



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 at
210-227-1297
if you would like to sponsor
Flowers on the Altar
in memory of a loved one or in
celebration of a special event in
your life.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

5:00PM

In Reparation for all sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, January 7

10:00AM

†Ezequiel & Maria Esther Garza

12:00 PM

†Consuelo Guzman & †Maria Guadalupe Herrera

†Maria Luisa Martinez & †Maria Luisa Stevens

2:00PM

†For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

5:00PM

†Zenaida (Sandy) Cyprian

Monday, January 8

12:05PM

†Fr. William Henry

†Gonzalo Garcia & †Rosalinda Alvarado

Tuesday, January 9

12:05 PM

†Lourdes Lara & †Severiano

Wednesday, January 10

12:05 PM

†Silvia Ferguson

Thursday, January 11

12:05PM

†Louis and †Herlina Antu

Friday, January 12

12:05PM

Deborah Sacramo (70th Birthday)



LOS PADRECITOS GIFT SHOP

We are temporarily closed. Candles are sold on Sundays inside the Cathedral.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We hope to open soon!

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!



HOLY HOUR WITH FR. ARUNA

A very special Holy Hour was held at the request of our Youth Ministry team at San Fernando Cathedral. Fr. Aruna and Fr. Fernando, who joined via ZOOM from Sri Lanka, graciously hosted this special time with Our Lord and our young people. Thank you to all who made this possible!



Only Beeswax Candles in Church, Please
Devotional candles are important in our faith. Candles are symbols of the presence of Christ, the light of the world (Jn 8:12) and of Baptism by which we share in his light (Col 1:12), and are also signs of reverence and festivity. To protect the historic San Fernando Cathedral, we ask that only pure beeswax candles be burned to avoid noxious soot that other candles emit and that may harm the interior of the church. The candles we sell are 100% beeswax and safe to burn inside the Cathedral. Thank you for understanding!



Youth Ministry Needs Your Help!

Parents play a large role in the formation of young people and parental involvement is crucial to the success of our Youth Ministry Program at San Fernando Cathedral. We would like to invite you to join us in a new segment to our Youth Ministry nights. Beginning in February, we will be offering a meal to our youth so that they can spend time in fellowship without a growling stomach! We will have a sign-up link for anyone who would like to help in preparing and serving the meal as well as clean up duties. If you prefer, you may make a donation to fund our meal nights for our youth. Together, we can make a big difference! Contact Adriana Holguin for more information: 210-544-7173. Thank you!

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

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OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH~THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH!



San Fernando Cathedral and Ballroom

San Antonio's Destination for an Unforgettable Event

EXPERIENCE THE CATHEDRAL

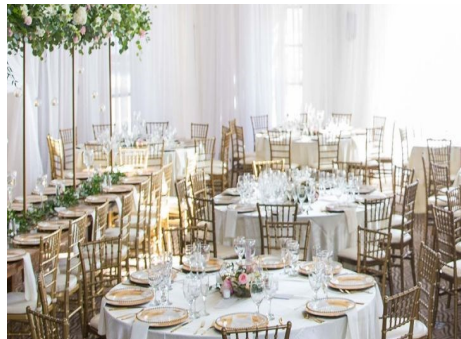
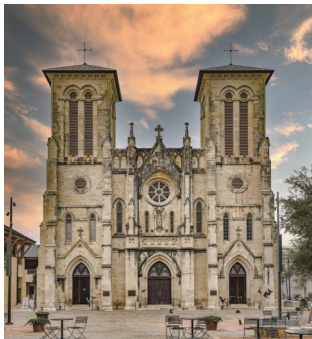
Founded in 1731, the historic cathedral continues to host thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States and the mother church of San Antonio's archdiocese. It is the cultural and geographic center of San Antonio. Surrounded by its distinctive 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
The Epiphany of the Lord-January 7, 2024

Today's solemnity continues the celebration of the astonishing mystery of God's manifestation to the very ends of the earth. The visitors from the East symbolize the extent of God's salvation as it unfolds for peoples of every land. As they offer gifts, as would be fitting for a king, they announce to the world that an astonishing event has taken place; all peoples will know the glory of God.

Lumen Gentium Award Recipients

The Lumen Gentium Award honors Catholic laity from each parish who have exemplified leadership in the mission of the Church to bring Christ's light to all. This year, Archbishop Gustavo will present the awards on Thursday, Feb 1, at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

San Fernando Cathedral 2024 Lumen Gentium Award Recipient: Roberto Briones

Mr. Briones' dedicated service to our community perfectly exemplifies the spirit of this award. His bright light shines for all to see. He is a constant presence around the parish, participating in several ministries including ACTS, Men of Service, Youth Ministry, Via Crucis, and others. No matter the time or day, he is always willing to serve with a joyful spirit. His humble and selfless labor is an inspiration to all who witness his devotion to his beloved Cathedral. Congratulations Roberto!

San Francisco di Paola Lumen Gentium Award Recipient: Mary Kay Morin

The Light of Christ shines brightly at San Francisco di Paola through Mary Kay Morin. Since moving to San Antonio from Washington, DC in 2004, Mary Kay has been instrumental in sharing her gifts through her sharing in the parish as Lector, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Communion, Mass Captain, Funeral Ministry, Finance Council and President of the Altar and Rosary Society. She also has just served as a member of the Pastoral Council for the last two years. Mary Kay continues to shine as a bright beacon of hope in our community. Congratulations Mary Kay!

Advent and Christmas Season Thanks

Our Advent and Christmas Seasons were very special! All of what you experienced took many hours of preparation and planning. From our music and decorations to our staff, deacons, priests, and volunteers working hard to ensure that things were done just right. Thank you all! It is my hope that as a community we will continue to do all we can to provide our best for God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to many new opportunities and experiences where we can grow together in faith and service. Please remember that volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

May this coming week be filled with the Christmas Season as we come to the end of this year's Christmas! Next Sunday, we go back to Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year and begin the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. May it be a week filled with hope and peace!

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, January 6, 2024

†Horacio Soliz by Soliz Family

Sunday, January 7, 2024

11:00AM

†Bruce Cecil by Debbie Walton

†Sam & Kathy Greco by Greco Family

1:30PM

Para la Comunidad de San Francesco di Paola

Saturday, January 13, 2024

†Jacqueline Granata by Anthony & Cheryl Martino

Mary Lou Olivo (Birthday) by the Medina Family

Sunday, January 14, 2024

11:00AM

†Annie Pantusa by Anthony Martino & Family

†Rudy Lopez by Elena Lopez & Family

1:30PM

†Maria R. Lerma by the Medina Family

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.

PROSECCO AND LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRE RECEPTION FOLLOWING COURTESY OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY

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, Jacob & Avery Ford

Adelina Marie Calvillo

Juanita Sanchez

Frank Milton

Sylvia Rodriguez

Rose Marie Pagonis

Bob Fishback

Sandra Jimenez

Wayne Garcia

Henry Oliver Bordano

Lisa Sirianni Steer

The following parishioners donated poinsettias to honor loved ones and beautify our church during the holiday season. Thank you!

John & Doris Rizzo, Dick & Pat Archibald, Jennelle Tallerico, John & Rose Lynn French, Carmen Gennero Garza, Mary Louise Cortez, Janice & Richard Hobbs, David & Barbara Patrick, John O'Hara & Mary Kay Morin, Rose Marie Monaco Pagonis, Jay Pantusa.

Altar and Rosary Meeting

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 21 in the Hall's lower floor. Please note that the new social time is 9:45am, followed by the meeting at 10am. This allows our start time to sync with the San Franciscani Society meeting. Lots to discuss as we kick off 2024! If you would like to join, please attend a meeting or contact Mary Kay Morin at 210-380-2111.

*Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of
January
†Sam & †Kathy Greco
By the Greco Family*

SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA

Catholic Church



January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

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:

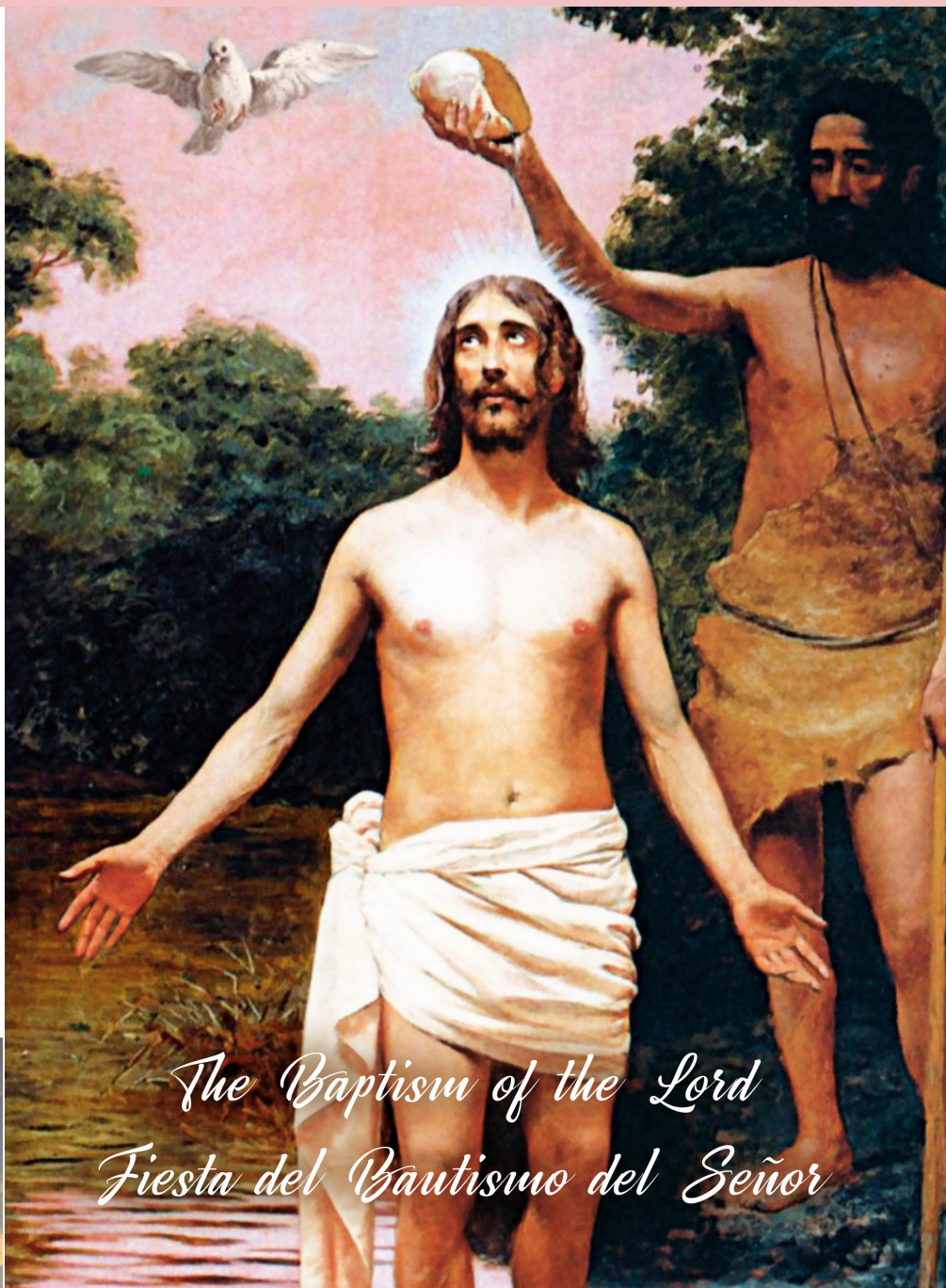
4:00 PM in English

Sunday/Domingo

11:00 AM in English

1:30 PM in Spanish

*We look forward to
your visit!*



*The Baptism of the Lord
Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor*

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