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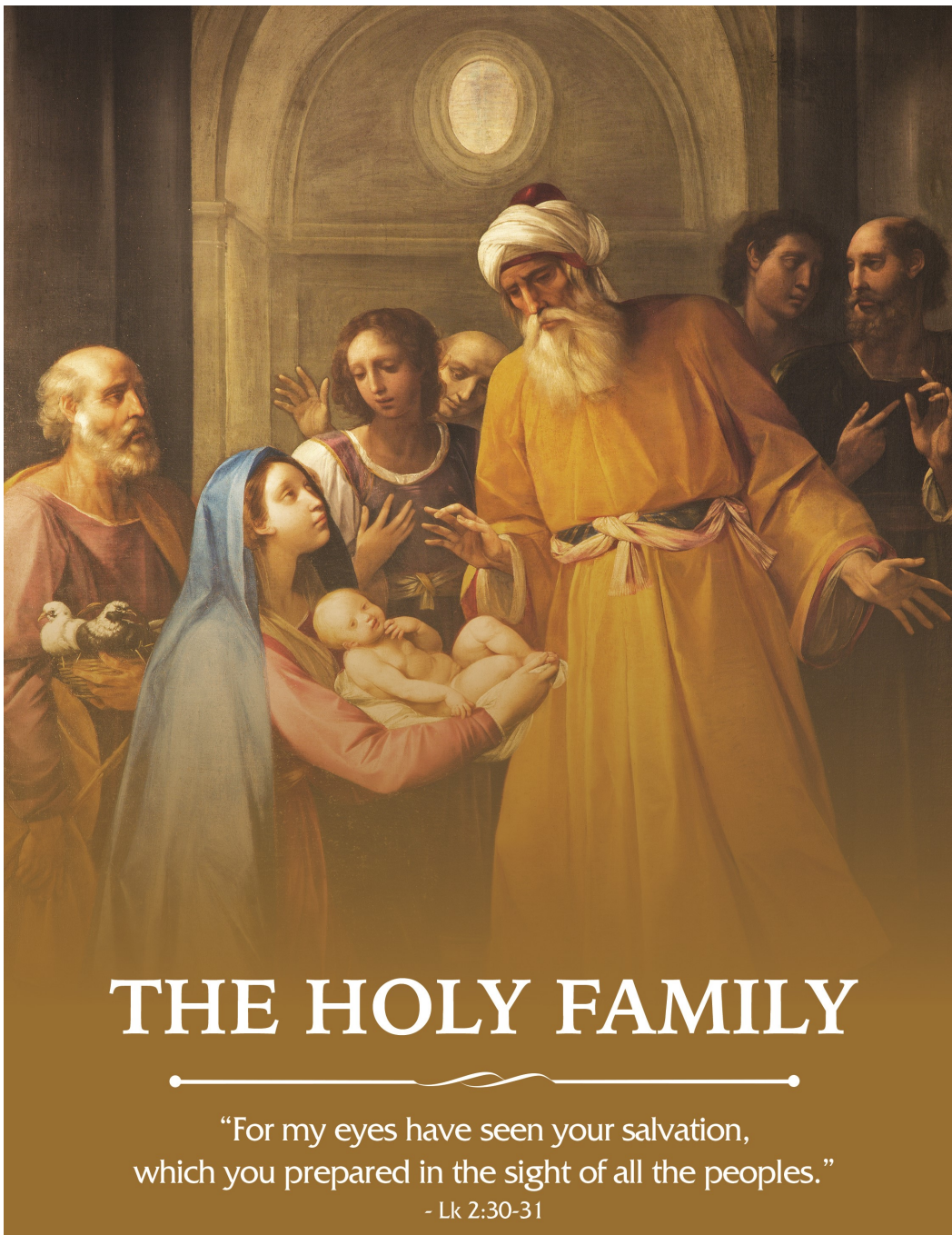
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THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

SATURDAY MASS

5PM

SUNDAY MASSES

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

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DAILY MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:00 noon

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



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WELCOME

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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 DE PARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

December 27, 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

27 de diciembre de 2020
La Sagrada Familia

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. Victor Valdez



La Navidad es familia, es calor de hogar, es pureza de corazón. La Liturgia nos ayuda a recordar la belleza de este tiempo y las miradas son puestas en torno a la Sagrada Familia. La familia es convocada, ahora más que nunca, a ser valorada y enriquecida con lazos de comunión. Debe estar cimentada en la fe. Como ejemplo de esa fe tenemos a Abraham, Simeón y Ana. Ellos supieron cumplir sus deberes de fe y confianza plena en Dios. Bendiciendo y alabando a Dios por tener la oportunidad de recibir a Jesús en sus brazos. "Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu siervo muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador". (Lucas 2:29-30)

La familia es un don de Dios. El Papa Francisco en diferentes ocasiones ha dicho lo siguiente sobre la familia: "En su camino familiar, ustedes comparten tantos momentos inolvidables: las comidas, el descanso, las tareas de la casa, la diversión, la oración, las excursiones y peregrinaciones, la solidaridad con los necesitados... Sin embargo, si falta el amor, falta la alegría, y el amor, y el amor auténtico nos lo da Jesús". Y añadió en otra de sus frases: "Cuando nos preocupamos por nuestras familias y sus necesidades, cuando entendemos sus problemas y esperanzas... cuando sostienen la familia, sus esfuerzos repercuten no sólo en beneficio de la Iglesia; también ayudan a la sociedad entera". La familia de estos tiempos es convocada a valorar y vivir una Iglesia doméstica auténtica, donde el centro sea Jesús. ¿Es tu familia como la de Nazaret?

Fr. Victor Valdez



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Week of December 14, 2020 to December 20, 2020

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| Collections | \$6,689.14 | Online Giving | \$3,158.27 |
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26, 2020

5:00 pm For the San Fernando Community

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:00 am +Susie Gomez de Hernandez Family
+Mrs. Florentina R. De La Cruz Mr & Mrs. Andrew & Pamela Almazan
12:00 pm +Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Mea y Familia
2:00 pm For those affected by Covid19
5:00 pm +Manuel D. Villa Children

Monday, December 28, 2020

12:05 pm +Juan Mendez Christine Salenga
+Inocente Piña Diana Piña-Hernandez

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

12:05 pm +Virginia Aleman Hoose Olga Enriquez

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

12:05 pm +Armando Diaz Ruben & Hope Alvarado

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00 pm For the San Fernando Community

Friday, January 1, 2021

8:00 am +Eladio & +Eloisa Alvarado Ruben & Hope Alvarado
+Mary Infantino Frank Rosinia MD MHCH
10:00 am Personal Intentions of Marivic & John Kane Marivic & John Kane
12:00 pm For the San Fernando Community

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

Maria Regina Vidal
Jacob Garza
Maria Cardenas
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Grace Herrera
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Judy Bloom

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Ella Treat
Debbie Ruiz
German Ortiz
Sara Verrones
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Magaly Hernandez
Rosie Rendon
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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

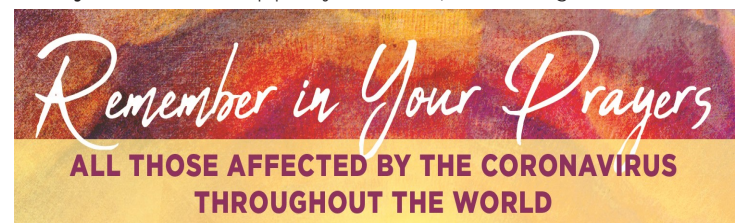
WEEKLY READINGS

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK


Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week





UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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**SAN FERNANDO
CATHEDRAL**

DECEMBER 2020 MASS SCHEDULE & EVENTS

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT 210.227.1297



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SAN FERNANDO GIFT SHOP**

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

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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

Guadalupano 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

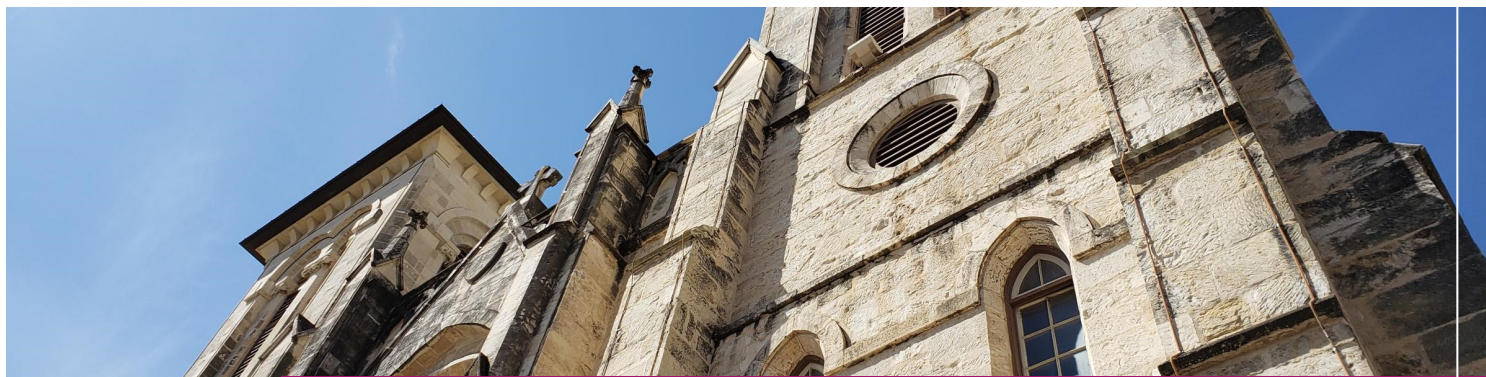
Every Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cathedral Choir Rm

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



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 !!

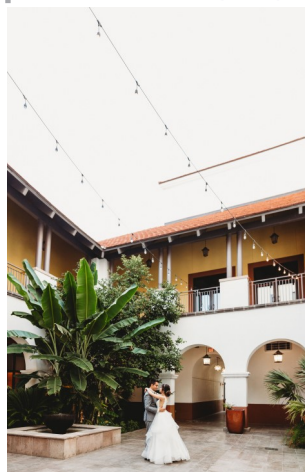
The Venues at San Fernando is open for tours and events.

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

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

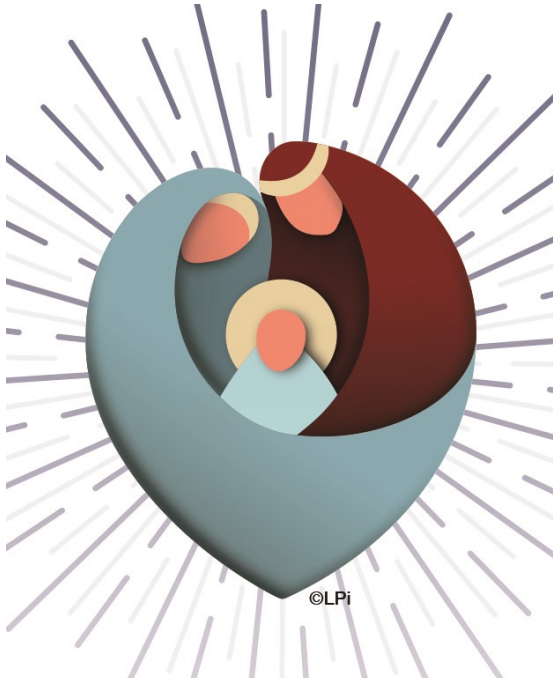
While families come in all shapes and sizes, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

I'VE SEEN PEOPLE HANG ROSARIES OVER THE REAR-VIEW MIRRORS IN THEIR CARS AND A FEW OF THEM WEAR THEM AROUND THEIR NECKS. IS IT OK TO DO THAT?

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.



THE HOLY FAMILY





LITURGICAL LIFE

THE GIFT OF FAMILY

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.
 **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.