



SAN FERNANDO

Cathedral

The Heart of San Antonio

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 16

5:00PM

†Fred Montalvo & Maria Celestina Mata

†Juana Maria Gonzalez

Sunday, December 17

10:00AM

†Silvia Ferguson

†Albert N. Villarreal

12:00 PM

†Choco Gonzalez Meza

†Ricardo & Gloria Rodriguez

2:00PM

†Anthony Patrick Klamm

†Juana Maria Gonzalez

5:00PM

†Anthony Patrick Klamm

†Zenaida (Sandy) Cyprian

Monday, December 18

12:05 PM

†Lonjina Palomo

†Anthony Patrick Klamm

Tuesday, December 19

12:05 PM

†Elsa Natalia Aguirre

Juan Carlos Gonzalez & Luz Maria Moreno Zavala

Wednesday, December 20

12:05 PM

†Lourdes Lara Teran & Severiano

Thursday, December 21

12:05PM

Denise Their (Birthday)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 22

12:05PM

†Gene Cavazos

Sagrado Corazon



LOS PADRECITOS GIFT SHOP

We are temporarily closed. Candles are being sold on Sundays inside the Cathedral.
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 Assumption Seminary. 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 sfccathedral.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

San Fernando Cathedral Advent and Christmas Schedule

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



Thank you to all who joined us as we honored Our Lady of Guadalupe!



San Fernando Cathedral and Ballroom

San Antonio's Destination for an Unforgettable Event

EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

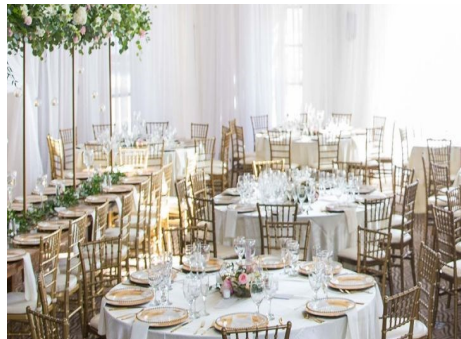
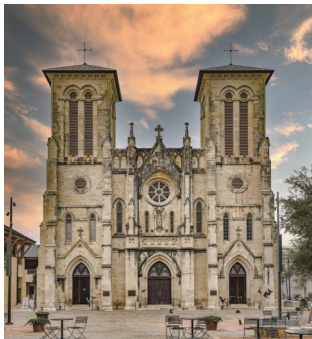
Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States and the mother church of San Antonio's archdiocese. It is the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive 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, ext. 101.





Father's Footnotes
Third Sunday of Advent-December 17, 2023

Gran Posada This Evening-December 17

We invite all to join us for our annual Gran Posada this evening beginning at 6 PM at Milam Park. This year we will be having a slightly different route due to the construction in and around El Mercado. We will meet at Milam Park at 6 PM and begin our journey with Mary and Joseph as they seek lodging. We will end up at the Cathedral where we will sing some songs then go into our Plaza de la Cruz for some refreshments and piñatas. All are welcome to celebrate this San Antonio tradition!

Special Thanks!

Fr. Carlos would like to thank all who attended the Guadalupe Feast day Celebration last Monday and Tuesday. What a beautiful way to celebrate Our Lady. Thank you to the many faithful who came out and took the time to pray before the image of our Lady. What an impressive and humbling sight to all! Thank you Archbishop Gustavo for your presence and for your celebration of Midnight Mass!

Pastoral Council Discernment Meeting

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Pastoral Council at either San Fernando Cathedral or San Francisco di Paola, you are invited to attend a special discernment meeting tomorrow, December 18, at 6 PM in Fr. Carlos' office at 231 W. Commerce. Fr. Carlos will provide a brief summary of the Pastoral Council purpose and present the meeting dates for 2024. Currently San Fernando Cathedral is seeking four new members and San Francisco di Paola is seeking two new members. If you are interested but cannot attend this discernment meeting, please contact Fr. Carlos so that he can send you the information. New members will be chosen at the Masses on Christmas Day.

Celebrating Christmas at San Fernando Cathedral

Christmas is very special at San Fernando Cathedral! Please note that since this year Christmas Day is on a Monday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is shortened in order to begin the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, December 25th. Please note that you cannot fulfill your obligations to both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas at the same Mass. You would have to attend two Masses on Sunday, December 24 to do so.

December 24

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at the 8:00 AM (Spanish), 10:00 AM (English) and 12 Noon (Spanish) Masses. We celebrate Christmas at the 6 PM (English), 8 PM (Bilingual) and 12 Midnight Mass. We will begin a special Service of Christmas Carols at 11:00 PM (prior to the Midnight Mass).

Please note there is no 2 PM or 5 PM Mass this particular Sunday, December 24th.

December 25

We will have two Masses at 10:00 AM and 12 Noon.

December is almost over! I cannot believe that this year is about to end in a few short days. Let us be grateful for all that God has given us this past year and look forward to blessings in 2024. Peace and blessings~**Fr. Carlos**

Charitas Fund

Administered by the San Franciscani 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 16, 2023

4:00PM

†Kathy & Sam Greco by Greco Family

†Ruby Lopez by Elena Lopez Family

Sunday, December 17, 2023

11:00AM

Altar & Rosary Society-Living & Deceased Members

†Bruce Cecil by Debbie Walton

1:30PM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola

Celebrating Christmas at San Francesco di Paola

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December 24

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at the 11:00 (English) AM and 1:30 PM (Spanish) Masses.

We celebrate Christmas at the 4 PM (Bilingual) Mass.

December 25

We will have one Mass at 10:00 AM (English)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Samuel Matthew

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 once again sponsoring the donation of poinsettias to decorate our beautiful church during the holiday season. The cost of a poinsettia is \$20. Parishioners may donate plants in honor of/or in memory of loved ones. Envelopes are available in your envelope box or at the church entrance. Please contact Rose Marie Pagonis at 210-289-9887, if you have any questions.

Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of
December

†Giancarlo Robert Ferruzzi
By Gloria Ferruzzi Family

SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA

Catholic Church



December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor:

Very Rev. Carlos B. Velázquez

PARISH STAFF

Mimi Soliz

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Jo Ann Scrivano

Altar & Rosary Society

Mary Kay Morin

San Franciscani Society

Richard Bellacosa

Mass Schedule:

Saturday/Sábado:

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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