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PARISH BULLETIN

MARCH 19, 2017
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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-JOHN 42:14

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“CHRIST REDEEMED US ON THE HARD ARMS OF THE CROSS, AND HIS KNIGHT WILL NOT SERVE HIM IN ANY OTHER WAY.”

-SAINT FERDINAND III OF CASTILE

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

Thank you for Celebrating the Mass with us. We are glad that you are here. If you have any questions about our parish or joining the Catholic faith, please contact the Church office for information concerning reception of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick. Parent interviews for Baptism need to be scheduled with the priest six weeks in advance. Marriage Arrangements need to be made with the priest at least six months in advance. Holy Communion can be brought to the sick on request. If you know of anyone in need please call the office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Masses:

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:

Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m.

St. Ferdinand: 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Adoration:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Wednesday Healing Mass:

6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick immediately following

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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FAMILY CONNECTION: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and

its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO WHY & HOW TO PRAY



By Fr. William A. Barry, SJ

Why do I pray? I pray because I believe in this God. Not only that, I pray because my heart aches for God even though I am also often afraid of closeness with God. I have met a lot of people who express this longing for God and who pray because they believe in God

who attracts them so much.

This brings us to question of *how* to satisfy this longing for God. The simplest answer is to engage in prayer. Here is where the hope that I might have something useful to say about how to pray comes into play. If God wants a friendship and partnership with each of us (and with all of us as a people), and we have a reciprocal desire for such a relationship, then prayer is similar to what hap-

pens in any friendship. Friendship between two people develops through mutual self-revelation. So in prayer I try to let God know who I am and ask that God do the same for me. It's that simple. As with Abraham and Sarah, it's a matter of growing mutual self-revelation. So in prayer I try to let God know who I am and ask that God do the same for me. It's that simple. As with Abraham and Sarah, it's a matter of growing mutual transparency. As we grow in our trust in God, we reverse the results of the sin of Adam and Eve. We are not ashamed to be naked before God, that is, to be open with all our thoughts, feelings, and desires.

William A. Barry, SJ, is a veteran spiritual director who is currently serving as tertian director for the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. He is the author of several popular books about Ignatian spirituality, including A Friendship Like No Other, Praying the Truth, and Changed Heart, Changed World.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: LOUISE DE MARILLAC

Louise de Marillac's mother died when Louise was a child, and her father died before she was sixteen. Louise had a good education from Sisters. Soon she was happily married and had a son. Her confessor was St. Vincent de Paul, known for his work of helping the poor.

After a long illness, Louise's husband died. Five years later, despite her poor health, Louise began to help with Vincent's charitable projects. Working with the poor required training, and Louise began to take into her home women who wanted to work with the

poor and sick. She wrote a rule of life for this community, which became the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Although St. Vincent did not envision this group as a religious order, members eventually began taking vows.

Louise and the Sisters worked in homes, a large hospital, an orphanage, and in schools. Louise was self-sacrificing and courageous. She encouraged her Sisters to see Christ in the poor. She and St. Vincent are known as co-founders of the Sisters of Charity. He died six months after St. Louise did.



PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of March 18 - March 25, 2017

Saturday, March 18th 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Col. Godden offered by
Marlene Hagesfeld

Saturday, March 18th 7:00 p.m.
(Español) Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

Sunday, March 19th 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin offered by his family

Tuesday, March 21st 12:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Bobby Marshall offered by the
Kubin Family

Wednesday, March 22nd 8:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 22nd 6:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Casey Russell

Thursday, March 23rd 8:00 a.m.
Health of Amber Burton

Friday, March 24th 8:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Saturday, March 25th 5:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving for the continued physical and spir-
itual healing of the Ledesma Family offered by the
Uballo-Nunn Family

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental
and physical needs.

*Charles McKinney, Collyn Stewart Jasper
Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Rein-
ert, Joyce Franklin, Pam Woods, Clara Jo
Bindseil, Carolyn Gieringer, Wyatt Ledes-
ma, Lucille Scharnhorst, and Elizabeth
Dechert Sorrel.*

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way,
please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer inten-
tions will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless exten-
uating circumstances warrant further publication.

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of March 12, 2017

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Regular Collection \$4624.36
Building Fund \$181.02

*Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.*

- Proverbs 3:10

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in
the parish hall following 8:00 mass. Light brunch
served before the meeting starts.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in
the parish hall

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in
the parish hall

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Call 830-833-
4939 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Please see Fr. Wade before or after mass for any birth-
day, anniversary, or special blessings for you or your
family. Fr. Wade is always happy to extend a blessing
on your special occasion.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Chapel
every Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

-ROMANS 12:5

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Schedule

Pre-K - 5th Grade

Sunday Morning 9:30-10:45 a.m.

6th-8th Grade

Wednesday Evening 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Please note the following schedule changes:

NO CLASS: Sunday, March 12th & Wednesday, March 15th (Spring Break), Wednesday, April 12th (Holy Week), & Sunday, April 16th (Easter)

“Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us.”

-SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Si no enseñamos a nuestros niños a seguir a Cristo, el mundo les enseñara a no seguirlo.

Please contact Susan in the Religious Education office if you have any questions about RE.

RE Office Hours: Sundays 9:00-10:45 a.m., Wednesdays 2:00-6:30 p.m., or by appointment.

RE Office: 830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

“The parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis.”

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

YOUTH MINISTRY

RICH Youth Ministry

High School Religious Education

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CHOSEN

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org to register or for any questions concerning High School age Religious Education classes and activities.

NO RICH TONIGHT!

Happy Spring Break!

RICH will return Sunday 3/26 at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall at 6pm.

RICH TALENT SHOW

All RICH youth are encouraged to participate in the first-ever RICH talent show on Sunday, April 2 at 6 p.m. Sign up at RICH on 3/26.

GODSTOCK 2017

Registration for Godstock 2017 has begun! Visit www.stferdinandblanco.org/rich-events to register. Registration is due by 4/1. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSAL

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month in the upcoming year. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary.

Rehearsals for Mass Music for Youth will fall on the Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4/12

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

PULSE MEETING: *We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning tomorrow night 3/20, at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.*

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday Fish Fry!
March 24th in the Parish Hall, 5-7 p.m.

Bring the family and friends to St. Ferdinand's for a wonderful celebration of community as we prepare for Easter. Followed by Stations of the Cross. Plates are \$10.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LENT: 10 EASY WAYS TO GROW

Sometimes it can be difficult to come up with practical things we can do that can really help us grow in faith during Lent. It's important to remember to keep it simple, and to work in small steps. Lent is all about getting to know God in new ways. Here are 10 simple things you and your family can do to deepen your relationship with God and your community this Lenten season.

- 1) Attend daily mass on a weekday.** Daily Masses can feel more intimate and are often shorter than Sunday Mass.
- 2) Unplug from your iPhone or turn off your car radio on your commute.** The silence may be jarring at first, but you may find that you are able to concentrate better and will be more observant of your surroundings.
- 3) Add a holy cross or image to your home decor.** If you don't have a cross or picture of Jesus in your home, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom. Let it remind you of your call to walk with Christ! Images of Mary and other saints work great too!
- 4) Prepare for Mass each week.** Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass. (See below!)
- 5) Focus on positive talk.** Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments
- 6) Volunteer.** Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent. St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are always in need of volunteers for work around the parishes.
- 7) Read the Gospel of Mark.** As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus' life, and the cross plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.
- 8) Break a bad habit.** Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
- 9) Smile more.** As Mother Teresa says, "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."
- 10) Make (more) time for prayer.** God wants to meet you in a unique conversation with Him.

MASS PREPARATION: SUNDAY, MARCH 26, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE A



First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6
The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)
Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

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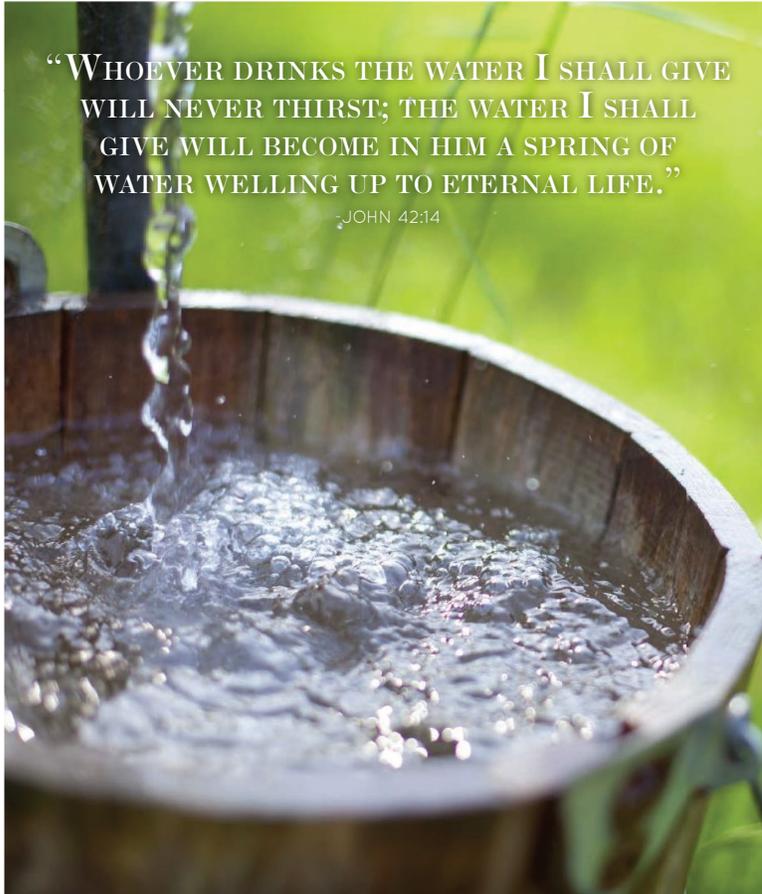


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Weekday Mass:

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

Adoration:

Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Thursday Healing Mass:

6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
immediately following mass

OFFICE HOURS

Thursday

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.”

-JOHN 10:27

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of March 19 - March 26, 2017

Sunday, March 19th

Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Thursday, March 23rd

Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 26th

Repose of the Soul of William “Bill” Hubble offered by Myra and Warren Petkovsek

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS &

MEETING TIMES

Men’s Club

Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. mass.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)

Children’s Choir:

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study:

Meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm (RE Building)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners’ spiritual, mental and physical needs. **Cynthia Ford, Patty Marx, Desmond Hancock**

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of March 12, 2017

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Regular Collection

\$850.00

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with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.*

- Proverbs 3:10

VOCATIONS CHALICE

Good Shepherd is happy to continue its tradition of a prayer chalice for vocations. It is given to the receiving family after Mass in a private ceremony with Fr. Wade. If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by contacting him directly at 713-569-9491.

LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE

Good Shepherd will again join other area churches in the annual Disaster Relief Clothes Drive which provides emergency clothing for victims of natural disasters. Just two years ago our local communities benefitted from this program in the aftermath of the Memorial Day floods. The drive begins Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and continues throughout lent. Bring your bagged or boxed clothing to the parish hall where they will be picked up after Easter.

***Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the flock he shepherds.***

-PSALM 100:3

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Schedule

Spring Semester Classes begin January 11

Pre-K - 8th Grade

Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

CHOSEN

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

"If you feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith", plan on attending our Women's Bible Study. Jeff Cavins will lead our video instruction on James. "Pearls for Wise Living". We meet every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the RE Building. If you plan to attend this study please contact Karen Gebhardt, (210) 414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church every Friday at 6 p.m. during Lent.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

-SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

YOUTH MINISTRY

RICH Youth Ministry

High School Religious Education

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Blanco)

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

Are you looking for ways to grow in your faith? Do you want to put all of those graces you received in Confirmation to work for you and your community? PULSE is hoping to develop effective, holistically Catholic, peer-led ministry leaders among teenagers from ages 14-19 in our community. We need you! Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org if you are interested in joining.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

An encounter is an unexpected experience or meeting. Today several apparent opposites meet. A Jewish man speaks to a Samaritan woman. A thirsty man without a bucket offers living water to a woman drawing water. Someone fulfilling physical needs is transformed by a spiritual reality. The Son of God encounters a searching sinner transforming her into an apostle. Christ encounters us in the most unexpected and ordinary ways. Do we take time to listen and receive the Spirit he offers which quenches and refreshes us like the living water? What truths does Jesus speak to you? Are you listening?

Un encuentro es una reunión inesperada. Hoy muchos opuestos aparentes se encuentran. Un judío habla con una mujer samaritana. Un hombre sediento sin una cubeta ofrece agua viva a una mujer que está sacando agua. Una necesidad física satisfactoria se convierte en una realidad espiritual. El hijo de Dios se encuentra con una pecadora en búsqueda de algo y la convierte en un apóstol. Cristo sale a nuestro encuentro en las formas más extraordinarias y cotidianas, ¿Tomamos tiempo para escuchar y recibir el espíritu que Él ofrece que quita la sed y nos refresca como agua viva? ¿Qué verdades le habla Jesús a usted? ¿Está usted escuchando?

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

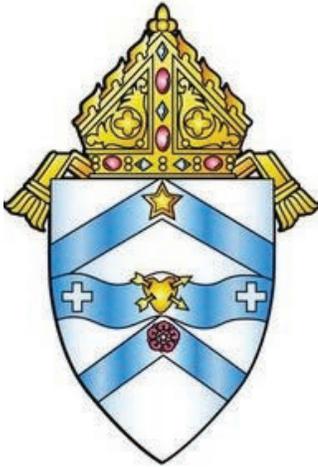


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Diocese of Austin
Office of Vocations

Women's Discernment Retreat

March 31- April 2

The Heart of Mary Women's Discernment Retreat will be held March 31-April 2 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. All women, ages 18-45, are invited to encounter the beauty of a vocation and the possibility of this call in their own lives. The retreat will be led by the Consecrated Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life (AVI). There will be talks and time for prayer as well as "one-on-one" conversations with the sisters while experiencing community life with other young women discerning the will of God. For more information or to register, visit www.austinvocations.com or call (512) 949-2430.

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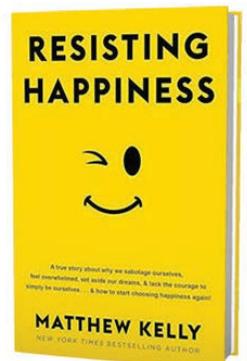
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