

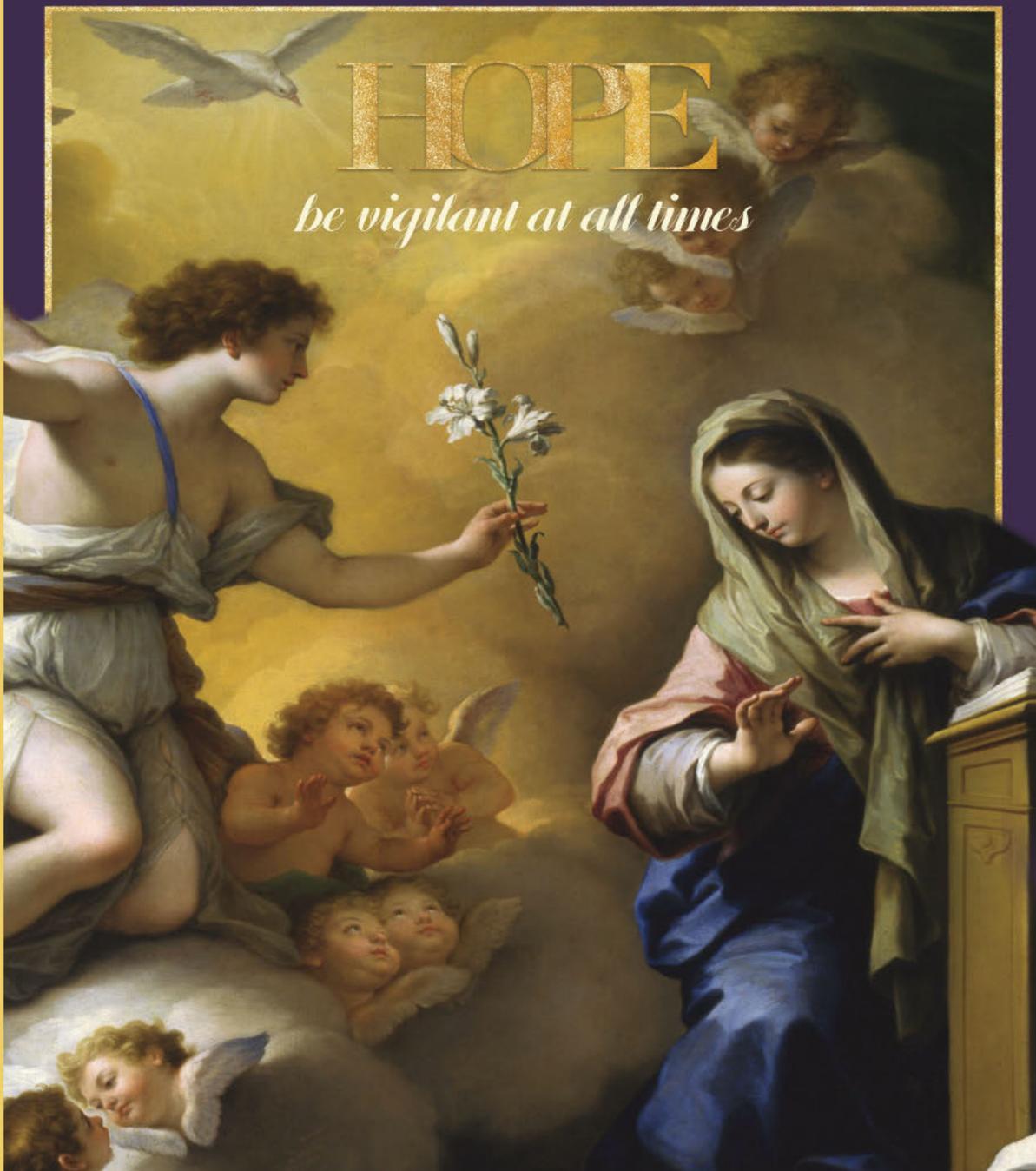


“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

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Mass Times

Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Spanish

10:00 AM English

12:00 PM Spanish

2:00 PM English

5:00 PM Bilingual

Monday-Friday

12:05 PM

Saturday

5:00 PM English

Reconciliation

Monday-Friday

10:00 AM-11:45 AM

Saturday & Sunday

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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Baptisms

San Fernando Cathedral offers the Sacrament of Baptism every month at 10:00 AM. Baptisms are held in English on the first Saturday of every month and in Spanish on the second Saturday of every month. A baptism preparation class is required for parents and godparents and is typically offered the Thursday before the scheduled baptisms. Contact Cati Reyna for more information.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the priest six months before the wedding date and a preparation program is required. Contact Ruth Hernandez for more information.

Funeral and Memorial Masses

It is our pleasure to assist you during your time of need. To plan a Funeral or Memorial Mass, contact Sandra A. Salinas for more information.

MINISTRIES

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Contact Vivian Cantu at 210-378-5678 or email at vcantu5678@att.net or Joe Esparza at 210-391-3844 or email at voltaire@att.net

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Contact Schervy Ortiz at 210-387-2001.

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Contact Maria Alicia Lopez at 210-227-1297, ext. 131 or by email at mlopez@sfcathedral.org

Event Ministry

Assist with venue events. Call Christine Rocha at 210-227-1297, ext.101

Faith Formation Catechists

Contact April Sanchez at FaithFormation@SFCathedral.org

Grupo de Oración

Meets Tuesdays at 1:00 PM. Contact Rosa Escobedo at 210-717-2612.

Guadalupano Society

Meets Quarterly. Contact Cati Reyna for time at 210-748-9958 or by email at creyna@sfcathedral.org

Jornadas-Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

Reuniones se realizan el primer y tercer viernes del mes a las 6:30. Llama a Alejandra Dipp al 210-765-8277 o Alan Ramirez al 210-758-6555.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:30 PM. Contact Danny Valdez at 210-286-7756.

Los Caballeros de San Fernando

Meets the last Monday of each month. Contact Juan Carlos Bernal at 210-219-2288.

Los Jóvenes de San Fernando Youth Group

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

Men of Service

Meets the 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact Jose Rincones at 210-885-1511.

Mujeres Formandose en La Fe

Meets the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact Julieta at 210-722-9335.

Waves of Mercy Young Adult Ministry

Contact Joshua Navaira at 210-712-6858.

Wedding Ministry

Assist couples during the wedding rehearsal and the wedding ceremony. Contact Ruth Hernandez at 210-227-1297, ext. 132.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29

5:00 PM

†Repose of the soul of Victor F. Castaño by Familia Castaño

Sunday, November 30

8:00 AM

The People of San Fernando

10:00 AM

†Repose of the soul of Choco Gonzalez Meza by Daniel Meza & Family

†Repose of the soul of Lilia Garcia by Lopez Family
38th Anniversary for Michael and Dalia Mata

12:00 PM

†Repose of the soul of Rodrigo Alejandro by Familia Alejandro

†Repose of the soul of Ricardo Elliott Longoria Wright by Longoria Wright Family

2:00 PM

†Repose of the soul of Jose M. Vela Jr. by Feliciano Gutierrez Jr.

5:00 PM

†Repose of the soul of Leticia Placencia Rodriguez by Familia

†Repose of the soul of Herminia Placencia Torres by Familia

Monday, December 1

12:05 PM

Special Intentions for Marivic & John Kane

†Repose of the soul of Karen Ann De La Cruz by Teresa De La Cruz

Tuesday, December 2

12:05 PM

†Repose of the soul of Rodrigo Alejandro by Familia Alejandro

†Repose of the soul of Josephine Gonzalez by Familia Alejandro

Wednesday, December 3

12:05 PM

†Repose of the soul of Daniel Reyes by Blanca Ponce

Thursday, December 4

12:05 PM

The People of San Fernando

Friday, December 5

12:05 PM

†Repose of the soul of Angelita G. Trevino by Ellie & Javier Lara

**In Loving Memory of
Modesta Nieves
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Happy New Liturgical Year!

In a secular, consumeristic society, Advent is typically marketed with calendars filled with chocolates, figurines, and make-up amidst other knick-knacks. Stores are decked out for the holidays and marketing emails have targeted Christmas shoppers for months. While we hustle and bustle to prepare for Christmas, what is it exactly that we do to prepare for Advent, or better yet, what is Advent? Advent means "the arrival of the Lord." by definition, Advent is the arrival of a notable person, a thing, or event. Christians observe four weeks prior to Christmas as a time to pray, wait, and remain vigilant in joyful anticipation of the notable arrival of Jesus. The season is shaped by its meaning and placement within the liturgical year. May this new liturgical year find you anticipating with peace, hope and resilience.

Please make sure that you take home a copy of our Advent and Christmas Schedules. They will be at the entrances and exits of our Cathedral this weekend. This is the time to begin making your Christmas Mass plans!

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Thank you for attending the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service this past Tuesday. This annual tradition very beautifully reflects the diversity and unity of our City of San Antonio Community.

Raffle Tickets for 2026 Lexus

As you know, we are selling raffle tickets for a 2026 Lexus that we will raffle on the evening of April 25, 2026 at 10:00 PM as we conclude our Fiesta San Fernando 2026. We can potentially make almost 200K on this raffle if we sell the 5000 tickets printed. We need to form teams to go out to various parishes and institutions to sell tickets. If you are interested in this endeavor, please contact Sandra Salinas or Fr. Guillermo Cruz so that we can get organized and make this happen for our amazing Cathedral. You can reach them at (210) 227-1297 or at ssalinas@sfcathedral.org or gcruz@sfcathedral.org respectively. Help us make a difference.

San Antonio Marathon Next Sunday, December 7

Please be mindful that the Annual San Antonio Marathon will take place this coming Sunday beginning at 7 AM. The race will begin at San Fernando Cathedral so the traffic and congestion will be heavy. If you plan on attending Mass at 8 AM please arrive early.

Maratón de San Antonio el próximo domingo, 7 de diciembre

Tenga en cuenta que el Maratón Anual de San Antonio tendrá lugar este próximo domingo a partir de las 7 de la mañana. La carrera comenzará al lado de la Catedral de San Fernando, por lo que el tráfico y la congestión serán intensos. Si tiene planes de asistir a misa a las 8 de la mañana, por favor llegue temprano.

Time, Talent and Treasure Talk

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Domingo 10 de Adviento

"¡Por lo tanto, estén atentos! Porque no saben que día vendrá nuestro Señor." MATEO 24:42

Las personas que tienen problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente tienen un mayor aprecio por cada día ya que es un don de nuestro Señor. El resto de nosotros usualmente da por sentado que estaremos aquí mañana. Sin embargo, cuando comience a mirar cada día como un don, se dará cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden diariamente y comenzará a ver la presencia activa de Dios en su vida. Crecerá en gratitud, cada día, por todo lo que ha recibido.

Consider Making a Year-End Gift to San Fernando Cathedral

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. 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 Cathedral 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 our Cathedral Bookkeeper, Myrna Sanchez at the parish office at 210-227-1297 or contact the Department of Stewardship & Development for the Archdiocese of San Antonio at 210-734-1642.

I hope and pray that you had a wonderful week this past week with family and friends around your Thanksgiving Day table. Have a beautiful first week of the new liturgical year. May our hopes, dreams and aspirations of the season become a reality!

Peace,
Fr. Carlos

Don't forget to purchase your Raffle tickets.

Win a Chance to drive off in this 2026 Lexus NX 350

- All proceeds from ticket sales will support San Fernando Cathedral.
- Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Gift Shop, Parish office or from staff members. Tickets are also available with the Guadalupanos, or Las Mujeres Formandose en la Fe or you can stop by Café de la Cruz on Sundays after Mass, Support San Fernando and purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win this beautiful Lexus vehicle.
- Tickets are \$50 each
- Ticket price includes all applicable tax, title, and licensing fees.
- Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Drawing will take place on
April 25, 2026
San Fernando Fiesta 2026.



Volunteering for the Cathedral?

We are seeking money counters to help on Mondays for 2 hours. Please reach out to Lupe Rodriguez at the Gift Shop for more details if you are interested. Blessings!



¿Quieres ser voluntario en la Catedral?
Estamos buscando contadores de dinero que ayuden los Lunes por 2 horas. Por favor de hablar con Lupe Rodriguez en la tienda de Los Padrecitos, si están interesados. Bendiciones!

Be a Blessing

Do you have a heart for hospitality and a gift for grace? The Ceremony Hostess Ministry is a beautiful calling to represent Christ through warm welcomes, organized coordination, and elegant service during sacred celebrations including weddings, anniversaries, quinceañeras, and more.

If you feel led to serve or would like more information, please contact:

Ruthie Hernandez at
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\$85.00 (prime seating)

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Congratulations to our new Guadalupanos!



Thank you to all our new Guadalupano members who signed up and are joining us at the upcoming meetings.



“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Clergy, candidates for Ordination, employees, and volunteers are required to undergo a criminal background check. Additionally, three training modules must be completed including *Sexual Harassment*, *Protecting God's Children*, and *Vulnerable Adults*.

A signed Code of Conduct is required. These must be renewed every three years. Please visit www.virtus.org to register or to access your existing account.

If you have any questions or concerns call the Office of Victim Assistance & Safe Environment (OVASE) at 210-734-7786 or the San Fernando Cathedral Business Office at 210-227-1297, ext. 129.



There are no exceptions to these requirements.

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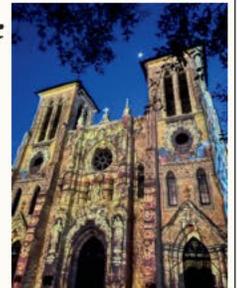
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Send your submissions to bulletin@sfcathedral.org

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Thank you~Editor

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Surrounded by its distinctive carving, the nave is a beautiful and glorious space adorned by stained glass windows and Gothic style architecture.



We invite you to tour the Cathedral and Venues for your next event. Whether you are celebrating an Anniversary, Wedding, Quinceñera, Birthday Party, Shower or a Rehearsal Dinner, San Fernando Cathedral and Venues are the perfect choice. For more information on booking please contact:

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