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

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
The blind regain their sight, the lame walk,
Lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
And the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
MATTHEW 11:4–5

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019

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

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Very Rev. Victor Valdez

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Rev. Kishore Bathula
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Deacon Jesse Nunez

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CONNECT WORSHIP GROW

SATURDAY / SABADO
8:00a.m.  Sabatina (Español)
5:00p.m.  (English)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO
6:00a.m  (Español)
8:00 a.m.  (Español Televised)
10:00 a.m.  (English)
12:00 p.m.  (Español)
2:00 p.m.  (English)
5:00 p.m.  (Bilingual)

MONDAY/LUNES | THURSDAY/JUEVES
12:05 p.m.  (Bilingual)
5:30pm  (Bilingual)

FRIDAY / VIERNES
12:05 p.m.  (Bilingual)

Every First Friday of the Month
Mass/Benediction

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday  9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Parish Office  (210) 227-1297

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God’s people. John’s baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ. John’s message of repentance and the demands of faith, of justice, and care for the poor and oppressed, while comforting to the weak and vulnerable, was challenging to those in positions of power. Like prophets before him, he refused to ignore the promptings of God to speak God’s word. And like many prophets who preceded him, John was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John’s urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God’s care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God’s love to which John so powerfully gave witness.

GOD IS WITH YOU

We too ache for God’s healing and peace. We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and lead us to joy in the presence of God’s mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

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San Fernando Cathedral

THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

El pueblo había estado buscando y esperando por generaciones al Ungido de Dios. Ellos sabían en sus corazones que necesitaban a alguien que los llevara de regreso, para terminar la división que había crecido entre Dios y su pueblo. El bautismo de arrepentimiento de Juan los preparó para el advenimiento o venida de Cristo. El mensaje de Jesús de arrepentimiento y exigencias de la fe, de la justicia y atención a los pobres y oprimidos, al tiempo que consuela a los débiles y vulnerables, era desafiante a aquellos en posiciones de poder. Como los profetas antes que él, rehusó ignorar los movimientos de Dios para hablar de la Palabra de Dios. Y como muchos profetas que lo precedieron, Juan fue hecho prisionero y después martirizado.

Podemos relacionarnos a las personas que fueron al desierto para ser bautizadas. Ellos escucharon el urgente llamado de Juan de arrepentimiento y su declaración que el Mesías estaba por venir. Lo escucharon expresar el cuidado de Dios por aquellos que más lo necesitaban. Ellos fueron obligados a escuchar y responder. Sus vidas cambiaron y sus corazones abiertos a la realidad del amor de Dios por el cual Juan fuertemente dio testimonio.

DIOS ESTÁ CONTIGO

Nosotros también anhelamos la sanación y paz de Dios. Esperamos que Dios interumpla en nuestras vidas con amor. ¿Quién de nosotros no se ha sentido alguna vez débil, débil o con miedo? Animo, no estás solo. Dios está contigo. Dios está listo para salvarnos de la oscuridad del pecado y guiarnos a la alegría en la presencia de la misericordia de Dios. Este es el mensaje de Adviento y de todo el Evangelio: Dios desea profundamente estar con nosotros por lo que Dios vino a ser uno con nosotros en Jesucristo.

Very Rev. Victor Valdez
Rector
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
Maria Estel Garza     George Aguilar
Bertha Lopez           Maria De Carmen Garza
Carolyn Wright         Rosie Heredia
Mireya Perez           Guadalupe Valdez
Ruben Corpus           Amy Webber
Ty Cline               Margo Lago
Vela                   María Regina Vidal
Janie Rodríguez Martínez Hector Amigo
Guadalupe Valdez

PRAYER FOR THE SICK
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FIRST READING — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

PSALM — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

GOSPEL — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (San Ɵago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Miercoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
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

WORSHIP ON THE RIVER | 12.17.19

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ADORATION | CONFESSION | FELLOWSHIP | CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Archdiocese of San Antonio Young Adult Ministry invites you to a special night with the blessed Sacrament, fellowship with hot chocolate and pan dulce, and Christmas music at San Fernando Cathedral from 6:30pm - 8pm.

Details and parking information: www.ArchSA.org.workship-on-the-river
UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMA 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

 Offices

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 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.
As this couple began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, December 21, 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!!!

Joseph V. Feist III & Courtney Whitney
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 Café. 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.
The Sanctuary Lamp for OCTOBER will shine for:
+Rick Capelli

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 p.m.  Roel R Soliz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.  +Ann La Macchia - Bernadette McKay and Cathie LaBouef

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

5:30 p.m.  +Johnny Granieri- Janice Hobbs & Jo Ann Coleman & Families

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

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

**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS**

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2019 Collections to Date 2019 Collections Budget

$42,354.38  $100,000

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

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

**Merry Christmas**

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

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

**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 end January 2, 2020. Now is the time to purchase Memorial Bricks for Christmas, Birthdays, Anniversaries or in memory of a loved one. 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.
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 him 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.