

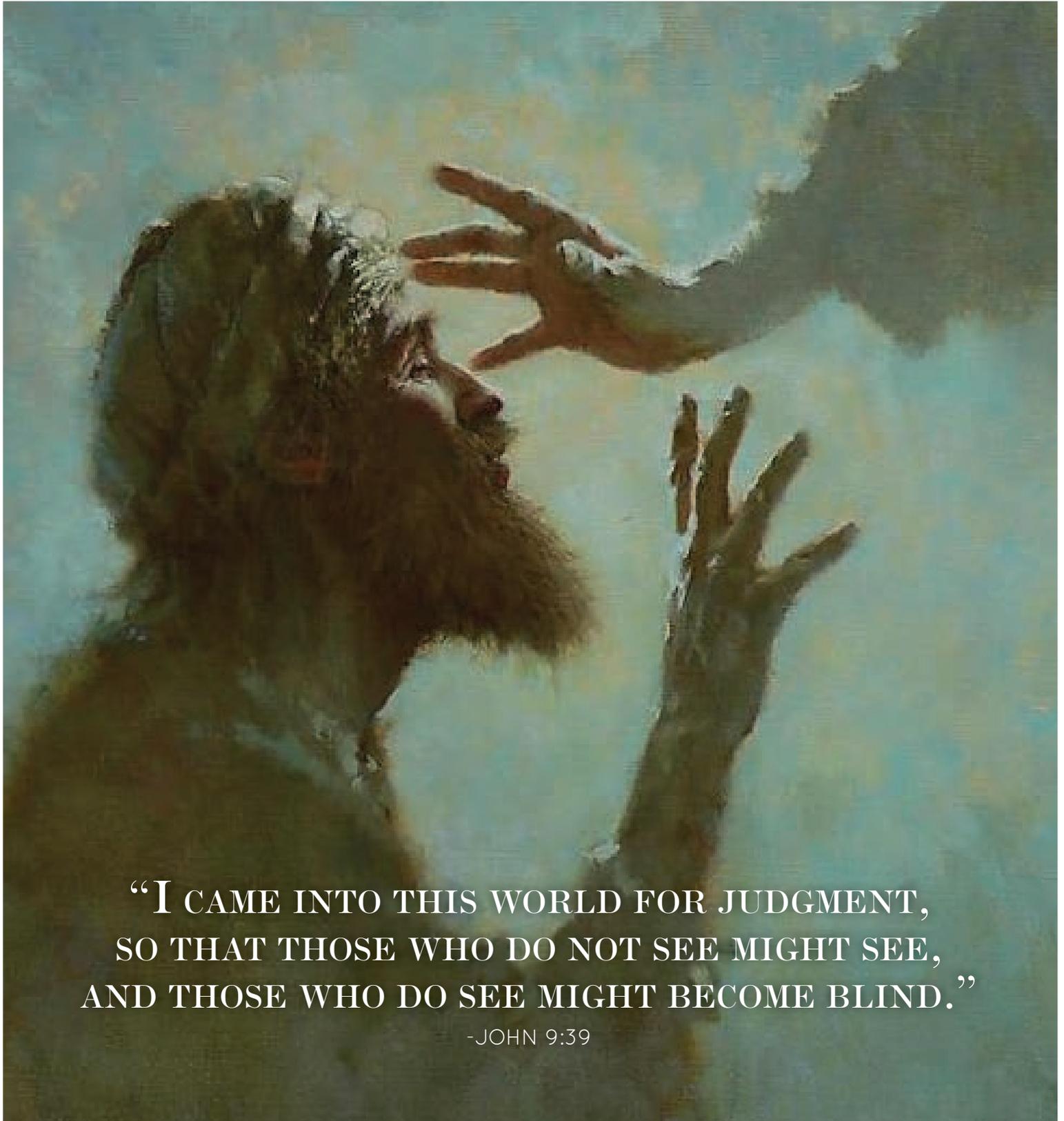


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MARCH 26, 2017
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**“I CAME INTO THIS WORLD FOR JUDGMENT,
SO THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MIGHT SEE,
AND THOSE WHO DO SEE MIGHT BECOME BLIND.”**

-JOHN 9:39

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows. In fact, if we look at our spiritual journey chronologically, we can learn a lot about who we are and where God is calling us.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

PRAYER IS OUR RESPONSE TO GOD: 3 BASICS TO REMEMBER

By Marlene Halpin O.P.

Prayer is an acknowledgement of God's presence.

People talk about "being in God's presence." Well, no matter what we do or don't do, we are in God's presence because God is with us always. When we pray, it's a way of reminding ourselves that God is with us. When we think often about God's being with us, changes occur in the way we act and talk and think.

We don't have to go anywhere to be with God. All we have to do is remember that God is already with us. Prayer—whether traditional or spontaneous—helps us remember that we are in God's presence.

Prayer is a response to God's Love

Before we ever did or said anything, God loved us. Because God loves us, we are able to love God and others. We may think that we have just decided to pray. But somewhere deep in our spirits, God has been talking to us, loving us. So it is that when we pray, we're simply responding to that love. It's like when someone smiles at you—isn't it easy to smile back?

Prayer is our "Yes!" to God's invitation

God wants us to be in touch. God wants to hear from us, to spend time with us. Prayer is one way that we stay in touch with God. As we tell God what's going on and how we feel and what we think, we are staying in touch in the same way that we stay in touch with people who mean a lot to us.

It's important for children and adults to understand that prayer doesn't start with them. God starts it. God starts our prayer by being with us, by loving us, and by inviting us to stay in touch. When we pray to God, we are remembering that God is with us. When we pray, we are returning the love that God has given us. When we pray, we are saying yes to God's invitation to stay in touch.

Prayer begins with God. We can respond to God's love, or we can ignore it. That is our choice.

Sister Marlene Halpin, O.P., is a nationally recognized speaker and author on the topics of prayer and spirituality.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: CATHARINE OF BOLOGNA

Some Franciscan saints led fairly public lives; Catharine represents the saints who served the Lord in obscurity.

Born in Bologna, Catharine was related to the nobility in Ferrara, and was educated at court there. She received a liberal education at the court and developed some interest and talent in painting. In later years as a Poor Clare, Catharine sometimes did manuscript illumination and also painted miniatures.

At the age of 17, she joined a group of religious women in Ferrara. Four years later the

whole group joined the Poor Clares in that city. Jobs as convent baker and portress preceded her selection as novice mistress.

In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, Catharine worked to preserve the peace of the new community. Her reputation for holiness drew many young women to the Poor Clare life. She was canonized in 1712.

Saint Catharine's feast day is celebrated on March 9 and she is the patroness of artists, liberal arts, and the city of Bologna.



PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of March 25 - April 2, 2017

Saturday, March 25th 5:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving for the continued physical and spiritual healing of the Ledesma Family offered by the Uballe-Nunn Family

Saturday, March 25th 7:00 p.m.

Rest of the Soul of Maria Carmen Presa Nuevo offered by Juan Carlos Nuevo and the Segura Family

Sunday, March 26th 11:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving for the continued physical and spiritual healing of the Ledesma Family offered by the Uballe-Nunn Family

Tuesday, March 28th 12:00 p.m.

Health of Sylvia Wolf offered by the Longoria family

Wednesday, March 29th 8:00 a.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 29th 6:00 p.m.

Rest of the Soul of Casey Russell

Thursday, March 30th 8:00 a.m.

Health of Amber Burton

Friday, March 31st 8:00 a.m.

Rest of the Soul of Charles Cleary offered by John & Peggy Duran

Saturday, April 1st 5:00 p.m.

Rest of the Soul of Margaret Locke offered by John & Peggy Duran

PRAYER LIST

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

Charles McKinney, Collyn Stewart Jasper Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Joyce Franklin, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Carolyn Gieringer, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, and Elizabeth Dechert Sorrel.

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

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of March 19, 2017

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection \$4,673.19

*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 birthday, 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: 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.

RICH RETURNS TONIGHT!

RICH at Good Shepherd!

RICH is in Johnson City tonight! Games, great food and a lesson on the Beatitudes. 6 p.m.

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 tonight.

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 3/27, at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.*

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LENT: PRAYING THROUGH THE DAY

Many spiritual leaders claim that their day goes better when they pray early and often. Here's a list of suggestions for praying your way through your day. Pick one or two suggestions that seem to be calling you and make a habit of them. You can always add more prayer to your day as time goes by.

- 1) Start with a Morning Offering.** Start each day by declaring your intention to make a gift of all the “joys, works, prayers, and sufferings” of the day ahead. Use words such as “God, I offer you my whole day. I offer you all that I am, all that I have, and all that I will do. Help me to know and do your will.”
- 2) Think ahead.** Imagine the toughest challenge facing you in the day ahead. Now imagine that these are moments of grace in which God is especially present to you.
- 3) Take a quiet time.** Early in your day, spend a brief period of quiet. Starting your day with ten minutes to half an hour in meditative prayer will make a huge difference in your whole day.
- 4) Pray as you sit down to eat breakfast.** Ask for strength and direction in your day.
- 5) Make lemonade.** Pray during the day whenever you hit a snag and feel frustrated.
- 6) Pray with joy.** Pray when you feel glad to see or hear from a friend or coworker.
- 7) Pray before your noontime meal.** Ask for patience, perseverance, and hope.
- 8) Take a three-minute prayer break.** In midafternoon simply breathe and ask to be refreshed. Imagine rays of light filling your soul.
- 9) Pray at transition times.** Be aware of your body as one part of the day comes to an end and another begins. Slow down and breathe deeply.
- 10) Pray before your evening meal.** Take a moment to ask, “Who blessed me with their presence and their actions today?” and “Whom did I bless?”
- 11) Pray to let go of the cares of the day.** Find a “let-go moment,” such as putting your keys on your dresser, or laying out clothes for the next day, that can serve as a reminder to take a moment for reflective prayer.
- 12) Finish your day with night prayer.** Before you drift off to sleep, thank God for all the gifts you received and for rest, assurance, calm, and peace.

MASS PREPARATION: SUNDAY, APRIL 2, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE A



First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord there is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45 (shorter form John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday Fish Fry!

March 31st 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.

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St. Anne's Altar Society

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8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall for fellowship &
prayer as we work in support of our church family!

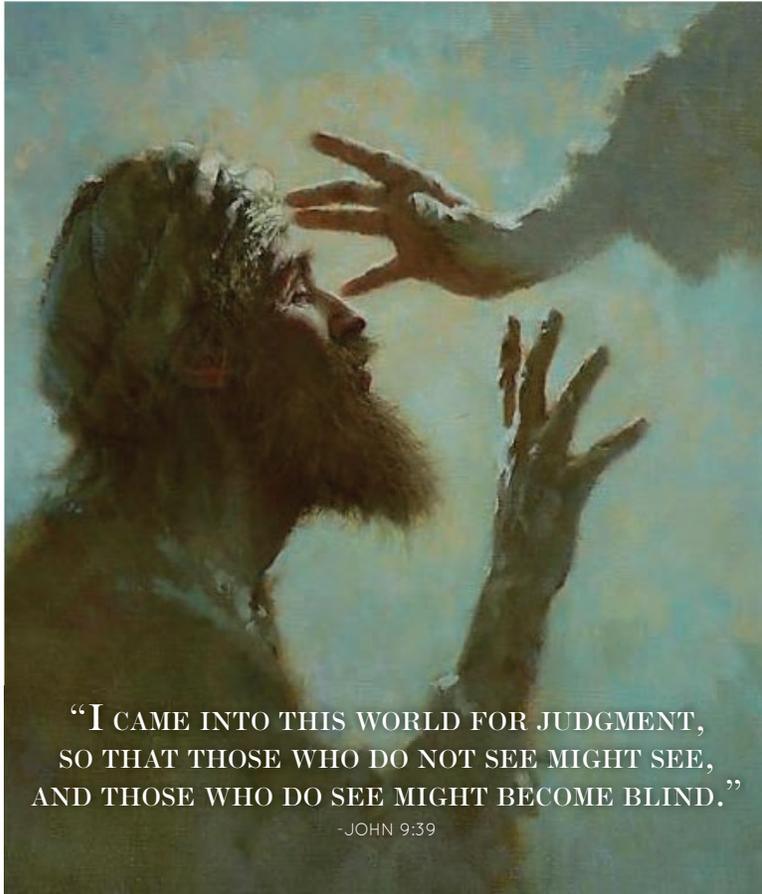


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MARCH 26, 2017
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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-JOHN 9:39

OFFICE HOURS

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.goodshepherdjctx.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Masses (Blanco):
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:
Good Shepherd: 9:00 a.m.
St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

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

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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 26th

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

Thursday, March 30th

Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 2nd

Repose of the Soul of William “Bill” Hubble offered by Barbara Cristler

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 19, 2017

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- 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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RICH at Good Shepherd!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Have you ever thought you were seeing clearly but after the fact, perhaps through the help of others, you realized your perception was wrong. Maybe this was concerning your attitude toward a co-worker, fellow student or a loved one or perhaps it was your attitude toward others or yourself, which we label racism, sexism and materialism. Jesus is the light that allows us to see as God sees. What weaknesses, prejudices, dependencies or addictions blind us? Will we allow Jesus to heal us or will we persist in believing we see clearly?

¿Ha usted pensado alguna vez, que estaba viendo con claridad pero posteriormente, tal vez con la ayuda de otros, se ha dado cuenta de que su percepción estaba equivocada? Tal vez pasó en lo relacionado a su actitud respecto a un compañero de trabajo, un compañero de estudios o un ser querido, o quizás era su actitud respecto a los otros o a usted mismo respecto a lo que etiquetamos como racismo, sexismo o materialismo. Jesús es la luz que nos permite sanar o, ¿persistiremos en pensar que estamos viendo con claridad?

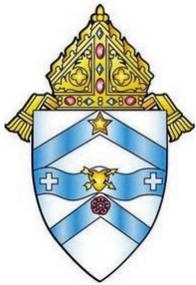
SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for CRS



This weekend we have the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This collection offers an opportunity for each of us to help Jesus in disguise. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services collection.

Este fin de semana se tomará la Colecta para los Servicios de Asistencia Católica, que ayudan a niños, mujeres y familias en todo el mundo. Las seis organizaciones mundiales que reciben financiamiento de la Colecta proporcionan ayuda humanitaria inmediata, apoyo pastoral y auxilio en casos de desastre a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren alrededor del mundo. Esta colecta nos ofrece la oportunidad a cada uno de nosotros de ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro. Por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la Colecta para los Servicios de Asistencia Católica.



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.

Retiro Cuaresmal en Español

1 de Abril

Un Retiro Cuaresmal en español se llevará a cabo en el Centro de Retiros Católicos en Belton el día 1 de abril de 9:30 a 2:30 p.m. Este es un día de reflexión para prepararnos para el Viaje Cuaresmal. El Padre Víctor Mayorga, párroco de St. John the Evangelist en San Marcos liderará el día. El costo es de \$30 e incluirá el almuerzo. Para obtener más información, llame al (254) 780-2463 o visite www.cedarbrake.org.



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