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February 23, 2020 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

~ 1 Corinthians 3:16

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR
UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

February 23, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY AND PERFECT

Our openness to God’s powerful action helps us understand Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, when he demands that we become “perfect.” Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be “holy” and “perfect,” as today’s readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving “unworthy” people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Siting quietly to reflect over today’s readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

Today’s Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23

Mass Collections for the week of February 15th—16th - $ 13, 000.07

Very Rev. Victor Valdez
Rector

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SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL                    SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS                  FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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
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Margo Lago  German Ortiz  Maria Del Refugio Hinojosa
Vela  Sara Verranes  Roberta Garza
Maria Regina Vidal  Theresa Tovar  Janie Rodriguez Martinez
Jacob Garza  Stephanie Luna  Hector Amigo
Maria Cardenas  Magaly Hernandez  Guadalupe Valdez
Rosa T. Sanchez  Rosalma Rendón

READINGS OF THE WEEK

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levíticos 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

Lunes: Stgo 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29
Martes: Stgo 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54):7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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.

Mass Intentions Saturday, February 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. SFC Staff and their families
5:00 p.m. +Esther Villarreal de Holguín Holguín Family
           +Hector & Rosalina Escobedo Holguín Family

Sunday, February 23, 2020

6:00 a.m. For the homebound
8:00 a.m. Parish Community & Televised Viewers
10:00 a.m. Melissa Zapata Omar Garza
12:00 p.m. +Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Meza & Family
           +Hector & Rosalina Escobedo Familia Holguín
2:00 p.m. +Mr. Don Coleman Rosemary Kowalski
5:00 p.m. For the Sick

Monday, February 24, 2020

12:05 p.m. +Roberto y Tomasa Gonzalez Alfonso y Antonia Gonzalez
5:30 p.m. For the homebound

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

12:05 p.m. +Roy Lopez Josefina Lopez (Mama)
           Accion de Gracias San Martin Caballero Josefina Lopez
5:30 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

12:05 a.m. +Henry L. Nieto Friends of Sandra Nieto
5:30 p.m. For the elderly

Thursday, February 27, 2020

12:05 p.m. +Josefina Salenga Christine Salenga
5:30 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 28, 2020

12:05 p.m. For the Parish Community

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:00 a.m. +Mary Ann Garza Husband & Family

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On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Fr. Victor Valdez, we invite you and your family to offer a sacrificial gift of love by participating in this year’s Archbishop’s Appeal, Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace.

Your gift will support the formation of priests and deacons to serve you, your families and individuals locally, support the formation of lay leaders to serve as catechists in our parish religious programs, offer a Catholic education to families in need.

The Lord wants us to trust Him completely. The practice of stewardship and giving selflessly in love helps us to grow in trust with our Lord. We are not owners of anything, but rather caretakers of God’s gifts. We are called to share those gifts to make Christ’s love present through ministries serving our community. I invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year’s Appeal. Gifts can be given: 1. Using the parish Appeal envelope
2. Online at www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal
3. By calling 210-734-1604. Please be sure to mention your gift is through San Fernando Cathedral.

May God bless you for your willingness to Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace.

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**The Hijas de María**

The Hijas de María will be having a trip to The Basilica de San Juan de Valle Progresso, Mex

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Fee: $50.00 per person (round trip)

Bus Departs from San Francesco di Paola parking lot at 5am

Returning to the same location between 10pm & 10:30pm

**For more information please call:**

Gloria Gonzalez at 210-533-7475 or
Gloria Torres at 210-223-2515

Please join the Hijas de María de San Fernando for a fun filled trip with Mass at the Basilica and then lots of shopping in Progresso, Mex. **PASSPORT NEEDED**
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 26, Ash Wednesday
6:00 am, Bilingual
12:05 pm, Bilingual
* 7:00 pm, Bilingual

Ash Services: 7 am, 8 am, 9 am, 10 am 11 am
1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm & 6 pm

April 4, Saturday, Vigil of Palm Sunday Mass
5:00 pm, English

April 5, Palm Sunday
6:00 am, Spanish
* 8:00 am, Televised; Spanish
* 10:00 am, English
12 noon, Spanish
2:00 pm, English
5:00 pm, Bilingual

Holy Week - Tridium
April 9, Holy Thursday
* 7:00 pm; Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of Feet, Bilingual

April 10, Good Friday
10:00 am, Ecumenical Service at Milam Park
10:30 am, Re-enactment of the Passion of Christ
11:00 am, Procession begins at Milam Park – ends at the Cathedral
12 noon, Jesus is Crucified in front of the Cathedral
1:00 pm, Las Siete Palabras (mostly in Spanish)
* 2:30 pm, Liturgy of Good Friday
* 8:15 pm, Pésame Service – Prayer Service (Spanish)

April 11, Holy Saturday
* 8:30 pm, Easter Vigil

April 12, Easter Sunday
6:00 am, Spanish
8:00 am, Televised - Spanish
10:00 am, English
* 12 noon, Spanish
* 2:00 pm, English
5:00 pm, Bilingual
*Denotes celebration or participation of Archbishop Gustavo

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Every Friday During Lent
Beginning February 28th
7:30 am & 7:00 pm
OUR COMMUNITY

‘24 Hours With The Lord’

4pm Friday March 20th, 2020 to 4pm Saturday, March 21st, 2020
Come Spend Time With Jesus

Stations of the Cross with Archbishop Gustavo during Lent
Every Friday of Lent: Feb. 28–Apr. 3, 2020
7:30 AM at San Fernando Cathedral
115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

Estaciones del via Crucis con el Arzobispo Gustavo en Cuaresma
Todos los viernes de Cuaresma: del 28 de febrero al 3 de abril
7:30 AM en la Catedral de San Fernando
115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

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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 | QUINCEAÑERAS

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.

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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 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).

¿ES USTED ALGUIEN OR CONOCE A ALGUIEN QUE …

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 preparara 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 preparara 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).

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.
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.

Baptisms/Bautismos
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The Sanctuary Lamp for FEBRUARY will shine for:
+ Sammy Scrivano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020
5:30p.m.  Roel R. Soliz  Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020
11:00a.m. +Patti La Macchia  Coffee, Clatch, and Cousins
+ Ernie Barberio  Frank and Virginia Pantuso

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020
5:30p.m.  + Mary Ellen Watters  Pat Watters

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 Casanov
Mario Reyes  Cynthiann 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 MASS
7:00 PM

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. 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.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

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2019 Collections to Date  2019 Collections Budget
$ 61,714.52         $100,000

NOTE: Fiscal Year (FY) is from July 1, 2019—June 30th, 2020.
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 Chiaro, Treasurer, San Francescani Society, 1811 Dulles, San Antonio, TX 78251-2958.

Thank you.

San Francescani Society