



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

*The Flowers on the Altar are in
memory of*

Inocente Piña

*lovingly sponsored by the Piña
Family*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23

5:00PM
John J. Kane (Birthday)

Sunday, December 24

10:00AM
George Ray Antu (Birthday)
†Choco Gonzalez Meza

12:00 PM
†Familia Nava

6:00PM
Jose Javier Oviedo & Mia Oviedo

8:00PM
†Louis & Herlinda Antu

Monday, December 25

12:00AM
For the San Fernando Community
10AM
Oscar Estrada (Birthday)
†Louis & Herlinda Antu
12PM
†Humberto Valentin Villafañe
†Silvia Ferguson

Tuesday, December 26

12:05 PM
†Gilbert Garcia
†Erik Sherman

Wednesday, December 27

12:05 PM
†Manuel D. Villa

Thursday, December 28

12:05PM
†Silvia Ferguson

Friday, December 29

12:05PM
The Antu Brothers



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 on December 25 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 sfcathedral.org/donate.
Thank you for your generosity!



Advent and Christmas Schedule

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



SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

Merry Christmas
2023

MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF
CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU TODAY
AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



¡Somos la Catedral!

La Gran Posada, a San Fernando Cathedral Tradition



San Fernando Cathedral and Ballroom

San Antonio's Destination for an Unforgettable Event

EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

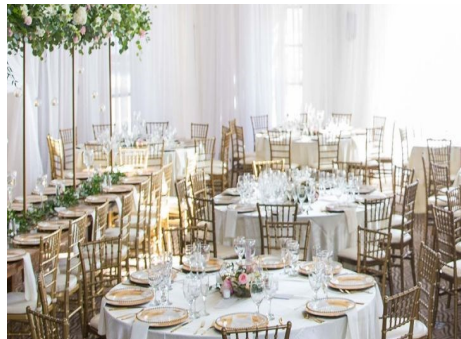
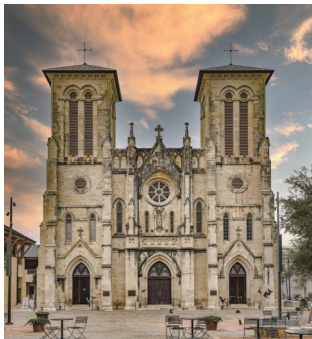
Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States and the mother church of San Antonio's archdiocese. It is the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive 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
Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 24, 2023

Christmas at San Fernando Cathedral & San Francesco di Paola

Christmas is very special at San Fernando Cathedral and San Francesco di Paola! Please note that since this year Christmas Day is tomorrow, 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 today to do so.

San Fernando Cathedral

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 today.

December 25

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

San Francesco di Paola

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)

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

This solemnity is usually a holy day of obligation, but since it falls on a Monday the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. We will, however, have two Masses at San Fernando Cathedral on Monday,

January 1, 2024 at 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM.

All are welcome!

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to San Fernando Cathedral or San Francesco di Paola. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support San Fernando or San Francesco di Paola for years to come.

There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to *San Fernando Cathedral*, please contact *Steve Borrego* at (210)-227-1297, ext. 130. For *San Francesco di Paola*, please call *Mimi Soliz* at (210) 227-0548 or the Office of Development for the Archdiocese of San Antonio at the Pastoral Center at (210) 734-1641.

May this be a very special Christmas! From all of us at San Fernando Cathedral and at San Francesco di Paola we wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and Christmas Season! Peace, **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. Please note that the Fund has distributed all of its monies to "those in need" and currently has exhausted its financial resources and will not be accepting further requests for assistance until the fund is replenished.

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 23, 2023

4:00PM

†Joseph Pantuso by Cindy & Christina Pantuso

†Johnny Granieri 5th Anniversary by Deacon Richard & Janice Hobbs

Sunday, December 24, 2023

11:00AM

†Rosalie Paletta Rizzo by Linda & Richard Kohnen & Family

†Sammy Scrivano by Jo Ann Scrivano

1:30PM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola

4:00PM

For the San Francesco di Paola Community

Monday, December 25, 2023

10:00AM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola



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

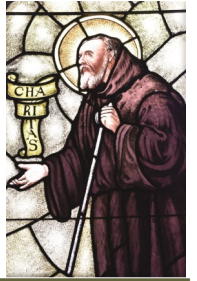
The Altar and Rosary Society is once again sponsoring the donation of poinsettias to decorate our beautiful church during the holiday season. The cost of a poinsettia is \$20. Parishioners may donate plants in honor of/or in memory of loved ones. Envelopes are available in your envelope box or at the 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 24, 2023
Fourth 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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