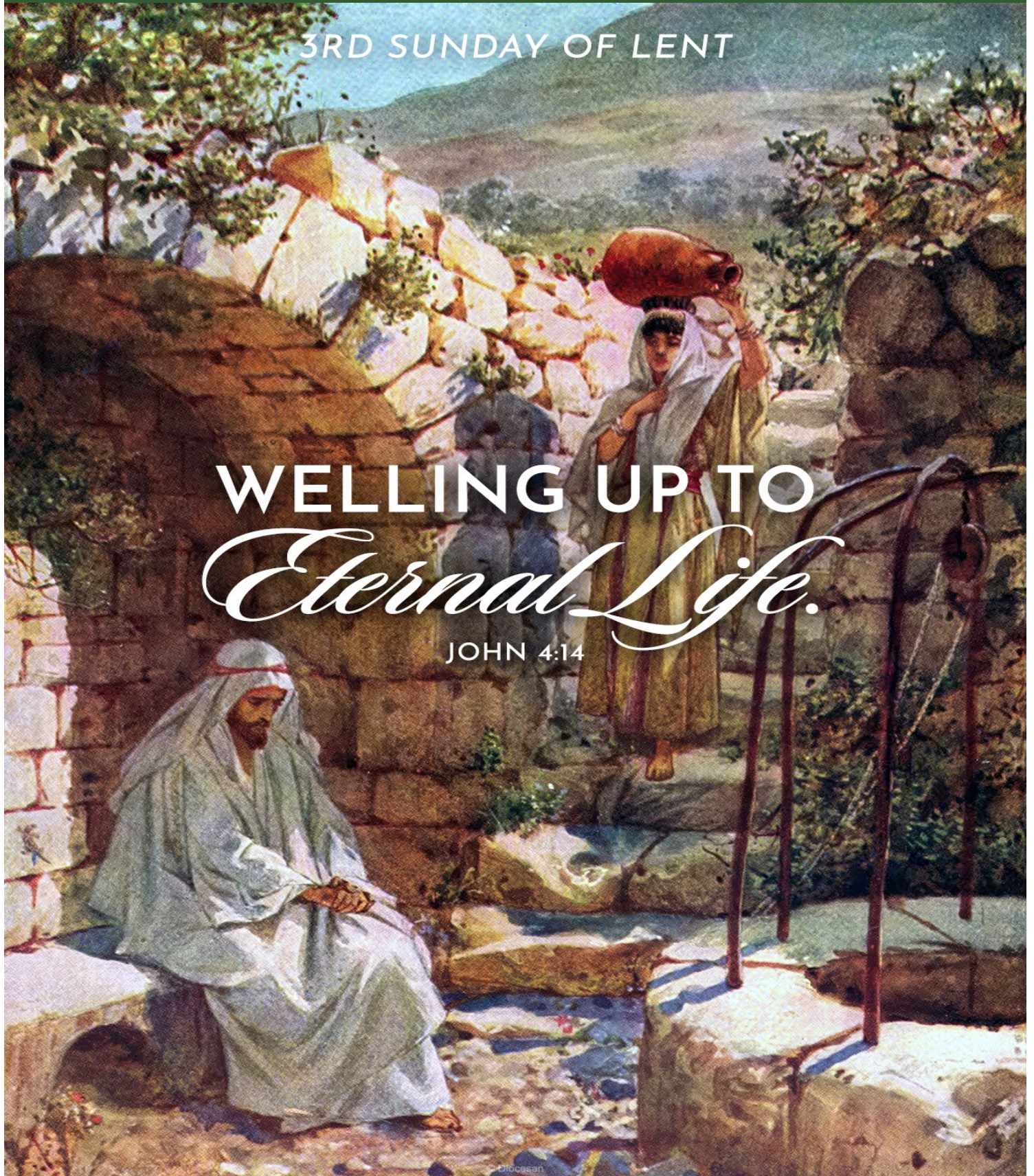


# San Fernando Cathedral

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELLING UP TO  
*Eternal Life.*

JOHN 4:14



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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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San Antonio, TX 78205

### Administrative Offices

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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 [bumirelez@gmail.com](mailto:bumirelez@gmail.com) or 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, March 7**

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

Special Intentions for John & Marivic Kane

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

### **Sunday, March 8**

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

The People of San Fernando

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

Special Intentions for Canary Islanders Descendant Members by Canary Islanders Association

†Repose of the soul of Ramon & Maria Reyes by Blanca Ponce

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

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

†Repose of the soul of Edward Lujano Mendez by Jesse L. Lara

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

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

†Repose of the soul of Juan Moreno by Morales Family

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

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

### **Monday, March 9**

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

Special Intentions for John & Marivic Kane

### **Tuesday, March 10**

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

The People of San Fernando

### **Wednesday, March 11**

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

†Repose of the soul of Dina Serda Garza by Olga Enriquez

†Repose of the soul of Daniel Reyes by Blanca Ponce

### **Thursday, March 12**

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

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

### **Friday, March 13**

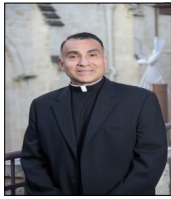
#### **12:05 PM**

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



*In Commemoration of the  
295th Thanksgiving Arrival  
of the Canary Islander  
Descendants (1731)*

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



Father's Footnotes

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Become Courageous in Christ!

Join us as the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries celebrates 100 years of San Antonio as a Metropolitan Archdiocese, a year to celebrate, grow, and live our faith courageously.

Make your gift today: archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa/#AAFM#ArchbishopsAppealforMinistries#CourageousinChrist

¡Sean valientes en Cristo!

Acompañenos mientras la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios celebra 100 años de San Antonio como Arquidiócesis Metropolitana un año para celebrar, crecer y vivir nuestra fe con valentía.

Haga su donativo hoy: archsa.org/aafm\_giveasa/#AAFM#CampañaDelArzobispoParaLosMinisterios#ValientesEnCristo

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

Fr. Carlos will hold a Mass for all the Faithful Departed on Saturday, March 14th, and he celebrates Mass four times annually at the Mausoleum located in San Fernando Cemetery #3, situated at 1735 Cupples Road. This coming Saturday, he will celebrate the Mass beginning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

El Padre Carlos oficiará una Misa por todos los Fieles Difuntos el sábado 14 de marzo. Celebra la Misa cuatro veces al año en el Mausoleo ubicado en el Cementerio de San Fernando #3, en 1735 Cupples Road. Este próximo sábado, celebrará la Misa a partir de las 10:00 de la mañana ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Guadalupano Chalupa Sale

Come and join the Guadalupanos on Good Friday, April 3rd. They will be selling delicious bean and cheese chalupas from noon until 3 pm at Café de la Cruz.



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH ARCHBISHOP GUSTAVO LENT Every Friday: February 20 - March 27, 2026 7:30 a.m. at San Fernando Cathedral 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio TX 78205 ESTACIONES DEL VIA CRUCIS CON EL ARZOBISPO GUSTAVO EN CUARESMA Todos los viernes del 20 de febrero al 27 de marzo 7:30 a.m. en la Catedral de San Fernando 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio TX 78205

Guadalupano Society San Fernando Cathedral Bean & Cheese Chalupa Sale Good Friday April 3rd 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM San Fernando Cathedral Come support the Guadalupano Society and enjoy delicious bean & cheese chalupas! Thank you for your support!

Please note that Daylights Savings Time begins today, Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 2:00 AM. We lose an hour! Please make the necessary adjustments! Tenga en cuenta que el horario de verano comienza hoy, domingo 8 de marzo de 2026, a las 2:00 de la madrugada. ¡Perdemos una hora! ¡Favor de hacer los ajustes necesarios!

Time, Talent and Treasure Talk

3rd Sunday of Lent

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus when we become more “God centered” and less “self centered.”

3er Domingo de Cuaresma

“Todo el que beba de esta agua volverá a tener sed” JUAN 4:13

Jesús nos recuerda que las cosas materiales, aun algo tan básico como el agua, nunca pueden satisfacernos a largo plazo. Cuando construimos nuestras vidas alrededor de las posesiones materiales siempre querremos más y ninguna cantidad logrará satisfacer nuestros deseos. El verdadero gozo y la verdadera paz vienen cuando seguimos a Jesús, entonces nos volvemos más “centrados en Dios” y menos “egocéntricos”.

May this week provide us with transformational moments like the one that the woman of the well experienced in today's Gospel. Let us remain faithful to our Lenten commitments as we look forward to the Triduum.

Peace, Fr. Carlos

# RAFFLE TO HELP SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

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SAN ANTONIO.

Enter to win a  
New Lexus  
2026 NX 350

**\$50.00**  
per ticket



Raffle tickets are available in  
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 SAPD. Thank you.



## 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.



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. There is a second entrance on Main Ave. Just take a ticket as you enter; when you're ready to leave, insert your ticket to exit the garage and that's it!



## 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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## 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**



## **Fiesta San Fernando**

Fiesta San Fernando is quickly approaching. If you would like to volunteer at the San Fernando booth on April 23rd, 24th and the 25th, please reach out to the office at 210-227-1297 ext. 129 and speak to Sandra. This presents a wonderful opportunity for us to unite as a community, raise additional funds, and support your parish. All volunteers must complete Virtus training.

La Fiesta de San Fernando se acerca rápidamente. Si desea ser voluntario en el puesto de San Fernando los días 23, 24 y 25 de abril, comuníquese con la oficina al 210-227-1297 ext. 129 y hable con Sandra. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para unirnos como comunidad, recaudar fondos adicionales y apoyar a su parroquia. Todos los voluntarios deben completar la capacitación de Virtus.



## **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!



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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*



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**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 [ccctx.org](http://ccctx.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](mailto:Venues@SFCathedral.org) Ext. 101

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