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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time  
will come." - Mk 13:33

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### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

#### SATURDAY MASS

5PM

#### SUNDAY MASSES

8AM, 10AM, 12NOON, 2PM, & 5PM

### LIVE STREAMING

#### DAILY MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:00 noon

SUNDAY 8:00 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 noon





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## MASS TIMES

SUNDAY/DOMINGO  
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 |  
FRIDAY/VIERNES  
12:05 p.m.

SATURDAY/SABADO  
5:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

WEEKDAYS 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
SATURDAY 1pm - 5pm

## LIVE STREAMING



OFFICE HOURS  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
Parish Office (210) 227-1297

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR  
November 29, 2020  
1st Sunday of Advent  
29 de noviembre de 2020  
1er Domingo de Adviento

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

Fr. Victor Valdez



¡Adviento es estar preparados! Hoy damos comienzo a un nuevo año litúrgico. Cabe, pues, decir a todos ustedes, ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Si, ojalá sea nuevo en nuestra forma de vivir y de esperar. Todo ha cambiado en este 2020. Nada es igual en la familia y en la sociedad. Ahora debemos cuidarnos más, y estar listos para tanto cambio lleva tiempo, pero es bueno prevenir para no enfermarnos. El virus tomó a muchos desprevenidos, su sufrimiento y muerte ayudó a otros a prepararse, a poner cuidado. Usar la mascarilla, lavarse las manos, tomar precauciones de distancia es vivir este Adviento vigilando y manteniendo la esperanza.

Damos comienzo al Evangelio de Marcos, comienza el ciclo "B". Nos habla de un hombre que se va al extranjero y deja instrucciones y diferentes responsabilidades a sus sirvientes. Marcos, en este ciclo y Mateo, en el año que termina, hablan de velar porque no se sabe cuándo llegará el momento. Sin embargo, Marcos sitúa el retorno del Señor durante la noche. Recordemos que parte de la audiencia de Marcos eran los romanos. Por eso menciona cuatro vigiliass---al atardecer, a media noche, al canto del gallo, o de madrugada. Esto quiere decir, estar despiertos siempre sin bajar la guardia, velando. Velar, quiere decir estar despierto mientras otros duermen. Ojalá, que al encender la corona de Adviento en la parroquia y en casa, nos esforcemos por tener presente el deseo de que brille la luz del Señor y nos salve. Que crezca en nosotros la actitud de vigilancia por el hermano y hermana que sufre. ¿Qué haré en este Adviento para estar atento a lo que Dios me pide?

Fr. Victor Valdez



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Week of November 16, 2020 to November 22, 2020

Collections	\$6449.74	Online Giving	\$1926.21
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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 28, 2020

5:00 pm	+Christopher Holzbach	Louis Sanchez
	+Jesse Ruiz	Louis Sanchez

### Sunday, November 29, 2020

10:00 am	+Humberto Ayala Cepeda	Sonia Mireles
	+Susie Gomez de Hernandez	Family
12:00 pm	Don Christian Gabriel Rivera	Familia Rivera
	+Choco Gonzalez Meza	Daniel Meza y Familia
2:00 pm	+Thomas Gonzalez	Louis Sanchez
	+Josephine A. Bossi	Louis Sanchez
5:00 pm	+Celie Kostelknic	Louis Sanchez
	+James Kostelknic	Louis Sanchez

### Monday, November 30, 2020

12:05 pm	+Lorraine Pazzi	Louis Sanchez
	+Rogelio Rodruiguez	Maria Luisa Rodriguez

### Tuesday, December 1, 2020

12:05 pm	+Sylvia Gloria Ferguson	Consuelo Ferguson (Daughter)
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### Wednesday, December 2, 2020

12:05 pm	Don Christian Gabriel Rivera	Familia Rivera
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### Thursday, December 3, 2020

12:05 pm	+Sylvia Gloria Ferguson	Consuelo Ferguson (Daughter)
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### Friday, December 4, 2020

12:05 pm	+Jaime Salenga	Christine Salenga
	+Angelita Gonzalez Treviño	Ellie & Javier Lara

## 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

George Aguilar  
Bertha Lopez  
Maria De Carmen Garza  
Carolyn Wright  
Rosie Heredia  
Mireya Perez  
Guadalupe Valdez  
Ruben Corpus  
Amy Webber  
Ty Cline

Margo Lago  
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Maria Y. Torres  
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Robert Scheffel  
Margarita Velasquez  
Jesse Vera  
Grace Herrera  
JoAnn Pena

Judy Bloom  
Nicholas Garcia Jr.  
Charles Garcia  
Ella Treat  
Debbie Ruiz  
German Ortiz  
Sara Verrones  
Theresa Tovar  
Magaly Hernandez  
Rosie Rendon  
Carmen M.  
Calderon  
Carlos Francisco  
Vicky Tesillo  
Victor T. Castillo

Gloria Pastrano  
Maria Elena Martinez  
Beatrice Ramirez  
Sylvia Trujillo  
Gloria Munoz  
Dolores Villarreal  
Javier Villarreal  
Maria Carmen Villarreal  
Tim Settles  
Martinez  
Rosa Settles  
Martinez  
Maria del Refugio

Hinojosa  
Roberta Garza  
Janie Rodriguez Martinez  
Hector Amigo  
Silveria Padilla  
Juan Hernandez  
Christine Gallegos  
Gilbert A. Garza  
Rosary Gray  
Kendrick Rodriguez  
Keely Rodriguez  
Minera F. Sanchez  
Carolina Sanchez  
Diana V. Ibarra

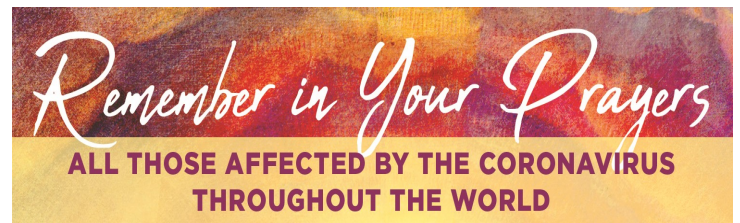
## WEEKLY READINGS

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
<b>Monday:</b>	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 25:29-37
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday:</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

## OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Andrew, Apostle
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent







## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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#### Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 1st

Support San Fernando Cathedral this Giving Tuesday  
Visit [sfccathedral.org/givingtuesday](http://sfccathedral.org/givingtuesday)

#### Venues at San Fernando

Tuesday, December 1st

From 6:30pm-8:30pm

##### Showcasing Cathedral Centre & Rooftop!!!

Come tour our beautiful venues, our newly renovated bridal suite! Meet and enjoy an evening with amazing event professionals to assist you with all you need for your next event!

#### Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, December 6th

from 11am-6pm

For more information or to Pre-Purchase Plates please visit [sfccathedral.org/dinner](http://sfccathedral.org/dinner)

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th

Mass times: 7am | 12pm | 7pm

#### Catholic & Jews Celebrate Hanukkah

Thursday, December 10th at 12pm-1:15pm

Feel free to join us this annual event at [sfccathedral.org/Hanukkah](http://sfccathedral.org/Hanukkah)

#### Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 4th to the 12th at 7pm

(Except Dec. 8th and 12th at 6pm)

#### Midnight Mass for La Seranate

Friday, December 11 at 11pm

Join us virtually live on our social media platforms for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12th

Join us for mass at the following times:

6am | 8am | 10am | 2pm | 5pm | 7pm

#### Noel: Virtual Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 15th at 7 pm

Join us live on Youtube, Facebook, Twitter and more as we host this concert.

#### Youth Ministry Event

Friday, December 18th @ 7pm

Bring unwrap toys to give those in need

#### Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24th

Join us for mass at the following times:

1pm | 3pm | 5pm | 7pm

#### Midnight Mass-Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th at 12:00am

Join us virtually live on our social media platforms

#### Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

Join us for mass at the following times:

8am | 10am | 12pm | 2pm

### PARISH MINISTRIES

#### MEETING TIMES

##### Hijas de Maria

(Junta en Español/Spanish)

1st Sunday of the Month

11 am - La Sala (Above Poblanos)

Contact: Gloria Gonzalez

210-533-7475

##### Knights of Columbus -(English)

2nd Sunday of the Month

3:30pm - San Juan Room

231 W Commerce

Contact: Deacon Joseph

Marroquin

972-800-8095

##### Guadalupe Society-(English)

3rd Saturday of the Month

9:30am - Cathedral Choir Rm

(Above Gift Shop)

Contact: Maggie Marroquin

214-605-9124

##### Grupo de Oracion

Every Tuesday (Junta en Español)

7:00pm - Concepcion Room

Contact: Rosa Escobedo

210-717-2612

##### Chorale

Every Wednesday

7:00pm - 8:15pm

Cathedral Choir Rm

##### Mariachi Choir

Every Thursday

6:30pm - 9pm San Jose Rm

##### Coro 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

Cati Reyna

Contact: 210-758-9948

##### Youth Ministry

For more information

Please contact:

Adriana Holguin

210-544-7173



### LOS PADRECITOS SAN FERNANDO GIFT SHOP

#### GIFT SHOP HOURS

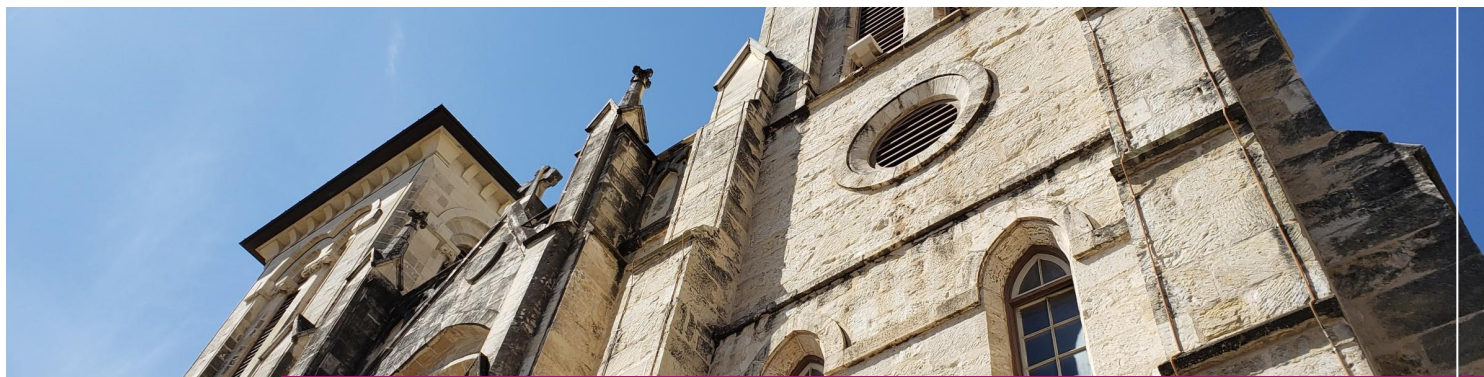
Mon - Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday Noon - 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Gift Shop: 210-357-5608





## THE VENUES AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

### HISTORIC CHARM IN THE HEART OF SAN ANTONIO

WEDDINGS | BAPTISMS | QUINCEAÑERAS



BOOKING NOW 2021-2022

Check with our Wedding Coordinator and Facilities Director for additional details for date availability if your event has been affected due to Covid19. Our team is here to assist you through this process !!

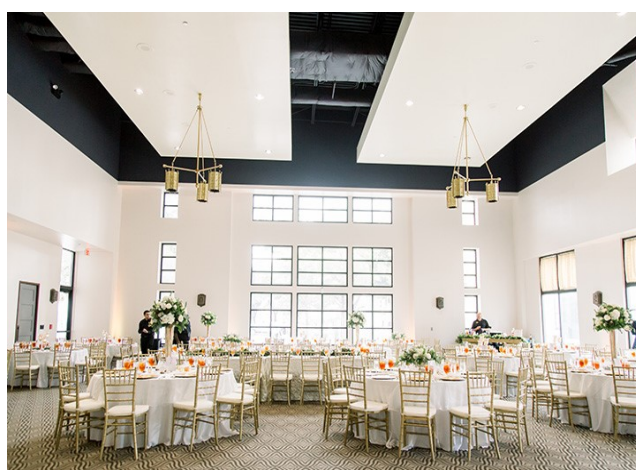
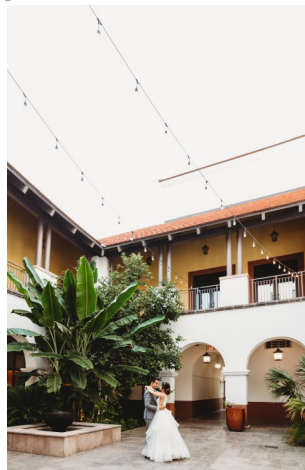
The Venues at San Fernando is open for tours and events.

Tours by appointment only.  
Contact Eloise Cortez at 210.416.0371 ext. 126 or via e-mail: [ecortez-lara@sfcathedral.org](mailto:ecortez-lara@sfcathedral.org)

### 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



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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!



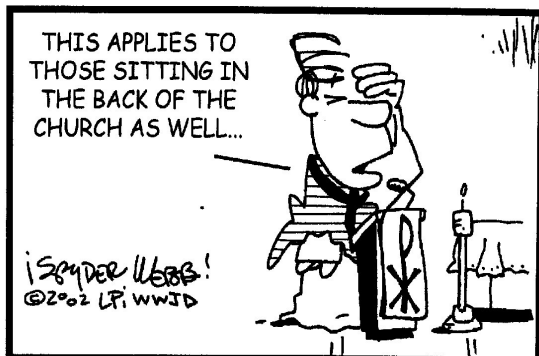
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WHEN WE SAY THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT MASS, WHY DO WE STRIKE OUR CHEST THREE TIMES?

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.





## LITURGICAL LIFE

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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November 29, 2020 | First Sunday of Advent



### 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.