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

JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA
AND SAYING, “REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS AT HAND!”
MATTHEW 3:1

SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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

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

Director of Religious Ed:
Lupita Mandujano

Deaconess:
Rev. Elizabeth Nunez

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Veronica Alvarez - Wedding Coordinator
Cielo Perez - Director of Internal Communications
Lupita Mandujano - Bookkeeper
Dora Ramos - Gift Shop Manager
Ruben Alvarado - Receptionist / Records
Elizabeth Nunez - Housekeeper

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Felix Pastrano - Supervisor
Arturo Bustamante
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

Remember Eden? God created humans and all creatures in love, for love. The failure of humanity recorded in the book of Genesis is that from the beginning people have tended to desire, not to be like God, but to be gods. Instead of seeing the fingerprint of our creator in others, we tend to see them as competition. Where there is abundance, we see scarcity. We seek the things of this world rather than seeking and finding God’s life and goodness in our midst. The writer of Isaiah paints a far better picture, which Christians have seen as a foretelling of the Christ, the Anointed One of God, Jesus.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

Knowing Jesus as the One for whom the people of God have longed helps us to understand John the Baptist’s strong words to the Pharisees and Sadducees in today’s Gospel passage. They had the responsibility to lead the people toward right relationship with God and others, and instead had failed to produce the fruits of faithful living themselves. John did not prevent them from approaching him for the baptism of repentance, but asked them to turn their lives more faithfully to God and live accordingly. John understood himself as the forerunner of the One for whom the people had been waiting—the one upon whom the spirit of the Lord rests, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

In Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. Not that Jesus has not already come, or that the Lord is not already in our midst; rather, we take this season to appreciate in a new and fuller way that God’s coming as a child in Bethlehem and Christ’s promised return are about the establishment of the kingdom of God—already in our midst and yet not known in its fullness until the Lord returns in glory.

8 de diciembre de 2019
Segundo Domingo de Adviento

¡Recuerdas el Edén? Dios creó a las personas y todas las criaturas con y por amor. La falta de la humanidad registrada en el libro del Génesis es que desde el principio las personas tienen el deseo, no a ser como Dios, sino a ser dioses. En lugar de ver la huella de nuestro creador en los demás, tendemos a verlas como la competencia. Donde hay abundancia, vemos escases. Buscamos las cosas de este mundo en lugar de buscar y encontrar la vida de Dios y la bondad en medio de nosotros. El escritor de Isaías describe una mejor escena, la cual los cristianos la han visto como una predicción de Cristo, el Ungido de Dios, Jesús.

EL REINO DE DIOS ESTÁ CERCA

Conociendo a Jesús como Aquél por quien el pueblo de Dios había anhelado, nos ayuda a entender las fuertes palabras que Juan el Bautista les dijo a los fariseos y saduceos en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy. Ellos tenían la responsabilidad de guiar al pueblo hacia una justa relación con Dios y con los demás, pero habían fallado en lograr producir los frutos de vivir fielmente ellos mismos. Juan no les impidió que se acercaran a él para el bautismo de arrepentimiento, sino que les pidió cambiar sus vidas más fielmente hacia Dios y vivir en este sentido. Juan mismo entendió que el mismo era el precursor de Aquél por quien las personas habían estado esperando, aquel en quien estaría el espíritu del Señor, espíritu de sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo y fortaleza, conocimiento y miedo al Señor.

En Adviento, preparamos nuestros corazones y mentes para la venida del Señor. No porque el Señor no haya venido, o que el Señor no esté en medio de nosotros; al contrario, tomamos este tiempo para apreciar en una nueva forma más llena la venida del Señor como un niño en Belén y el regreso prometido de Cristo está cerca del establecimiento del Reino de Dios, ya en medio de nosotros y todavía sin conocerse en su plenitud hasta el momento último del Señor.
**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalms** — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

**Monday:**
- Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:**
- Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:**
- Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:**
- Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcd, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Friday:**
- Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:**
- Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:**
- Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesse. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

**Salmo** — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros (Romanos 15:4-9).

**Evangelio** — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

**Lunes:**
- Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98(97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

**Martes:**
- Is 40:1-11; Ps 96(95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Miércoles:**
- Is 40:25-31; Ps 103(102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Jueves:**
- Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcd, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Bienaventurada María Virgen

**Viernes:**
- Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Sábado:**
- Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Domingo:**
- Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146(145):6-10; Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

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.

- Maria L. Celarie — Marta L. Torres — Caribbean Francisco Alvarez Uribe
- Ruben Alfaro — Vicky Teslia
- Stephanie Luna — Ralph Schottel — Gloria Pastorno
- Robert Sanchez — Maria Elena Martinez — Beatrice Ramirez
- Maria Del Carmen Garza — Grace Herrera — Sylvia Trujillo
- O.J. Pena — Gloria Munoz — Carmen M. Calderon
- Robert & Sylvia Benevides — Carmen M. Calderon
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- Debi Ruiz — Rosa Settles Martinez — Roberta Garza
- Maria Carmen Villareal — Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa — Theresa Tovar
- Stgo 5:7-10 — Magdyal Hernandez — Ugla Valdez — Nicholas Garcia Jr. — Javier Villareal
- Tita Tovar — Maria De Carmen Garza — Sylvia Trujillo
- Debi Ruiz — Maria De Carmen Garza — Sylvia Trujillo
- Amy Webber — Ella Treat — Tim Settles Martinez — Magdyal Hernandez
- Ruben Corpus — Charles Garcia — JoAnn Pena — Carlos Francisco Alvarez Uribe
- Amy Webber — Ella Treat — Tim Settles Martinez — Jonathan Bovaird
- Margo Lago — German Ortiz — Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa — Theresa Tovar
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019**
- 8:00 a.m. — SFC Staff and their families
- 5:00 p.m. — +Horacio Soliz Wife & Children
- Guadalupe Pareles Louis & Angie
- Whitestone

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**
- 6:00 a.m. — For the homebound
- 8:00 a.m. — Parish Community & Televised Viewers
- 10:00 a.m. — +Trinidad Treviño de Zepeda Sonia Mireles
- Maria Luisa Martinez Family
- +Maria Luisa Martinez Family
- For those who are homeless

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019**
- 12:05 p.m. — For peace around the world
- 5:30 p.m. — For those who are homeless

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019**
- 12:05 p.m. — +Antonio Espanza Robert & Sylvia Benevides
- +Lena Garza Robert & Sylvia Benevides
- 12:05 a.m. — For the Parish Community

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019**
- 12:05 p.m. — +Francisca Enriquez Olga Enriquez
- Thanksgiving Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosie Guzman
- 5:30 p.m. — SFC Staff and their families

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019**
- 12:05 p.m. — For All Parish Organizations

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**
- 8:00 a.m. — Isaac Morin Louis & Angie Whitestone
ANNUAL SERENATA | 12.11.19
DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

San Fernando Cathedral will host the Annual Serenata a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

The Serenata is a special celebration honoring the Virgin Mary on the eve of the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The focal point of the cathedral’s celebration will be traditional and contemporary music and dance performed by local artists.

LA GRAN POSADA | 12.15.19

Join us for our Annual La Gran Posada!

One of the oldest Christmas traditions dating back to colonial times. It will start in Milam Park (across from Market Square), then winds its way to the cathedral, where the large crowd is welcomed with singing and a party.

The route for La Gran Posada is as follows:
6:00 p.m. – Milam Park; prayer service
6:30 p.m. – depart Milam Park
6:40 p.m. – Mi Tierra Restaurant
6:50 p.m. – Market Square Museum
7:10 p.m. – Spanish Governor’s Palace
7:20 p.m. – San Antonio City Hall
7:40 p.m. – Bexar County Courthouse
8:00 p.m. – SFC; Prayer and Christmas music with Mariachi choir

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

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
FREE STATE PLANNING | 12.14.19

Please join us for a free estate planning seminar on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Poblano’s Restaurant.

Did you know that if a Texas citizen dies without a will, the state of Texas will decide how to distribute the estate of the deceased? Learn about the options and how to plan your will.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS | 12.24.19

Join us on Christmas Eve commemorating the birth of Jesus. Carols by our Midnight Mass Choir! Beginning at 11pm

Followed by Mass at 12am.

CHRISTMAS DAY | 12.25.19

English Mass at 10am

Spanish Mass at 12pm

NEW YEAR MASS | 1.1.20

English Mass at 10am
Spanish Mass at 12pm

The Venues at San Fernando Cathedral

Rooftop Terrace
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
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 DINNER | 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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OUR COMMUNITY &
CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

As these couples began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, December 08, 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!!!

Jessica E. Torres & Matthew Baehr
Liza Negron & Raymond Flores

December
Knight of the Month
Robert Ruiz, Jr.

December
Family of the Month
The Valadez Family

Save the Date

WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT
SPRING 2020
MARCH 12—15, 2020
Accepting Applications starting January
Cost $180.00 | Financial Assistance Available
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.
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 Ponzo
Rivera Noah Martinez
Mary Martinelli
Sammy Greco
Joe Monaco

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

5:30 p.m. San Francesco Di Paula Community

Sunday, December 8, 2019

11:00 a.m. Ann LaMacchia - Bernadette McKay & Cathy Lebouef
1:30 p.m. Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

Saturday, December 14, 2019

5:30 p.m. Roel R Soliz

Mass Intentions

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

Sonnitta Country Club
901 E. Sonnitta Blvd.
Sunday December 8th Brunch at 12:15
The celebration begins with Mass at 10:00
at San Francesco de Paula Church
Wonderful food & fellowship, Christmas shopping, pictures with Santa and Attendance prizes!

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.

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.

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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.

Join us for Christmas Eve
Children’s Play prior to Mass at 3:30pm
Followed by Mass at 4pm

Join us for Christmas Day Mass
10AM