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The oldest Cathedral Sanctuary in the United States, Founded in 1731

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INFORMATION

Mass Times/Horario de Misas

**Monday-Friday/
Lunes-Viernes**
12:05 PM

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 PM English/Inglés

Sunday/Domingo
8:00 AM Spanish/Español
10:00 AM English/Inglés
12:00 PM Spanish/Español
2:00 PM English/Inglés
5:00 PM Bilingual/Bilingüe

Confessions/Confesiones

**Monday-Friday/
Lunes-Viernes**
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Saturday/Sábado
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Sunday/Domingo
11:15 AM to 1:00 PM

Baptisms

10AM the 1st Saturday of each month in English and the 2nd Saturday of each month in Spanish. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal class. Godparents must be fully initiated practicing Catholics. Call Joey Gutierrez at 210-227-1297, ext. 133 for more information.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months before the desired wedding date. The couple is required to complete a preparatory program. Call Ruth Hernandez for more information at 210-227-1297, ext. 132.

Funerals

To schedule a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass, call Marcela Szinnyey at 210-227-1297, ext. 129.

MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:30 PM. Contact Jose Rincones at (210) 885-1511.

Guadalupano Society

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Contact Maggie Marroquin at (210) 605-9124.

Grupo de Oración

Meets Tuesdays at 1 PM. Contact Rosa Escobedo at (210) 717-2612.

Choir

Meets Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30PM. Contact Maria Alicia Lopez at 210-227-1297, ext. 131.

Men of Service

Meets the 4th Saturday of every month, from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Contact Jose Rincones at 210-885-1511.

Los Jóvenes de San Fernando Youth Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. Contact Adriana Holguin at 210-544-7173.

Waves of Mercy Young Adult Ministry

Contact Julie Segovia at 210-683-4474 for more information.

Los Caballeros de San Fernando

Contact Juan Carlos Bernal at 210-219-2288 for more information.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Please call Sylvia Carreon if you would like to sponsor the Flowers on the Altar. The flowers may be in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. Call Sylvia at 210-227-1297



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

5:00PM
†Margarita Casas Gonzalez
Cecilia Martinez (Healing)

Sunday, December 3

10:00AM
†Lilia Garcia
Cecilia Martinez (Healing)

12:00 PM
†Choco Gonzalez Meza
†Gloria Rodriguez

2:00PM
St. Dymphna (In Thanksgiving)
Hortencia Martinez (Healing)

5:00PM
Jose Oviedo (Spiritual Healing)
†Herlinda & Louis Antu

Monday, December 4

12:05 PM
†Senator Bob Vale
†Olivia Rodriguez

Tuesday, December 5

12:05 PM
St. Jude (In Thanksgiving)
†Margarita Casas Gonzalez

Wednesday, December 6

12:05 PM
Marivic & John Kane (Special Intentions)
†Maria Delgado

Thursday, December 7

12:05PM
Marivic & John Kane (Special Intentions)
6:00PM
†Juana Maria Gonzalez

Friday, December 8

12:05PM
Juan De La Rosa (Birthday)
†Juana Maria Gonzalez
6:00PM
The San Fernando Cathedral Community



LOS PADRECITOS GIFT SHOP

We are temporarily closed. Candles are being sold on
Sundays in Plaza de la Cruz.
Thank you for your continued support and patience.

The San Fernando Cathedral Knights of Columbus, Council 9463, is recruiting new members. Come be a part of this exciting ministry. The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Please call Jose Rincones, Grand Knight, at 210-885-1511 if you would like more information.

Our Second Collection next weekend is for the Retired Men and Women Religious. Thank you for your generosity!

PARK, PRAY AND PARTICIPATE!

***Remember that you can park for free on Sundays!
Are you taking advantage of this great opportunity?***

Free parking at City Tower Garage located at 100 North Main on Sundays from 7AM to 7PM. Take a ticket as you enter the gate. Be sure to keep that ticket because you'll need it to open the exit gate.

We appreciate your support!
Text SANFERNANDO to 45777, scan the QR code, or donate online at sfcathedral.org/donate.
Thank you for your generosity!



IS JESUS CHRIST CALLING ME TO BECOME A PRIEST?



Melchizedek Project

Monthly gatherings for those who are considering
a call to the priesthood. Ages 18 and over

**FIRST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH**

September 2023—May 2024
6:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.



Vocation Office—Archdiocese of San Antonio

vocations@archsa.org • 210-735-0553 • www.archsa.org/vocations

Danza Indios Guadalupanos

**Estas cordialmente invitado a unirme al
Grupo de Danza Indios Guadalupanos para nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe**



**Practicas seran Los Domingos
de 3:30 pm a 4:30 pm
En Plaza De la Cruz
Catedral San Fernando
Para mas info: Juan Sosa (210)800-3512**

San Fernando Cathedral Advent and Christmas Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

December 3

Mass 8:00am Spanish

Mass 10:00am English

Mass 12:00pm Spanish

Mass 2:00pm English

Mass 5:00pm Bilingual

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 7

Vigil Mass 6:00pm English

December 8

Mass 12:05 English

Mass 6:00pm Bilingual

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10

Mass 8:00am Spanish

Mass 10:00am English

Mass 12:00pm Spanish

Mass 2:00pm English

Mass 5:00pm Bilingual

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11

Serenata & Rosary

6:00pm

Midnight Mass

December 12

Mass 12:05pm English

Mass 6:00pm Spanish

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17

Gaudete Sunday

Mass 8:00am Spanish

Mass 10:00am English

Mass 12:00pm Spanish

Mass 2:00pm English

Mass 5:00pm Bilingual

La Gran Posada in Milam Park

6:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24

Mass 8:00am Spanish

Mass 10:00am English

Mass 12:00pm Spanish

Christmas Eve

December 24

Mass 6:00pm English

Mass 8:00pm Bilingual

Service of the Carols

11:00pm

Midnight Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25

Mass 10:00am English

12:00pm English

Join us—all are welcome!

San Fernando Cathedral and Ballroom

San Antonio's Destination for an Unforgettable Event

EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States and the mother church of San Antonio's archdiocese. It is 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.

EXPERIENCE THE VENUE

The San Fernando Ballroom is a venue with a picturesque setting located in the heart of downtown San Antonio. Discover the venue and experience its colonial atmosphere surrounded by history to create a unique, fun and unforgettable event.

BOOKING NOW FOR 2024 AND 2025

By appointment only. Contact Lupe Rodriguez for availability at lrodriguez@sfcathedral.org or call 210-227-1297, extension 101.

[@Venuesatsanfernandocathedral](https://www.sfcathedral.org/venues)
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Father's Footnotes
First Sunday of Advent-December 3, 2023

Advent is Here!

Today the Church begins the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting in hope. Our scriptures celebrate Christ's coming in history two millennia ago, his coming into our present lives and needs, and his future advent when God's plan for our salvation reaches it fullness. Each Sunday's readings set before us all three modes of Christ's coming.

La Serenata to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join the San Fernando community and Univision Television on Wednesday, December 6 for the taping of La Serenata to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The taping will begin at 8 PM and all are invited to take part. The celebrity lineup includes: Danza Teokalli, David and Fernando, Sebastian de la Cruz y Campanas de America Mariachi, Lucky Joe, Gerardo Flores, Isabel Marie, Control, Polo Urian, and Energia Nortena. La Serenata will be broadcast on Univision and its partner stations on the evening of December 11, 2023.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

San Fernando Cathedral: This year we will have a special Vigil Mass on the evening of Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6 PM as well as two Masses on Friday, December 8, 2023. The two Masses will be at 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM.

San Francisco di Paola: There will be one Mass on the evening of Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5 PM.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe-December 11/12 at San Fernando Cathedral

The story of the origin of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well known. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin was a quiet, humble man—a poor peasant. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked that he tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor. Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop did not believe him and asked for a sign. So, Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), with Castilian roses, foreign to the area and blooming in December. When Juan Diego emptied the beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, imprinted on his tilma was the image of the Virgin, dressed like a young Aztec woman. We celebrate this amazing event in the life of the Church as we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on the evening of December 11 and 12. On December 11, we begin with rosaries and tributes to the Blessed Mother at 6 PM and continue until we begin the Mass at midnight. We will sing the Mañanitas to Our Lady and honor her with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo. On Tuesday, December 12, we have the daily 12:05 PM Mass and a special Mass at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to celebrate this special Marian Feast.

Let us make this Advent Season a special one by placing our trust in Jesus Christ. As we enter into this new liturgical year, let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We learn again how God comes into our world and into our individual lives to set us free. The Advent scriptures contain a warning: we must stay awake, because we do not know the time of the Lord's coming. Our vigilance is in doing the will of the Lord. Happy New Year!~**Fr. Carlos**

Charitas Fund

Administered by the San Francescani Society

The Charitas Fund assists recipients who, through no fault of their own, have fallen on hard times and have a documented, one-time need for assistance in getting back on their feet. For further information, visit sanfrancescodipaola.org.

In addition to the second collection, other donations/contributions can be mailed to: Jay Pantusa, 4322 Apple Tree Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249. Jay's contact info is: jaypantusa@gmail.com, 210-473-4771

The Memorial Brick Project is now open. If you would like to purchase a Memorial Brick, for yourself or a loved one, in the foyer of the church now is the time to purchase one. The cost for two lines is \$250 and \$300 for three lines. First come, first served when picking your place on the wall. If you are interested, please see Jo Ann Scrivano or you may call her at 210-422-0907.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00PM

†Annie Pantusa by Joyce & Julius Germano

Sunday, December 3, 2023

10:00AM

†Kathy Greco by Sam Greco & Family

†Salvatore Greco by Sam Greco & Family

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00PM

†Annie Pantusa by Nick & Beverly Pantuso

†Johnny Granieri by Coleman & Villegas Family

Sunday, December 10, 2023

11:00AM

†Giancarlo Robert Ferruzzi by Gloria Ferruzzi

†Annie Pantusa by Anthony Martino

1:30PM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola

*Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of
December*

*†Giancarlo Robert Ferruzzi
By Gloria Ferruzzi Family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

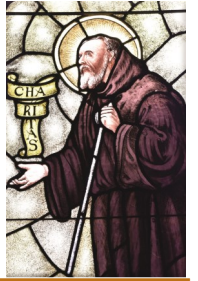
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Sophia Von Stultz
Sgt. John Louis Harlan
Imelda Deason
Tina Toscano Herrera
Dolores Lopez
Raul Medina, Jr.
Don Toscano
Jackson Bordano
Dawn Martinelli
Gloria Feruzzi
Patrick John Meyers
Rosanna Lara
Addie Toscano
Vincy Ruffo Dunn
Mary Lou Olivo
Claudia Gomez
Abby Sparks
James Ford
Jacob Ford
Avery Ford
Juanita Sanchez
Frank Milton
Sylvia Rodriguez
Rose Marie Pagonis
Bob Fishback
Sandra Jimenez
Wayne Garcia
Henry Oliver Bordano
Lisa Sirianni Steer*

Altar and Rosary Meeting

The Altar and Rosary Society is providing poinsettias to decorate our church this Christmas Season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a love done, the donation is \$20 per plant. Envelopes are available in the entrance of the church or in your box of annual giving envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Marie Pagonis at 210-289-9887. Thank you for your support!

SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA

Catholic Church



December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Pastor:

Very Rev. Carlos B. Velázquez

PARISH STAFF

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San Franciscani Society

Richard Bellacosa

Mass Schedule:

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4:00 PM in English

Sunday/Domingo

11:00 AM in English

1:30 PM in Spanish

*We look forward to
your visit!*



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