Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. Colossians 3:15
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5:00 p.m. (English)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO
6:00 a.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)
5:30 p.m. (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 29, 2019

The Feast of the Holy Family

Families come in all shapes and sizes. When asked to describe your family, you might begin by telling people about a parent, sibling, or extended family members. You might even describe what you have learned from a genealogical study. You are uniquely, however, no matter how wonderful your family may be, to describe your family as “holy.” And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God’s people in the world, to communicate God’s love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God’s will, and were assured of the love of the Lord through it all.

LISTEN TO YOUR ANGEL

Have you ever found yourself at a crossroads? One direction may be momentarily advantageous or easy, another more challenging but right or good. It is not always easy to know which direction to choose. Discerning our path of life necessarily involves prayer, the guidance of others whom we trust, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us. The example of the Holy Family is that they followed the will of God, trusting in God’s abiding presence even when they knew that doing so involved risk and uncertainty. Mary trusted the voice of the angel, although the message was beyond comprehension; Joseph listened to the voice of the Lord in dreams and proceeded, assured of God’s guiding spirit in the midst of troubling circumstances. This is what our families must do as well. Being Christian people in today’s world is not always easy, even when we know it is right. This is the meaning of holiness. This is what it means to be a holy family.

Today’s Readings: Sr 3:2-6, 12-14; Pr 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 21:3-15, 19-21

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SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL                    SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS                  DECEMBER 29, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019
8:00 a.m.  SFC Staff and their families
5:00 p.m.  +Inocete Peña  Diana Piña-Hernandez
           +Juan Mendez  Juan Mendez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
6:00 a.m.  For the homebound
8:00 a.m.  Parish Community & Televised Viewers
10:00 a.m. +Commissioner Paul Elizondo Jr.  Arturo & Elda Sanchez & Fami
           +Choco Gonzalez Meza  Daniel Meza & Family
12:00 p.m. +Juanita Fernandez  Maria Monta
           +Celestina Mata  Maria Montalvo
2:00 p.m.  +Mary Lou & Gilbert Casillas  Gilbert Casillas Jr.
           +Sam Bowersox  Gilbert Casillas Jr.
5:00 p.m.  +Oscar Guevara  Mother & Father
           Accion de Gracias  Josefina Lopez

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019
12:05 p.m. Maria Elna Ayala Mireles  Mrs. Alice Mireles
           Roy Lopez
5:30 p.m.  Accion de Gracias San Martin de Cabellero
           Josefina Lopez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Julia & Alfonso Cazares  Family
5:30 p.m.  +Fidel, + Guadalupe & +David Velasquez  Ruben & Hope Alvarado
           +Carmelo V. Rodriguez  Ruben & Hope Alvarado

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. +Eladio & +Eloisa Alvarado (B.D.)  Ruben & Hope Alvarado
           Margarita M. Velasquez (Health)  Ruben & Hope Alvarado
12:00 p.m. Alfonso & Julia Cazares  Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Dioniciana Canales  Alfredo Lujan
5:30 p.m.  SFC Staff and their families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019
12:05 p.m. +Angelita Gonzalez Trevino  Ellie & Javier Lara
           +Julia & Alfonso Cazares  Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019
8:00 a.m.  For the Parish Community

READINGS OF THE WEEK
First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).
Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-13).
Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14).
Salmo — Dicho el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]).
Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús; viven en armonía (Colosenses 3:12-21).
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Fr. Alejandro Ortega Trillo has devoted many years to marriage and family counseling and spiritual direction and leads a center for human, spiritual, and pastoral development. He studied medicine at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico. After joining the Legion of Christ, he was ordained a priest in 2000. He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, a master’s degree in spirituality and classical humanities, and a specialization in moral theology and bioethics. Fr. Ortega is a sought-after speaker.
UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR MASSES | 1.1.20
10am English
12pm Spanish

THE RIGHT TO LIFE | 1.12.20
Mass at 2pm
COMMUNAL BAPTISMS BY
Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller

SAVE THE DATE

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The San Fernando Cathedral staff
congratulates you on
the birth of your new baby!

Baptisms are held throughout the year
For more information please contact the
San Fernando Cathedral.

Mr. Ruben Alvarado
Phone: (210) 227-1297 X128
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The Venues at San Fernando Cathedral

YOU'RE engaged!
...now what?

Let us help you make your wedding vision come to life! Experience the San Fernando venues with a Colonial atmosphere and stellar views of the Cathedral and city’s downtown skyline!

As this couple began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 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!!!

Emmanuel Staes & Anissa Salinas
Joseph P. Urgento II/Caroline J. Cullen

COME SEE US AT BOOTHs
#176 & #275
Sunday, January 12, 2020
Noon - 5pm
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 - 7pm
March 14th - 7pm
March 28th - 7pm
April 4th - 12noon
April 18th - 7pm
May 2nd - 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.

CONNECT WITH US!  @VENUESATSANFERNANDO  WWW.SFCATHEDRAL.ORG/VENUES
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.
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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

The Sanctuary Lamp for JANUARY will shine for:
+ Sammy Scrivano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019
5:30p.m.  San Francesco Community

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
11:00a.m. + Sammy Scrivano - Anthony & Cheryl Martino
1:30p.m.  Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

STURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019
5:30p.m.  + Rich Capelli - Sheila & Robert Hernandez

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:
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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.

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