  Johnny & RoseMarie Granieri
          Janice Hobbs & JoAnn Coleman & Fam.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019
11:00a.m.  Ann LaMacahia - Bernadette
          McKay & Cathy Lebouef
1:30p.m.   Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019
5:30p.m.  For the San Francesco Community

San Francisco Di Paola       San Antonio, TX                                DECEMBER 1, 2019

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

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 man who was experiencing dramatic change in his life. He had lost his job at the same time he learned he was awarded custody of his young child and was in need of some short term, one-time financial assistance. The Charitas Fund paid one month’s rent to get he and his child through this trying period. The man has since started a new job. 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, free to reach her at the office at 210.227.0548 or via e-mail sdipaula1927@att.net