After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR  
UN MENSAJE DEPARTA DEL PADRE VICTOR

January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist’s voice as he says to Jesus, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism? We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus’ response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God’s plan of love.

CHRIST’S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ’s body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God’s love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ’s mission your mission?

LA MISIÓN DE CRISTO
ES NUESTRA MISIÓN

Al salir Jesús de las aguas del bautismo, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él y una voz de los cielos se escuchó diciendo: “Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias”. Al unirse él mismo a la humanidad, Jesús abrió los cielos para nosotros, y al hacerlo, fue confirmado en su misión de misericordia y amor. En el bautismo, nos unimos con Cristo. Inmersos en su vida y amor, su misión es nuestra misión. Todavía estamos al principio de este año nuevo. Hoy, reflexiona en nuestra llamada bautismal para vivir como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo. ¿De qué manera amas a Dios en los demás? ¿De qué manera podrías crecer como discípulo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo? ¿Cómo estás viviendo la misión de Cristo, para dar a conocer el amor y la misericordia de Dios en el mundo? ¿Es la misión de Cristo tu misión?
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 Val dez  Ruben Alfaro Vicky Tesillo
Maria Estel Garza  Stephanie Luna Victor T. Castillo
George Aguilar  Robert Scheffel Gloria Pastrano
Bertha Lopez  Margarita Velasquez Maria Elena Martinez
Maria De Carmen Garza  Jesse Vera Beatrice Ramirez
Carolyn Wright  JoAnn Pena Sylvia Trujillo
Rosie Heredia  Jamie Vera Maria del Refugio Hinojosa
Guadalupe Valdez  Robert Ruiz Velma
Guadalupe G. Rodriguez  Maria Elena Martinez
Primera lectura — He aquí mi siervo a quien he dado mi espíritu. Él les enseñará justicia a las naciones (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo — El Señor bendecirá a su pueblo con paz (Salmo 29 [28]).

Segunda lectura — Dios ha ungido a Jesús por el Espíritu Santo y el poder (Hechos 10:34-38).

Evangelio — Cuando Jesús fue bautizado por Juan, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él (Mateo 3:13-17).

Lunes:  1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mc 1:14-20
Martes:  1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:1-21 28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29 39
Jueves:  1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  Mc 1:40 45
Viernes:  1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  Mk 2:13 17
Sábado:  1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;  Mc 2:1-12
 Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; 1 Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).
**WOMEN’S ACTS**

**¡Lotería!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2020**

1:30PM | San Fernando Ballroom

231. W Commerce | San Antonio, TX 78205

More details to follow!

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**SPOTLIGHT AT THE CATHEDRAL**

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.

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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/BAUTISMOS | MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO**
Please contact the Parish Office
Favor de llamar a la oficina 210.227.1297

**Hijas de María**
(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
3:15pm - La Sala
(Above Gift Shop)
Ages: 13-18
Contact: Maggie Marroquin
214-605-9124

**Teen Ministry**
1st Sunday after 2pm Mass
3:15pm - La Sala
Contact: Fr. Tom
210-227-1297 ext. 124

**Grupo de Oracion**
Every Tuesday (Junta en Español)
7:00pm - Concepcion Room
Contact: Rosa Escobedo
210-717-2612

**Holy Hour**
Every Wednesday
6:30pm - 7:30pm - Cathedral

**Chorale**
Every Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:15pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

**Mariachi Choir Practice**
Every Thursday
6:30pm - 9pm - San Jose Rm

**Caro 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
8:30am - 3:30pm
(210) 357-5608
Fax: (210) 444-1854
(210) 223-7854
NEW BULLETIN NEW LOOK!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

San Fernando Cathedral is working with LPI our new bulletin provider. Tina’s contact is twatson@4lpi.com or 512-431-9413. Tina will be in our office for the next 2 weeks. The bulletin includes color, ad design, website on parish website, rates start at $30 a month and Tina can help you with sponsorship design. Our Sponsors will be on both bulletins for both parishes if you need changes please contact Tina.

Because of our sponsorships our Parish is able to give our parishioners a beautiful bulletin every week after every mass.

Many Blessings The Staff San Fernando Cathedral and Our Mission Parish.
As this couple began their new journey as husband and wife this weekend on Saturday, January 11th, 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!!!

Rhyan Sawyer & Lizeth Magaña

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**Winter Open House**

**THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL**

Tuesday 2.4.20 | 5:30PM - 8:30PM

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ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU
KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

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?

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 QUIE...

RCIA

- 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 Comunión?

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).

San Fernando Cathedral
Parking During Mass

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,

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**Lay Ministry**
Pat Watters

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**
Jo Ann Scrivano
Deacon Jesse Nuñez

**Altar and Rosary Society**
Deborah P. Walton

**San Francescani Society**
Henry F. Garcia

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**Mass Schedule:**
- **Saturday**  5:30pm (English)
- **Sunday**  11:00am (English)
- **Domingo**  1:30pm (Español)

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**Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.**

*Matthew 3:13*

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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**Pastor - Very Rev. Victor Valdez**
205 Piazza Italia
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San Francisco Di Paola       San Antonio, TX                               JANUARY 12, 2020

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019
5:30p.m.  San Francesco Community

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019
11:00a.m  +Patti La Macchia
1:30p.m.  Para La Comunidad de San Francesco

STURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019
5:30p.m.  San Francesco Community

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 Ponzi
Annie Pantusa               Rivera Noah Martinez
Patrick John Meyers         Mary Martinelli
Sharon Anderson             Sammy Greco
Kathy Greco                 Joe Monaco
Frank Pantuso               Roel R Soliz

Mass Schedule

San Francesco di Paola Parish
Genuine Italian Spaghetti & Meatball dinner
Sunday, January 26
Continuous serving from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. or while quantities last!
(food to go available — bring or purchase a container)
Proceeds will benefit San Francesco di Paola Parish throughout the year.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

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2019 Collections to Date 2019 Collections Budget

$ 51,521.31                  $100,000

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

The Sanctuary Lamp for JANUARY will shine for:

Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall
201 Piazza Italia • San Antonio
(2 blocks north of Santa Rosa Hospital)
Cost: $9, adults • $5, children
Bring friends and family and enjoy authentic Italian food!

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 generosity Sfdp Altar/Rosary Society. See Rose Marie Pagonis for more details. You can give her the check or place in collection marked for flowers.

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.

CHARITAS CORNER UPDATE
“Helping those in need through God’s greatness and your generosity.”

The Charitas Fund recently helped two families during Christmas. First, it provided a financially strapped single mother of three with much needed support for food and gifts so her children could have a nourishing and joyous holiday. Second, a family of six having significant financial difficulties were living without beds. The four children were sleeping on the floor and the parents taking turns sleeping on the couch. Additionally, their stove leaked gas and the refrigerator needed repair. The Fund provided new mattresses, frames and bedding for the family and had the refrigerator repaired. A member of the Society bought the family a new stove. Through God’s grace we were able to restore some dignity to these families. Your continued support and generosity helped make these acts 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: Larry Chiari, Treasurer, San Francescani Society, P.O. Box 782474, San Antonio, TX 78278-2474.

Thank you.

San Francescani Society