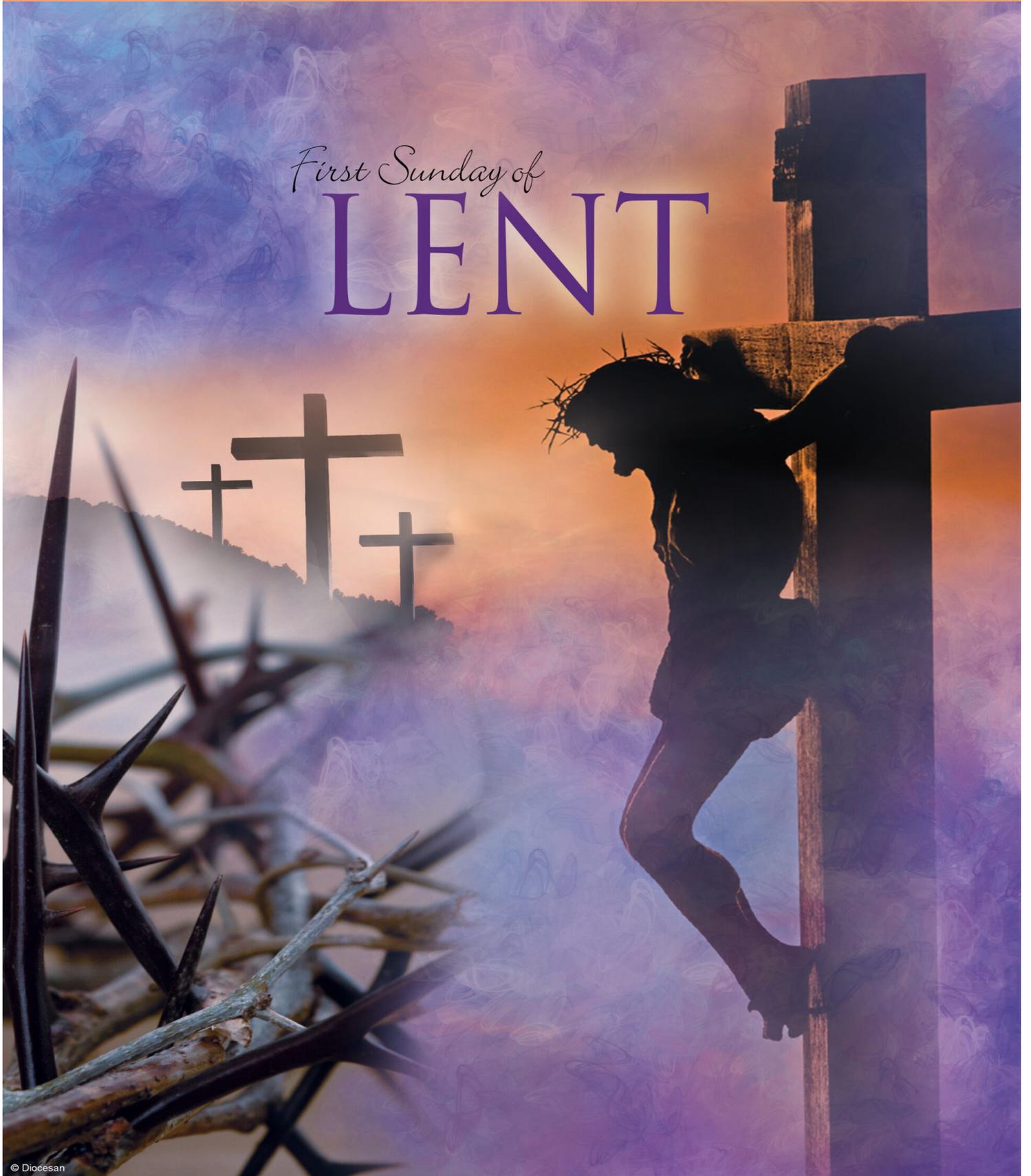


# *San Fernando Cathedral*

*First Sunday of*

**LENT**



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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

### San Fernando Cathedral

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### Office Hours

Monday -Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closed for  
lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

### Los Padrecitos Gift Shop

210-357-5608

### 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

### ACTS

Contact Vivian Cantu at 210-378-5678 or email at [vcantu5678@att.net](mailto:vcantu5678@att.net) or Joe Esparza at 210-391-3844 or email at [volaire@att.net](mailto:volaire@att.net)

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Contact Schervy Ortiz at 210-387-2001.

### Choirs

Contact Maria Alicia Lopez at 210-227-1297, ext. 131 or by email at [mlopez@sfcathedral.org](mailto: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 [asanchez@sfcathedral.org](mailto:asanchez@sfcathedral.org) or [FaihtFormation@SFCathedral.org](mailto:FaihtFormation@SFCathedral.org)

### Grupo de Oración

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

### Guadalupano Society

Meets Quarterly. Contact Ruben Mirelez at 956-573-6032

### Jornadas- Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

Reuniones se realizan el primer y tercer viernes del mes a las 6:30 PM. 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, February 21**

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

†Repose of the soul of Patti Garcia by Diana Pina-Hernandez  
†Repose of the soul of Jesus Garza by Diana Pina-Hernandez

### **Sunday, February 22**

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

The People of San Fernando

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

†Repose of the soul of Carmen Zendejas Barrera by Friends of Roy Barrera Sr. & Family  
†Repose of the soul of Francisco Palacios Rodriguez by Celia Cantu

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

†Repose of the soul of Fred Montalbo by Maria Montalbo  
†Repose of the soul of Juanita Fernandez by Maria Montalbo

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

†Repose of the soul of Ricardo Elliott Longoria Wright by Longoria Wright Family Gonzalez  
†Repose of the soul of Christian John Ramas by Ramas Family

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

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

### **Monday, February 23**

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

†Repose of the soul of Pedro & San Juanita Ramirez

### **Tuesday, February 24**

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

†Repose of the soul of Yolanda P. Torres by Friends of Judge Tina Torres

### **Wednesday, February 25**

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

Special Intentions for John & Marivic Kane  
†Repose of the soul of Angel Kealiiauka Zatarain by Family

### **Thursday, February 26**

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

†Repose of the soul of Lupe Huerta Garza by Daughter Elsa Garza

### **Friday, February 27**

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

†Repose of the soul of Frances Lopez Hawkins by Cati Reyna



*Beginning of  
Holy Matrimony  
by Trinity Cavazos*

*To sponsor Altar Flowers, please  
call the front office at  
210-227-1297.*



Father's Footnotes

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

Lent is Here

"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the First Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken" (Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2024).

Rite of Election Tonight

Our Catechumens and Elect enter the final weeks of their preparation to receive the sacraments at Easter, we look forward to that day when they will join us at the table of the Lord. This evening our San Fernando OCIA Group will participate in the first of ten Rites of Election held throughout our Archdiocese. We pray for them!

New Pastoral Council Member Chosen

At our 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, the Holy Spirit chose the following members of our community to serve as Pastoral Council members here at San Fernando Cathedral for the next three years. Congratulations to Gavin Mahavier and Erika Haskins!

Burial Plots for Sale

Cemetery plots available for \$2500 at San Fernando Cemetery II. Please contact Sister Sofia Berrones, MCDP at 210-269-6481, with the Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence. A beautiful and statuesque picture of Our Blessed Mother stands tall over the plots blessing all who desire to be buried there.

Archbishop's Appeal 2026

The initial letters for the Archbishop's Appeal 2026 went out this past week. Please pray and respond accordingly to this year's appeal. The San Fernando Cathedral goal for this year is: 39,119!



Ways to Give: archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa/ Mail to PO Box 7374 Kensington, CT 06037 Call (210) 734-1910 Scan the QR code: [QR code]

Congratulations

We congratulate Dalila Ortega, San Fernando Cathedral recipient of the Lumen Gentium Award for 2026. The beautiful ceremony was held on the evening of Monday, February 2, 2026 at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. Congratulations!



Second Collection this weekend is for The Catholic Missions among the Black and the Native Americans. Thank you for your generosity!

Time, Talent and Treasure Talk

1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"

MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods", we have put before God.

1er Domingo de Cuaresma

"Está escrito: 'Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él'" MATEO 4:10

Tentado a elegir entre las riquezas y el poder de este mundo y el servicio a Dios, Jesús eligió servir a Su Padre. Si queremos realmente seguir a Jesús, nosotros también debemos decidir alejarnos del poder y las riquezas mundanas y poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas. La cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para reducir nuestras cosas terrenales, y desarrollar y cultivar las cosas celestiales. La cuaresma es el tiempo para arrepentirse y dejar ir a los otros, "dioses" que hemos puesto delante de Dios.

May this first full week of our Lenten Season provide us with the time and space to reflect on the temptations of Jesus in the desert. May we continue to pray for each other.

Peace, Fr. Carlos

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SAN ANTONIO.

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Fernando Cathedral gift shop,  
and after Masses.

- Winner can choose the color of the Lexus.
- All fees including tax, title, and license plates.
- Raffle drawing will be held on April 25, 2026.

## San Fernando Is Calling for Your Help

Volunteers play a crucial role in helping the Church achieve its mission of serving the People of God. We encourage volunteers to express their faith. San Fernando is looking for volunteers to assist us with various tasks around the property. Whether you can help at the front office, with property maintenance, or by using your handyman skills, please contact Sandra Salinas for more information if you're interested at 210-227-1297 ext. 129. All volunteers must complete Virtus training (Safe Environment training) before they can begin serving. Blessings!



Los voluntarios desempeñan un papel crucial para que la Iglesia cumpla su misión de servir al Pueblo de Dios. Animamos a los voluntarios a expresar su fe. San Fernando busca voluntarios para ayudarnos con diversas tareas en la propiedad. Ya sea que deseen ayudar en la recepción, con el mantenimiento de la propiedad o con sus habilidades manuales, por favor, contacten a Sandra Salinas para más información si están interesados al 210-227-1297 ext. 129.

Todos los voluntarios deben completar la capacitación Virtus (capacitación para un entorno seguro) antes de poder comenzar a servir. ¡Bendiciones!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Have you left items in the Cathedral or gift shop? We kindly ask you to contact us, as we currently have a number of unclaimed belongings. Please verify with the gift shop or the Admin offices at 210-227-1297 .



Please note, any items that remain unclaimed will be donated or transferred to the

## Aviso importante

¿Ha olvidado algún objeto en la Catedral o en la tienda de regalos? Le rogamos que se ponga en contacto con nosotros, ya que actualmente tenemos varios objetos perdidos sin reclamar. Por favor, consulte con la tienda de regalos o con las oficinas administrativas al 210-227-1297.

Tenga en cuenta que, cualquier objeto que no haya sido reclamado será donado o entregado al Departamento de Policía de San Antonio (SAPD). Gracias.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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



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

## PARK, PRAY AND PARTICIPATE!

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!



## 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**  
10:00 am to 5:00 PM

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

**Saturday**  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM



*'One does not live  
on bread alone,  
but on every  
word that comes  
forth from the  
mouth of God.'*

### **Come Join the San Fernando Team!**

San Fernando is now hiring for the following  
Part-time positions:

- Venue & Ceremony Hostess
- Music Leader

If you're passionate about hospitality, heritage, and serving our parish community, we'd love to hear from you!

### ***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

or [rhernandez@sfcathedral.org](mailto:rhernandez@sfcathedral.org)



### ***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!



### **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.

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

*Thank you~Editor*

### **GET IN TOUCH**

Discover more about the San Fernando Cathedral Endowment Fund. Visit [sfcathedral.org](http://sfcathedral.org) or [ccfx.org](http://ccfx.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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- ◆ Venues: Christine Rocha - Venues@SFCathedral.org Ext. 101

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