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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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 30

5:00PM  
†Hortencia Castaño Urbanowicz

### Sunday, December 31

10:00AM  
Hortencia Martinez (Healing)  
†Maria de Jesús Fieros & †Jose R. Ventura

12:00 PM  
†Choco Gonzalez Meza  
†Adela Morales & †Maria  
Guadalupe Bautista

2:00PM  
†Maria & Bernavel Gomez  
†Victor Ventura

5:00PM  
†Alejandrina Torres & †Carmen  
Montalvo Gutierrez  
Gerald & Santa Halverson  
(Wedding Anniversary)

### Monday, January 1

12:05PM  
Gerald & Santa Halverson

### Tuesday, January 2

12:05 PM  
Javier Oviedo (Spiritual Healing)

### Wednesday, January 3

12:05 PM  
†Louis & Herlinda Antu

### Thursday, January 4

12:05PM  
Lucita Keller

### Friday, January 5

12:05PM  
†Angelita G. Treviño





## 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.

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**FIRST THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

*September 2023—May 2024*  
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Vocation Office—Archdiocese of San Antonio

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## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join us on January 6 at San Fernando Cathedral for First Saturday Devotion requested by Our Lady of Fatima in reparation to the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to pray for the conversion of sinners, and peace in the world. We will start with Saturday Mass at 5:00 pm followed by the Holy Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, thereafter with recitation of the Holy Rosary, and conclude with meditating on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The request for the First Saturday Devotion by Our Lady are the following:

- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 days before or after the first Saturday.
- Receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday of the month.
- Pray the Holy Rosary
- Meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Join us—all are welcome!

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING MANDATED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is unconditionally committed to the protection of children, youth and vulnerable populations within our community. In order to assure their protection from harm, it has been mandated that all adults who minister to children or vulnerable populations must receive Safe Environment Training every three years. The requirements to work or volunteer at San Fernando Cathedral are the following:

- Complete Training Module 1: Protecting God's Children 4.0
- Complete Training Module 2: Vulnerable Adults
- Complete Training Module 3: Anti-Harassment 2.0
- Sign a Code of Conduct
- Submit to a Criminal Background Check

Once all these requirements are satisfied, volunteers are free to join any ministry at San Fernando Cathedral. Any person who does not complete these requirements will be asked to step away from their chosen ministry until completion. These archdiocesan mandates are in effect at every parish in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

All of the training modules, the Code of Conduct and the Criminal Background Check are available in English and Spanish. To begin the process, please visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and register today. Thank you so much for your gift of time and talent to the San Fernando Cathedral Community!

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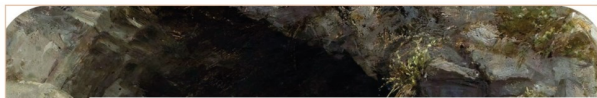
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### Father's Footnotes February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### World Marriage Day Today

This year's theme, "Marriage... one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood. A special blessing will be imparted on all married couples this weekend at all masses.



Prayer for Married Couples  
Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church,  
look with kindness on them,  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of  
your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Employment Opportunity at San Fernando Cathedral**  
We here at San Fernando are looking for a Parish Administrator II - Salaried Position (Exempt). You can find more information about this opportunity on the Archdiocesan website at [www.archsa.org](http://www.archsa.org). Go to the Employment tab and search via the location: San Fernando Cathedral.

**Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22**  
Schedule of Services and Masses

**San Fernando Cathedral**  
7:00 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service English  
9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service Spanish  
10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service English  
11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service Spanish  
12:05 PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
1:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service English  
2:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service Spanish  
3:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service English  
4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service Spanish  
5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service English  
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service Spanish  
7:00 PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes

**San Francisco di Paola**  
12 Noon Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
6 PM Ash Wednesday Service English

Please note that ashes will not be distributed outside of the masses and services listed above.

Make this week count by sharing God's love with your family and neighbors! We continue to pray for each other. -Fr. Carlos

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# *San Fernando Cathedral and Ballroom*

## *San Antonio's Destination for an Unforgettable Event*

### *EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL*

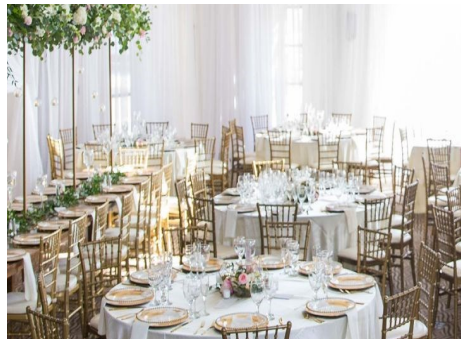
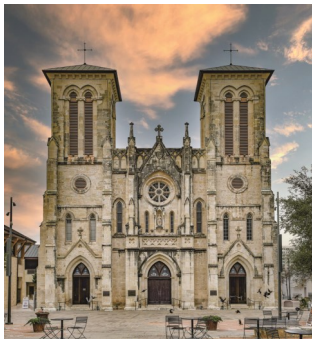
*Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States and the mother church of San Antonio's archdiocese. It is the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive 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](mailto:lrodriguez@sfcathedral.org) or call 210-227-1297, ext. 101.*







*Father's Footnotes*  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph-December 31, 2023*

Tomorrow, 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 have two Masses at San Fernando Cathedral on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 12:05pm and 6:00pm. All are welcome!

“...Como el Señor los ha perdonado, así deben ustedes perdonar.” -  
Colosenses 3:13

Perdonar es una de las cosas difíciles para las personas. No podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Necesitamos recibir la misericordia y el perdón de Dios antes de darlos a otras personas. Acérquese al sacramento de la Reconciliación y reciba la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Entonces, comparta el don del perdón con alguien - un miembro de la familia, un amigo o un compañero de trabajo. Tome su teléfono y llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien, justo en este momento.

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”  
Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Have a blessed final day of 2023 and enjoy a new day tomorrow in 2024. May your evening be safe and always filled with the Spirit of the Christmas Season as we look forward to 2024!  
Peace, Fr. Carlos

Today's Feast: In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God's will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace!



### 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 30, 2023

4:00PM

†Corina Fisher by Sam Greco & Family

†Giancarlo Robert Ferruzzi by Gloria Ferruzzi & Family

Sunday, December 31, 2023

11:00AM

†Annie Pantusa by Pat Watters

†Rebecca B. Plyer by Debbie Walton

1:30PM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US  
FOR THE  
BLESSING OF THE NEW FRONT DOORS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024  
11:00AM MASS

*IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAM J. GRECO*

*For a lifetime of love and dedication to our Patron Saint,  
our Church and our entire Community.*

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Imelda Deason  
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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 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **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!*



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

*The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.*

*Luke 2:40*

*El niño crecía  
y se desarrollaba  
lleno de sabiduría,  
y la gracia de  
Dios permanecía  
con él.*

*Lucas 2, 40*

## LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE *Jesús, María & José*

Holy Family with the Infant John the Baptist Offering Fruit  
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