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

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”
MATTHEW 1:23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

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

Rector:
Very Rev. Victor Valdez

Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Alejandra Ortega
Rev. Kishore Bathula
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Deacon Jesse Nunez

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

Sacristan:
Marta Figueroa

Director of Music Ministries:
Rick Mc Laughlin

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SATURDAY / SABADO
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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 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.

EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: “Emmanuel: God is with us” and “Jesus: God saves.” The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God’s Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

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Mass Collections for the week of December 14th & 15th
TO BE ANNOUNCED
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.

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Guadalupe G. Rodriguez Maria Y. Torres                 Carlos Francisco Alvarez Uribe
Manuel Valdez  Ruben Alfaro Vicky Tesillo
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Vela  JoAnn Pena  Gloria Munoz
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Jair Rodriguez Martinez  Jacob Garcia Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa
Hector Amigo  Guadalupe De Hoyos Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019**

- **8:00 a.m.** SFC Staff and their families
- **5:00 p.m.** Isaac Morin Louis & Angie Whitestone
  Edward Patrick Walsh Thomas Murguia

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**

- **8:00 a.m.** For the Parish Community
- **8:00 a.m.** Parish Community & Televised Viewers
- **10:00 a.m.** For those who are homeless
  Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Meza y Familia
- **12:00 p.m.** For peace around the world
  Rafael Castillo Solomayor Idalia y Tommy Ortiz

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019**

- **5:00 p.m.** Roberto & Tomas Gonzalez Alfonso & Antonia Gonzalez
- **7:00 p.m.** For peace around the world
  Enfermo Barrera Family Barrera
  CMSgt. Jose M. R. Avila USAF, Ret. Eloise Avila & Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019**

- **12:00 a.m.** For the Parish Community
- **10:00 a.m.** Alfonso & Julia Cazares Family
  Adrian Gonzalez Parents
- **12:00 p.m.** Enrique Barrera Family Barrera
  CMSgt. Jose M. R. Avila USAF, Ret. Eloise Avila & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019**

- **12:05 p.m.** For the homebound
- **5:30 p.m.** SFC Staff and their families

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019**

- **12:05 p.m.** Manuel D. Villa Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019**

- **8:00 a.m.** For the Parish Community

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**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalms** — 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

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-5).

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

**Segunda lectura** — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (San Ɵ ago 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
Miércoles: 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

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**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.

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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/BAUTISMS | 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

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

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

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

Grupo de Oracion
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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
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(210) 357-5608
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December
Knight of the Month
Robert Ruiz, Jr.

December
Family of the Month
The Valadez Family

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES | 12.24.19

5PM Bilingual
7PM Bilingual

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

Followed by Mass at 12 Midnight Bilingual

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES | 12.25.19

10am English
12pm Spanish

Offices

JANUARY

NEW YEAR MASSES | 1.1.20

10am English
12pm Spanish

Offices

THE RIGHT TO LIFE MASS 2pm | 1.12.20

AND COMMUNAL BAPTISMS BY Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller

BUNCO | 1.25.20

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus #9463 will be hosting BUNCO
January 25, 2021
10AM to 1PM
San Fernando Centre
(Inside Poblanos)

Benefiting the KofC #9463:
Operating, Charity, & Activity Budget for 2021
As this couple began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, December 28, 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 13)

May God bless you all always!!!

Michael Cavazos & Amanda Lira
Joshua Aaron & Myrna M. Rodriguez
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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).

**RCIA**

- 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?

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 Ingles. 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 la 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 Mimi Solis at office 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,
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

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 support.

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

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.

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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.