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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

SATURDAY MASS

5PM

SUNDAY MASSES

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

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:00 noon

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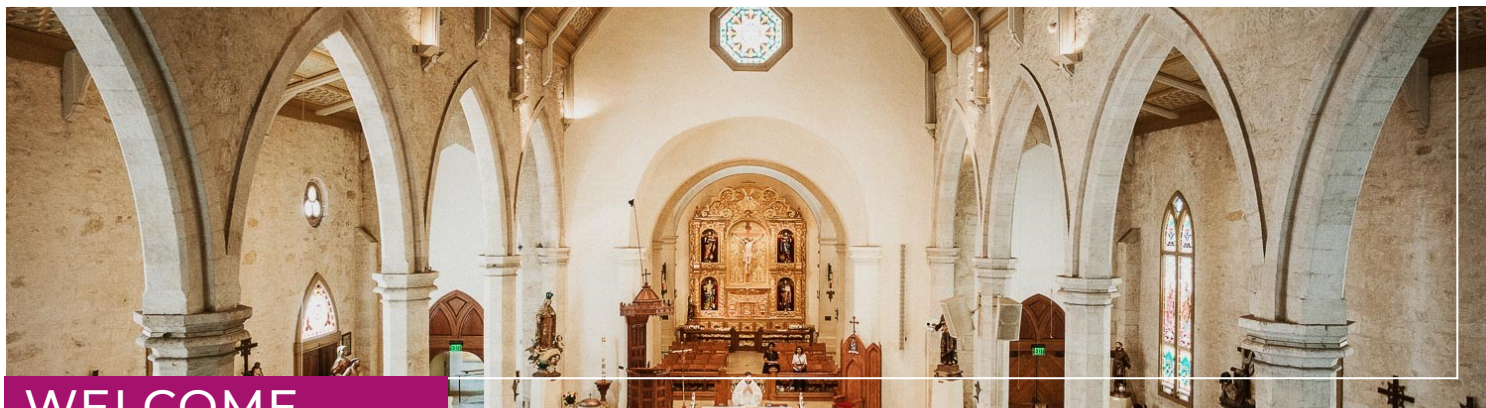
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MASS TIMES

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



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

6 de diciembre de 2020
2º Domingo de Adviento

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

Fr. Victor Valdez



Una voz clama: "Abran el camino al Señor en el desierto; en la estepa tracen una senda para Dios; todas las quebraduras serán rellenadas y todos los cerros y lomas rebajados; que se aplanen las cuestas y queden las colinas como un llano". (Isaías 40:3-5). El tiempo del Adviento es un tiempo hermoso. La Liturgia nos propone, caminar y avanzar. El camino está trazado, tenemos la confianza de llegar a puerto, llegaremos a un lugar cierto y seguro. Pero, antes debemos de preparar el camino, de enderezar los senderos mal llevados en nuestra vida. Esforzarnos es la respuesta a esta iniciativa del Bautista. Todos estamos expectantes de que algo nuevo surgirá.

El relato de Marcos es breve y conciso, la predicación del Bautista es muy diferente a la del Evangelio de Lucas. Marcos centra el anuncio de la venida del más poderoso, y del bautismo con el Espíritu Santo. "Yo los he bautizado con agua, pero él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo". (Marcos 1:8). Bueno[entonces]—¿cómo debo preparar el camino del Señor? ¿Cómo pide Dios que viva mi matrimonio? ¿Qué de los vecinos que son de diferente cultura a la mía? La falta de trabajo, de alimento, vivienda y vestido de los demás no es solo su problema. Es también nuestro problema. No hagamos oídos sordos al grito del Bautista, cooperemos con él en su deseo de allanar el camino para que el Señor llegue ahí donde más se necesita su presencia. ¡Ven Señor no tardes en llegar! Especialmente, en este año 2020 tan devastado por el sufrimiento.

Fr. Victor Valdez



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Week of November 23, 2020 to November 29, 2020

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:00 pm +Sylvia Gloria Ferguson Consuelo Ferguson (Daughter)

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:00 am Hijos de Maria Decease Members & Family Hijos de Maria de la Catedral

+Susie Gomez de Hernandez Family

12:00 pm +Gloria Rodriguez Familia

+Ricardo Rodriguez Familia

2:00 pm Thanksgiving St. Lucy Margarita S. Loya

+Maria Luisa Resendez Longoria Family

5:00 pm Thanksgiving Our Lady of Guadalupe Margarita S. Loya

Diane Bezdek (Birthday) Janine Buckner

Monday, December 7, 2020

12:05 pm +Sylvia Gloria Ferguson Consuelo Ferguson (Daughter)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

12:05 pm +Trinidad Treviño de Zepeda Sonia Mireles

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

12:05 pm Mrs. Peggy Mays Rosemary E. Kowalski

Thursday, December 10, 2020

12:05 pm +Mrs. Jim Hayne Rosemary E. Kowalski

Friday, December 11, 2020

12:05 pm +Isabel Gutierrez Louis Sanchez

+Jackie Gutierrez Louis Sanchez

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

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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Grace Herrera
JoAnn Pena
Judy Bloom

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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
Cipiriano Gonzales

WEEKLY READINGS

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatocatzin

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Today, Sunday, December 6th
from 11am-6pm

For more information or to Pre-Purchase Plates
please visit sfcathedral.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
sfcathedral.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

Retirement Fund for Religious

December 12th - December 13th
Please consider giving during Second
Collection at Mass.

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



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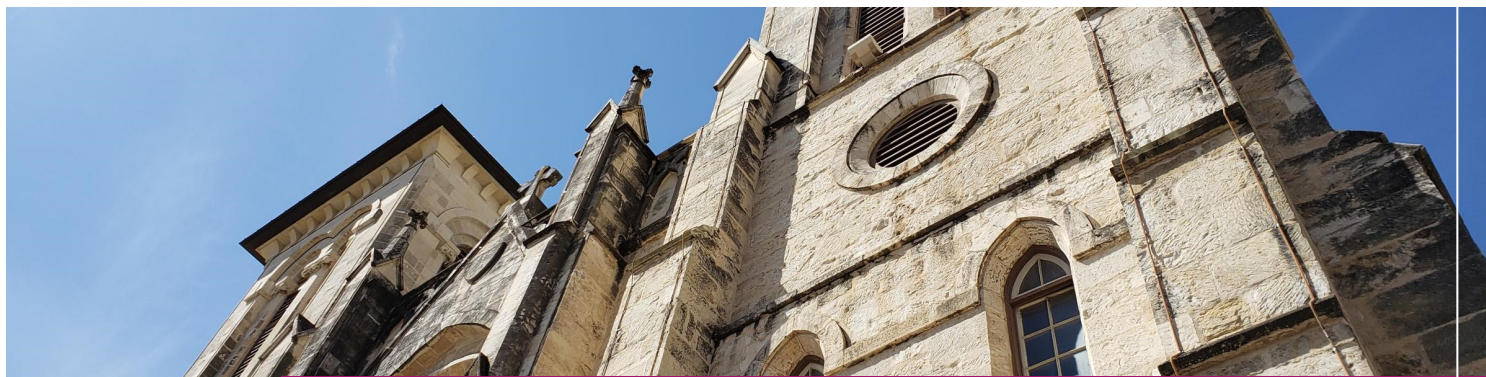
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Mon - Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday Noon - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am - 3:30pm

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Tours by appointment only.
Contact Eloise Cortez at
210.416.0371 ext. 126 or via
e-mail: 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

SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL
DECEMBER 2020 MASS SCHEDULE & EVENTS

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Tuesday, December 8th
Mass times: 7am | 12pm | 7pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
December 4th - 12th at 7pm
(Except Dec. 8th and 12th at 6pm)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Saturday, December 12th
Mass times: 6am | 8am | 10am | 2pm | 5pm | 7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24th
Mass times: 1pm | 3pm | 5pm | 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, December 25th
Mass times: 8am | 10am | 12pm | 2pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Friday, January 1st, 2021
Mass times: 8am | 10am | 12pm

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

CAN A DIVORCE CATHOLIC RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 247) Moreover [he continues] "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (*AL*, no. 247)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47) Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.



LITURGICAL LIFE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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December 6, 2020 | Second Sunday of Advent

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please give at your local parish December 12–13 or by mail at:
Office for Consecrated Life
Attn: Sister Elizabeth Ann Vasquez, SSCJ
San Antonio Archdiocese Pastoral Center
2718 West Woodlawn Ave
San Antonio TX 78228
Make check payable to Archdiocese of San Antonio/RRF.

retiredreligious.org

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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.
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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.