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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
7:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

CONFESIONS

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

LIVE STREAMING



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VICTOR

UN MENSAJE DEPARTE DEL PADRE VICTOR

March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

21 de marzo de 2021
5th Domingo de la Cuaresma

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

Fr. Victor Valdez



Jesús dijo: "Desátenlo y déjenlo caminar" (Juan 11:44). Ya estamos al umbral de la Pasión del Señor. A lo largo de la Cuaresma, hemos escuchado el amor de Dios por nosotros en cada mensaje del Evangelio. Desde las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto, la transfiguración, la samaritana, el ciego de nacimiento, y hoy, la liturgia que nos sitúa en la resurrección de Lázaro, el Evangelio es de amor y vida. De estar atado de pies y manos, ha desatado, caminando libremente. Hoy el Señor nos desata de nuestros pecados, si lo deseamos. La promesa del Padre sigue viva en su Hijo Amado. Jesús lo afirma con sus palabras: *Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá. El que vive, el que cree en mí, no morirá para siempre*" (Juan 11:25-26).

Con Lázaro resucitado, Jesús anuncia su resurrección. Quien entendió bien el mensaje fue Marta, con su respuesta dada a la pregunta de Jesús: "Sí, Señor; yo creo que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo" (Juan 11:27). El Santo Padre [dijo] que el Señor "Nos invita, casi nos ordena, que salgamos de la tumba en la cual nuestros pecados nos han hundido. Nos llama insistenteamente a salir de la oscuridad de la prisión en la que estamos encerrados, conformándonos con una vida falsa, egoísta, mediocre. 'Salí afuera!', nos dice. ¡Salí afuera!'". (Radio Vaticana 6 de abril 2014). El reto es salir sin miedo, confiando en la providencia de Dios, y en todo lo que se pueda hacer por desatar los nudos de la vida de los unos y los otros.

Fr. Victor Valdez



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Week of March 8, 2021 to March 14, 2021

Collections	\$7,023.44	Online Giving	\$4,087.94



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20, 2021

5:00 pm For San Fernando Community

Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:00 am +Anna Zuniga Cheryl W. Longoria

+James Zimmermann Cheryl W. Longoria

12:00 pm +Choco Gonzalez Meza Daniel Meza & Family

2:00 pm For those affected by Covid19

5:00 pm For San Fernando Community

Monday, March 22, 2021

12:05 pm +Mildred Aviles Sandra Aviles (Daughter)

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

12:05 pm For San Fernando Staff & their Families

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

12:05 pm +Richard Llyod Michel Family

Thursday, March 25, 2021

12:05 pm The Clergy of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

Friday, March 26, 2021

12:05 pm Thanksgiving Our Lady of Candelaria

WEEKLY READINGS

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins



LOS PADRECITOS SAN FERNANDO GIFT SHOP

GIFT SHOP HOURS

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

Gift Shop: 210-357-5608

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

Carolyn Wright
Rosie Heredia
Mireya Perez
Guadalupe Valdez
Ruben Corpus
Amy Webber
Ty Cline
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Jacob Garza
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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
Cipriano Gonzales
Trey Webber
Martin Maldonado
Maria J. Castillo



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

LENTEN MISSION

A JOURNEY IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK IN WORD AND SONG

JOIN US FOR THIS NIGHT IN WHICH YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GREAT LENTEN REFLECTIONS AND BEAUTIFUL MUSIC



WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION

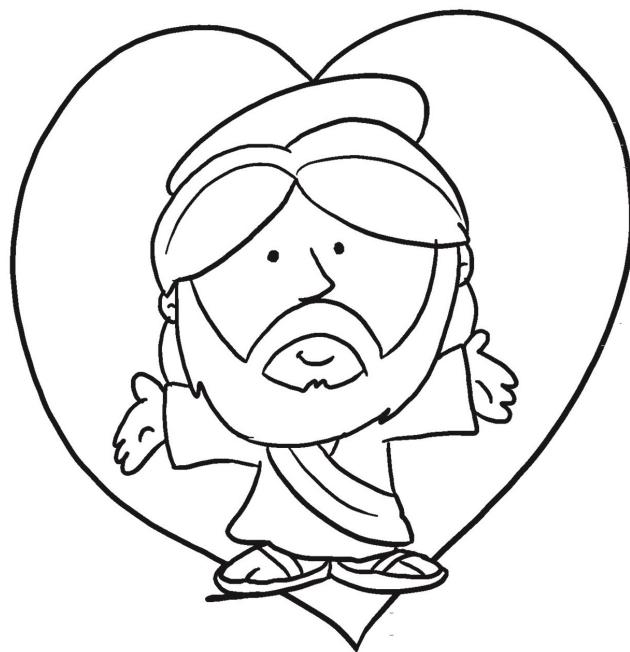


FREE ENTRANCE - LOVE OFFERING

San Fernando Cathedral Saturday March 22nd - 26th 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



Many people wanted to meet Jesus. They asked his special friends for help in meeting him. When we help others, it is just like meeting Jesus. When you get to heaven you will meet him face-to-face. Jesus will give you a hug for sharing with his people. He will be proud that you obeyed and helped your parents. He will say, "I am glad you are my child. I love you."

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: 210-748-9948

Youth Ministry

Adriana Holguin
210-544-7173

Pedaling for Christ

Troy Sanorski
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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

HAVE PATIENCE
WITH EVERYONE,
BUT ESPECIALLY
WITH YOURSELF.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL COMMUNION, AND DO YOU NEED TO BE IN A STATE OF GRACE TO RECEIVE IT?

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.



LITURGICAL LIFE

WHEN OUR OWN HOUR COMES

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CATHEDRAL

March 21, 2021 | 5th Sunday of Lent

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PRAYER FOR PRIESTS (USCCB):

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR LOS SACERDOTES (USCCB):

Dios todopoderoso y lleno de bondad, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes. Por medio de ellos, experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos. Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación. Inflama sus almas con el fuego de tu amor por tu pueblo. Concédeles la sabiduría, el entendimiento y la fortaleza que necesitan para seguir las huellas de Jesús. Inspíralas la visión de tu Reino. Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio. Permítelos experimentar gozo en su ministerio. Ayúdalos a ser instrumentos de tu gracia divina. Te pedimos esto por medio de Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Eterno Sacerdote. Amén.