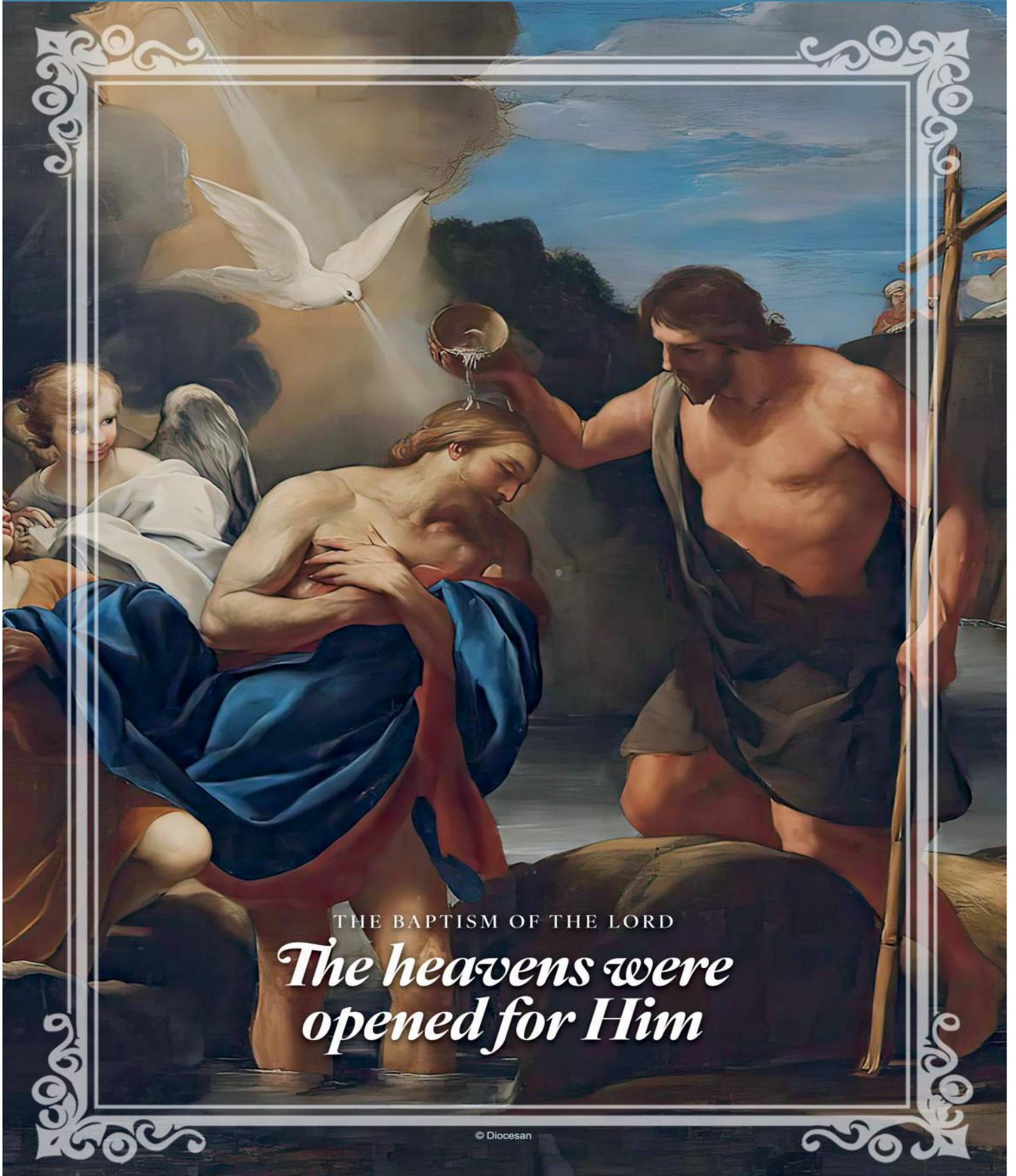


# *San Fernando Cathedral*



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*The heavens were  
opened for Him*

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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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### 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](mailto: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

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 6:30 PM. Contact Joshua Navaira at 210-712-6858 or Malerie Gonzales at 210-851-0685

### Wedding Ministry

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, January 10**

#### **5:00 PM**

†Repose of the soul of Blanche Strickland by Family & Friends

### **Sunday, January 11**

#### **8:00 AM**

The People of San Fernando

#### **10:00 AM**

†Repose of the soul of Ezequiel y Maria Esther Garza by Familia Garza

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

#### **12:00 PM**

†Repose of the soul of Francisco Javier Gonzalez by Familia Gonzalez

†Repose of the soul of Roberto Solloa Jr. by Familia Gonzalez

#### **2:00 PM**

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

†Repose of the soul of Christian John Ramas by Ramas Family

#### **5:00 PM**

Birthday Blessings for Olga Samarripa by her Children

### **Monday, January 12**

#### **12:05 PM**

Special Intentions for Marivic & John Kane

### **Tuesday, January 13**

#### **12:05 PM**

†Repose of the soul of Rosie Palomo by Olga Enriquez

### **Wednesday, January 14**

#### **12:05 PM**

†Repose of the soul of Daniel Reyes by Blanca Ponce

†Repose of the soul of Roman Vincent Gonzales by Family

### **Thursday, January 15**

#### **12:05 PM**

†Repose of the soul of John G. Anguiano by Wife & Daughters

### **Friday, January 16**

#### **12:05 PM**

The People of San Fernando



*To sponsor Altar Flowers, please call the front office at 210-227-1297 and speak with Norma Samarripa.*



**Christmas Season Ends This Evening**

Our beautiful and reverent Christmas Season ends this evening after the 5 PM Mass. What a wonderful Season to Celebrate. Special thanks to all who made this season extra special. The music under the direction of Maria Alicia Lopez, was extraordinary throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Our choirs and musicians did an outstanding job in leading us in song. I also need to thank all our lay ministers who worked extra hard to provide us all with a sacred environment for us to worship. Our sacristans and volunteers all worked in unison and with great joy to provide the beautiful décor and ambience. I am grateful for all who made this year's Advent and Christmas Seasons so beautiful and spiritually uplifting. Gracias a todos!

Second Collection Today is for the Maintenance of the Historic San Fernando Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity.

La segunda colección actual es para el mantenimiento de la histórica Catedral de San Fernando.  
Gracias por tu generosidad.

**San Fernando Cathedral to Close-January 12-15, 2026 Interior Light Work**

We are doing a major upgrade to the interior lighting of the Cathedral this week. For this reason, we will be closing the Cathedral from Monday, January 12 until Thursday, January 15, 2026. We will be celebrating the daily 12:05 PM Mass in the Café de la Cruz during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Esta semana estamos realizando un gran proyecto en mejorar la iluminación interior de la catedral. Por este motivo, cerraremos la Catedral desde el lunes 12 de enero hasta el jueves 15 de enero de 2026. Durante este tiempo celebraremos la misa diaria de las 12:05 PM en el Café de la Cruz. ¡Disculpad las molestias!

**Pastoral Council News**

I am looking to two parishioners from San Fernando Cathedral who would be willing to serve as members of the Pastoral Council for the next three years. Many great things are scheduled to take place soon for the area around our church and we want to make sure that we keep our Cathedral interests always before us. I will be selecting the names of our new Pastoral Council members on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the 10:00 AM Mass. If you are interested in being considered, please send your name to me at [frcarlos@sfcathedral.org](mailto:frcarlos@sfcathedral.org).

You must be a registered parishioner, who attends Mass here at San Fernando Cathedral to be considered. This is a consultative council that provides counsel to me as I make decisions for San Fernando Cathedral as rector.

**Time, Talent and Treasure Talk  
January 11, 2026**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?”  
MATTHEW 3:14**

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**El Bautismo de Nuestro Señor**

**“Juan les respondió, ‘Yo bautizo con agua; pero ya viene el que es más poderoso ...él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo...’ (Lucas 3:16)**

El Catecismo Católico establece que “la inmersión de Jesús en el agua es una señal para todos los seres humanos de la necesidad de morir para cumplir la voluntad de Dios”. En otras palabras, como Católicos bautizados solo necesitamos darle un don a Jesús - el don de nosotros mismos. Ríndete ante Dios, coloca tu confianza en Él y permite al Espíritu Santo trabajar a través de ti para la mayor gloria de Dios.

As we begin this First Week of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, let us make it most extraordinary by praying for each other and for the needs that we have as a Cathedral community.

Peace,  
Fr. Carlos

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Reserve your seat today!  
Scan QR code or visit: [www.SAProLifeEvent.com](http://www.SAProLifeEvent.com)

## Meet Our New Gift Shop Cashier

We invite you to join us in welcoming Rosa Farias! She will be joining our team as one of the new cashiers at Los Padrecitos Gift Shop.

Rosa has shared a few thoughts with us: I enjoy my work here as it encompasses my passion for all things related to God and learning. Whenever possible, I strive to assist others. My desire to help is driven by my commitment to serve God, my creator, and to fulfill His will.

Disfruto de mi trabajo aquí, ya que combina mi pasión por todo lo relacionado con Dios y el aprendizaje. Siempre que me es posible, me esfuerzo por ayudar a los demás. Mi deseo de ayudar surge de mi compromiso de servir a Dios, mi creador, y de cumplir su voluntad.

We encourage you to visit the gift shop and extend a heartfelt welcome to Rosa from our San Fernando community.



## 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](http://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.

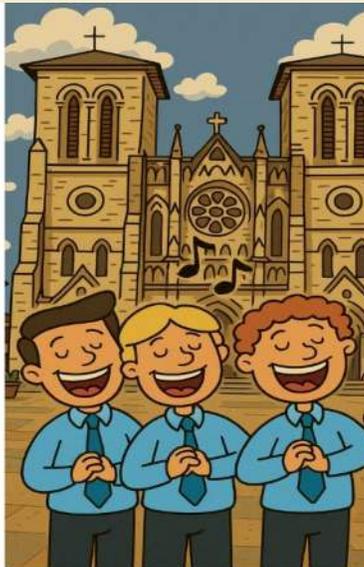


Coro Caballeros de María

"Canten al Señor un canto nuevo, canten al Señor toda la tierra. Canten y bendigan al Señor, Su salvación proclamen diariamente."  
Salmo 96:1-2

**¡Forma parte del coro de caballeros! Ven y únete a nuestro grupo.**

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## New Store Hours

**Los Padrecitos Gift Shop and Museum**  
All purchases benefit San Fernando Cathedral!

**Mondays**  
12:30 PM to 5:00 PM

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays**  
10:00 am to 5:00 PM

**Thursday & Friday**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*Visit us today!*



## Commemorative Pavers in Plaza de la Cruz

San Fernando Cathedral is excited to offer our parishioners, ministry groups, and community partners the opportunity to purchase a commemorative paver.

What a great way to honor your family, memorialize a loved one, or pay tribute to a person or ministry. Supplies are limited, so order yours today.

Please contact the front office at 210-227-1297 for more information.



*Bulletin submissions are due by 5pm two Fridays before Sunday publication date which is 9 days in advance. Send your submissions to [bulletin@sfcathedral.org](mailto:bulletin@sfcathedral.org)*

*Submissions may be edited for grammar, fonts, style, size, color, etc. Please note that bulletin deadlines may change due to holidays.*

*Thank you~Editor*

## Are you looking for the perfect gift? Consider purchasing Raffle tickets to make a difference! Support the church while giving someone the chance to drive away in a 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.
- Tickets are \$50 each
- Ticket price includes all applicable tax, title, and licensing fees. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.



## Enjoy a Rooftop Dinner with Father Carlos, awarded to the person who sells the most raffle tickets.

### *Volunteering for the Cathedral?*

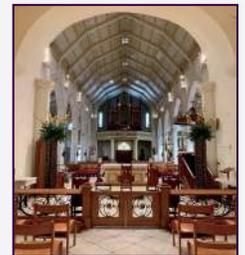
We are seeking money counters to help on Mondays for 2 hours. Please reach out to Lupe Rodriguez at the Gift Shop for more details if you are interested. Blessings!



¿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.

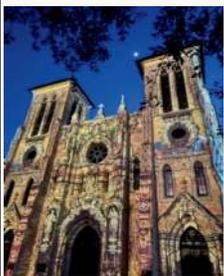


If you feel led to serve or would like more information, please contact:

Ruthie Hernandez at  
(210)227-1297 ext. 132  
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### *Support a Living Landmark*

For nearly 300 years, San Fernando Cathedral has stood as a beacon of faith, heritage, and community in the heart of San Antonio. It's sacred walls have witnessed generations of prayer, celebration, and resilience. Today, the Cathedral faces urgent needs from aging plumbing and cracked walls to leaky windows and structural wear. These repairs go far beyond what our regular Sunday collections can sustain.



We invite you to join us in preserving this historic treasure.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Don't let the hassle of searching for a parking spot keep you from attending Mass

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Enjoy a stress-free parking experience every Sunday at City Tower Garage with free parking from 7am until midnight!

The garage is located at 60 N. Flores Street. Just take a ticket as you enter; when you're ready to leave, insert your ticket to exit the garage and that's it!



### SECURE THE FUTURE OF

### San Fernando Cathedral

The San Fernando Cathedral Endowment Fund is a permanent financial resource established to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of one of the most treasured spiritual and historical landmarks in Texas. The earnings from this fund are dedicated to the preservation, restoration, improvement, maintenance, and enhancement of the cathedral church structure, associated parish buildings, and the programs and activities that extend the Cathedral's mission.

As the heart of San Antonio, San Fernando Cathedral serves as a beacon of faith, service, and community for the people of the city and beyond. Guided by its mission to be the hands and feet of Christ, the Cathedral remains steadfast in its commitment to serve others through worship, outreach, and cultural enrichment. The Endowment Fund represents a sacred trust—honoring the past, sustaining the present, and securing a legacy of service for generations to come.

### GET IN TOUCH

Discover more about the San Fernando Cathedral Endowment Fund. Visit [sfcathedral.org](http://sfcathedral.org) or [ccftx.org](http://ccftx.org) to contribute and make a lasting difference.



# San Fernando Cathedral and Venues

Founded in 1731, the historic San Fernando Cathedral hosts thousands of visitors each year. San Fernando Cathedral is the oldest Cathedral sanctuary in the United States, the Mother church of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the cultural and geographical center of San Antonio.

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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