



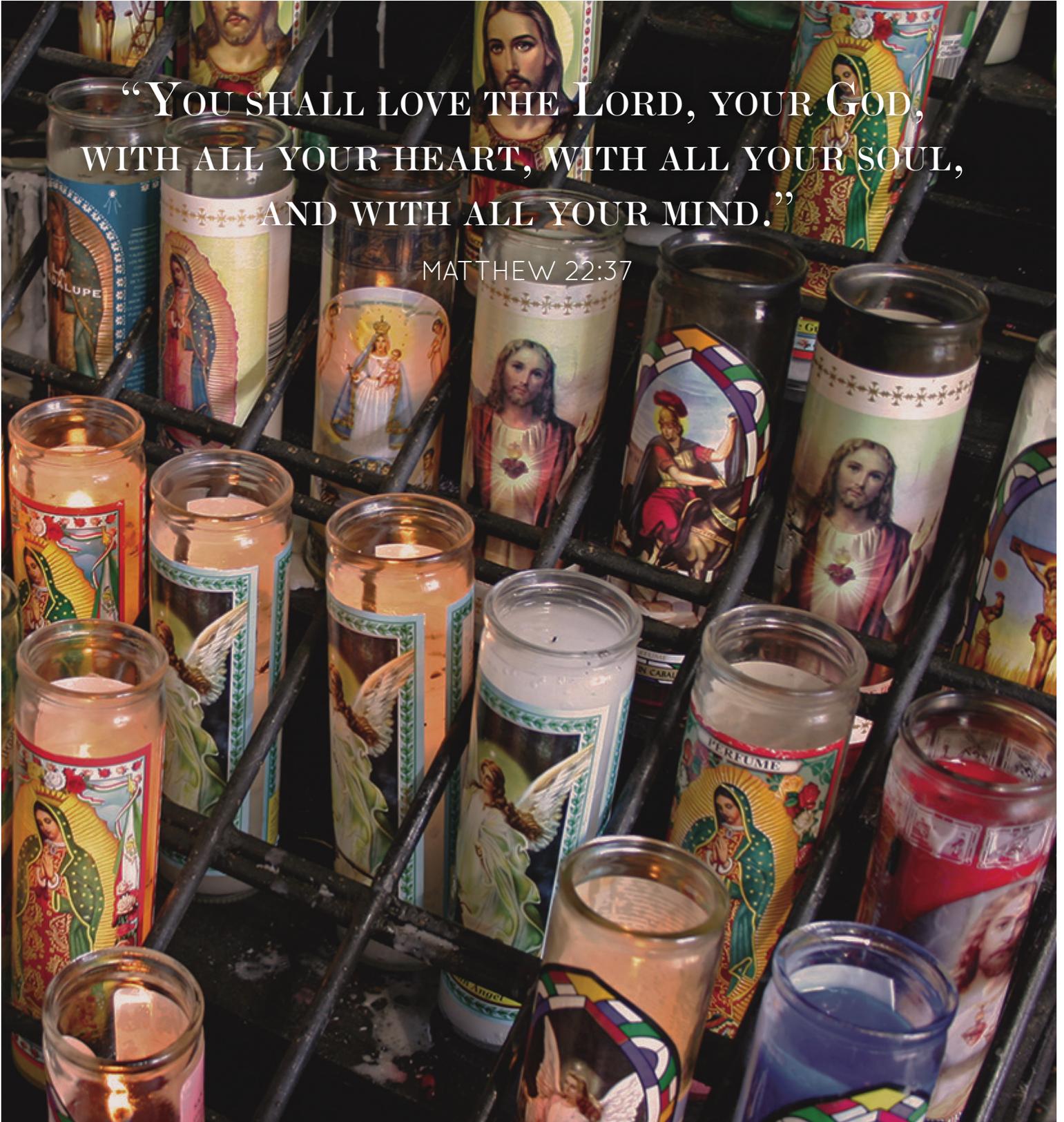
# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCHES



PARISH BULLETIN | OCTOBER 29, 2017 | THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”

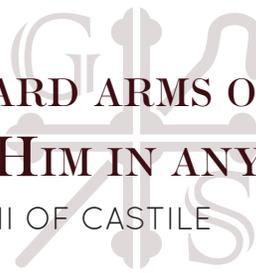
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**“CHRIST REDEEMED US ON THE HARD ARMS OF THE CROSS, AND  
HIS KNIGHT WILL NOT SERVE HIM IN ANY OTHER WAY.”**

-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:**

St. Ferdinand (Blanco) 5:00 p.m.,  
7:00 p.m. (Español)

### **Sunday Morning Masses:**

Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m.  
St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

**All weekday Masses have been suspended at this time. Communion services will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at St Ferdinand and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Thank you for your understanding.**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (Blanco)

### **Websites:**

For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit our websites:

[www.stferdinandblanco.org](http://www.stferdinandblanco.org)  
[www.goodshepherdjctx.org](http://www.goodshepherdjctx.org)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

### **Monday through Friday:**

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

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For three days every year Mexicans and Mexican Americans gather for Día de los Muertos. In cemeteries and homes people come together to remember their deceased loved ones. The last of those days, November 2, falls on the traditional Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—All Souls Day. Are the two celebrations the same?

Both observances remember the dead. Their ways of remembering, though, go in somewhat different directions. All Souls Day remembers and prays for “all the faithful departed”; Día de los Muertos welcomes the return of the departed for a yearly family visit. All Souls Day and Día de los Muertos come from different places as well. The latter has roots in Mexico’s pre-Spanish civilization and its beliefs and practices relating to death, while the former has a firmly European heritage.

All Souls Day has a long history. As early as the ninth century it was a custom for monasteries to set aside a day to pray for their dead, and an abbot of the Benedictine monastery of Cluny was the first to establish November 2 as the day for commemoration of the departed. With the carnage of World War I in mind, Pope Benedict XV extended All Souls Day to the whole Catholic Church in 1915. On All Souls people of faith remember those believers who have gone before them and ask God to welcome them as they enter their final journey to be with God forever.

While Día de los Muertos also remembers the

dead, it celebrates their living memory as well. Gatherings at gravesides become family reunion picnics—with the dead invited. Food, drink, music, flowers, and fireworks are part of the celebration. It is a kind of party during which the dead are remembered and rejoiced over. In the home, altars decorated with flowers, photos of the deceased, and a variety of food offerings for the dead extend hospitality to the deceased and recall their presence.

Many of these foods are sweet, such as candy skulls and coffins and the sugar rolls called pan de muerto. The celebration is also a time for toy skeletons, papel picado—tissue paper cutouts of skulls and bones—and other ornaments. In the candy and toys, participants find sweetness and play in the bitterness and somberness of death.

Catholicism embraces all these dimensions of remembering the dead. Whether in prayer for all the faithful departed on All Souls or in the customs of Día de los Muertos, the past enters into the present. Families and the larger family of faith gather around altars and places where the deceased rest to affirm life in the midst of death and joy in sorrow. A memory celebrated becomes a living hope for eternal life. To prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today’s feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

*This article appeared in the November 2010 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 75, No. 11, page 46).*

## THE STORY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of “all the martyrs.” In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended “that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons” (On the Calculation of Time).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop’s approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today’s feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known

# PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of October 28 - November 4, 2017

**Saturday, October 28th (StF) 5:00 p.m.**  
Repose of the Soul of Joyce Franklin offered by Helen Heffner

**Saturday, October 28th (StF) 7:00 p.m.**  
Reposo del alma de Jose Prado

**Sunday, October 29th (GS) 9:00 a.m.**  
**Rosary at 8:25 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Yola Mae O'Hare offered by Dorothy Lowden

**Sunday, October 29th (StF) 11:00 a.m.**  
Repose of the Soul of Kay Loughrey offered by Paulette Stepp and repose of the Soul of Margaret & Colin Locke offered by John & Peggy Duran

**Wednesday, November 1st (StF) 12:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Day of Obligation** - Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

**Wednesday, November 1st (GS) 6:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Day of Obligation** - Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

**Thursday, November 2 3:00 p.m.**  
**(St. Mary's Cemetery)** Repose of the Soul of Walter Heffner offered by family

**Thursday, November 2 (StF) 6:00 p.m.**  
All the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, November 3 (StF) 6:00 p.m.**  
St. Anne's Altar Society

**Saturday, November 4 (StF) 5:00 p.m.**  
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

**Saturday, November 4 (StF) 7:00 p.m.**  
Reposo del alma de Dorotea Prada

## GOOD SHEPHERD VOCATIONS CHALICE

If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by calling him directly at 713-569-9491.

## COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of October 15, 2017

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$2901.00
World Mission Sunday	\$611.59

### Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$807.00
World Mission Sunday	\$280.00

*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*

## PRAYER LIST

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

*Cynthia Ford, Ralph Moss, George Richey, Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr., Ruben Gonzales, Lupe Barrera, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Liz Marchand, and Roselle Wagner Fischer*

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

## OCTOBER 28TH-29TH SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 28st - 29th second collections at St. Ferdinand will benefit the Black Bag Account.

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

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

-JOHN 10:27



## PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION, CONT'D

### 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.

#### **Good Shepherd Men's Club**

Will meet Saturday, November 11 at 9 a.m. in the parish hall

#### **Knights of Columbus**

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

#### **Catholic Daughters Of The Americas**

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

#### **St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir**

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

#### **Good Shepherd Children's Choir:**

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

#### **St. Ferdinand Youth Choir:**

Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. in the St. Ferdinand Chapel

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

#### **Women's Bible Study:**

Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Good Shepherd RE Building. Our current study is "Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels" please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

### NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

#### **Good Shepherd Men's Club**

All Men, ages 16 and older, are encouraged to attend a meeting at the Good Shepherd Social Hall on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of this meeting is an attempt to re-energize the Men's Club. We want to talk about new ideas and old ideas. What can the men of Good Shepherd do spiritually for our parish? What fundraising activities can the men of Good Shepherd undertake to give back to the parish in the way of upgrades and improvements? What kind of services in the form of building and grounds maintenance can the men of Good Shepherd do for the parish? Please attend and bring your ideas and thoughts. Perhaps this is an area of giving in which your time and talents to God can be maximized. Refreshments will be served.

#### ***Drop off your Baby Banks today!***

Thank you for your commitment to Life! Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and through the diocese. The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line and much more will receive funds from this campaign. If you forgot your Baby Bank, please drop it off at the parish office this coming week. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the St. Ferdinand office at 830-833- 5227.

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

-ROMANS 12:5

# FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### ST. FERDINAND

RE registration for the 2017 - 2018 RE year is still open! Please contact Susan in the RE office if you're interested in volunteering or if you have any additional questions about Religious Education at St. Ferdinand.

**RE Office Hours:** *Sundays 9:00-10:50, Wednesdays 10:00-6:00*

**RE Office:** 830-833-0444 or [susan@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:susan@stferdinandblanco.org)

*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.*

### **PreK-8th grade: Sundays 9:30-10:40**

Please pick up your children promptly at 10:40 so that catechists can arrive at 11:00 mass on time.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **RICH Youth Ministry**

#### *High School Religious Education*

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

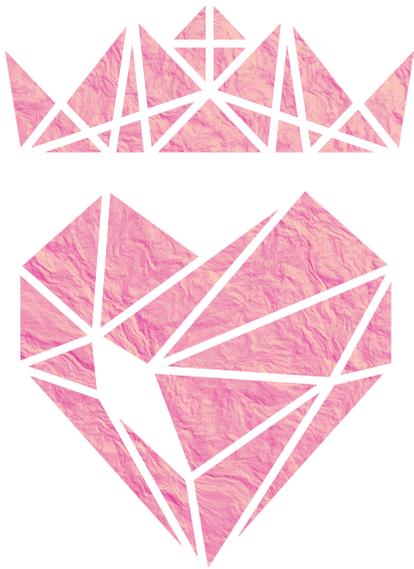
### **Confirmation Preparation**

Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit [stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth](http://stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth) to register.

Please contact [james@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:james@stferdinandblanco.org) to register or for any questions concerning High School age Religious Education classes and activities.

### **Youth Choir**

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary. Youth Choir rehearsals have been moved to 10 a.m. before Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Song selections are available at [stferdinandblanco.org/youthchoir](http://stferdinandblanco.org/youthchoir)



## RICH YOUTH MINISTRY FALL 2017

# HEART OF GOD

SUNDAYS | 6-8 PM | FOOD, GAMES, TRUTH

**October 29, 2017: *Heroes!*** Halloween and the Saints

*(The best and most creative superhero costumes win prizes!)*

**November 5, 2017: *Made for All*** What's the point of being Catholic?

**November 12, 2017: *Made to Last*** What it means to be Apostolic.

**November 19, 2017: *It's a Secret!*** (Issue Night... Don't miss this one!)



## TONIGHT AT RICH: (SUNDAY, 10/29)

Flight? X-Ray Vision? Super Strength? What makes someone heroic? Tonight we're taking a look at the Supernatural Holiness of the Saints. Oh and Halloween too.

**PARENTS:** Who are your child's role models? Do the "heroes" in your child's life reflect the love and mercy and sacrifice of Jesus? Tonight we'll talk about how heroes help us become our best selves.

**TEENS:** Ever wonder why Superhero movies all kinda tell the same story? Why do we love the supernatural all mixed up with a good redemption story? The story we're really looking for is the story of us.

# FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONT'D

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GOOD SHEPHERD

**Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE**

[margie@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org)

### **Faith Formation Schedule:**

#### **REGISTRATION CONTINUES!!**

Parents still needing to register their children for RE can do so after mass in the RE building!

#### **Pre-K - 8th Grade**

Sunday (After Mass) 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Sacrament Class (First Holy Communion)**

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

#### **Confirmation Preparation**

Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit [stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth](http://stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth) to register.

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the RE building at Good Shepherd.

Patrick J. Hartin and his book, "Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels" are on tap for September 14, 2017. If you have never come to one of our bible stud-

ies perhaps now is the time. We'll be studying the spiritual visions of each of the four Gospels--Matthew, Mark, Luke & John!

The book and study guide are a set and cost \$16.00. Book scholarships are available. The class will be supplemented with a DVD presentation on each of the 7 lessons.

To order a book call Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301 or email [kgebhardt52@gmail.com](mailto:kgebhardt52@gmail.com).

#### **High School & Young Adults Bible Study**

A study of the Father's unfailing love for you. This unique and immersive 8-Week series begins Wednesday October 4 at 6 p.m. in the Good Shepherd RE Building.

#### **Contemplative Prayer Group**

The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM is set aside for a time to rest in God's presence. We will resume our contemplative prayer as a group beginning November 14. Come give God 30 minutes just for Him. Come Behold the one Beholding you. The group will meet in the Church at Good Shepherd!

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

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

## **RICH Youth Fundraiser - Light Spectacular**

*November 24th - 25th*

RICH will have a booth at Johnson City Light Spectacular to help us raise funds for DCYC 2018. All students will be helping the weekend right after Thanksgiving. Our booth will have drinks (Sodas and Water), Coffee, Hot Homemade Cider, and Popcorn.

**We need your help with donations!** Sodas (Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Diet Coke, Diet Dr. Pepper), and cash donations to purchase sale items (popcorn, bags, coffee, cups, and juice for cider) are needed. We appreciate any items you can donate. Items can be dropped off to the office or the church on Sundays after mass. Please contact James Longoria, Veronica Hernandez or Margie Vasquez for more information. Thank you ahead of time for helping make this year's fundraiser a success!

### **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

All youth attending RICH, Confirmation Preparation, or the GS Bible Study must fill out a registration form to participate in any activities. If your child has not registered, or if you have not paid the \$30 registration fee, please visit [stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth](http://stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth) or call James at (979) 492-4644 to enroll. Thank you for your cooperation and support in registering!w

# SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL *Christmas Gala* BENEFITTING

ST. FERDINAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 | 5 PM

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### **The Christmas Gala Needs You!**

St. Ferdinand Christmas Gala is a chance for our church community to come together in fellowship and support of our great parish! Families and individuals are encouraged to attend and get involved in helping plan the event. The evening will include a Bar-B-Que dinner, door prizes, raffles, and live entertainment provided by the Jesse Stratton Band! Proceeds from the Christmas Gala will go to repair plumbing in the RE building and support other parish ministries. Volunteers are needed for planning and helping for the event. We need prize and food donations too! If you can help please call the office at (830) 833-5227. Thank you for your support! The next meeting for the event will be November 8th. Please come!

### **¡La Gala de Navidad Te Necesita!**

¡La Gala de Navidad de la iglesia de San Fernando es una oportunidad para que nuestra comunidad se junte y apoye esta fiesta! Necesitamos su ayuda para que se lleve acabo. ¡La Gala incluirá una comida de Bar-B-Que, premios, rifas y in baile por la banda de Jesse Stratton ! Las ganancias de la Gala es para reparar unas cosas del edificio de doctrina y apoyar a otros ministerios de la parroquia. Necesitamos voluntarios de ayuda para todo el evento. ¡También necesitamos premios y donaciones! Si puede ayudar, llame a la oficina al (830) 833-5227. ¡Gracias por tu apoyo! La sigiente junta sera Noviembre 8 en el salon.

# PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES

## **Background on This Week's Gospel Reading**

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten

Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

## MEDITACIÓN: LOS MANDAMIENTOS MÁS IMPORTANTES

¿Cómo debemos amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, alma y mente? Volvemos al énfasis sobre «fuerza» en el hebreo de Deuteronomio 6:5 para tener guía en cuanto a cómo cumplir con esta enseñanza de Jesús.

En la Biblia la palabra amar significa estar juntado —a Dios, al vecino. Es por eso que Jesús puede enseñar que si queremos seguirlo tenemos que amarlo y «aborrecer» a nuestro padre y madre (Lucas 14:26, en varias traducciones como RVR1960). En el contexto, «aborrecer» significa estar desprendido de alguien. Tenemos que desprendernos de la provisión de los padres si vamos a ser discípulos adultos de Jesús y amarlo a él. Estaremos amando con todo nuestro corazón, alma y fuerza cuando nos relacionemos al Señor y a los mandamientos como sigue:

Amamos con todo nuestro corazón cuando enfocamos nuestra mente a las cosas de Dios. La persona del Medio Oriente piensa en un espacio del corazón emocionalmente infundido: piensa con su corazón. Amar a Dios con todo tu corazón es dedicarle al Señor y a los caminos del Señor todos tus pensamientos y tus meditaciones.

Amamos con toda nuestra alma cuando actuamos sobre lo que la vida interior de la mente nos llama a hacer. La palabra alma utilizada aquí es el espíritu animador en la persona que nos da la habilidad de vivir, respirar y movernos en el mundo. Sin este «aliento de Dios» dejamos de ser animados; morimos. ¿Se alinean nuestras acciones con la vida interior de nuestra mente? ¿Nuestros pensamientos se expresan en acción? ¿Qué buenas obras estamos haciendo con el cuerpo, los brazos y las piernas que el Señor nos ha dado para vivir para él en el mundo?

Finalmente, amamos a Dios con toda nuestra fuerza. El término connota intensidad y esfuerzo contundente sostenido, poniendo todo lo que tienes en ello, sin retener nada. ¡Perseguir una unión de esta manera con nuestro Dios amoroso nos cambiará! Y, de hecho, como una vez me recordó un amigo rabino, Dios espera que nuestra fe dé fruto —fruto bueno que otros puedan ver y disfrutar. ¿Dios y otros reconocen que el fruto crece en tu vida?

Debemos invertir tiempo para poner en orden nuestra casa espiritual —la mente, el cuerpo y la fuerza— para que podamos pasar nuestras vidas en servicio a otros, nuestros vecinos. Por la gracia de Dios, mantenemos todo esto juntos para seguir adelante y ver progreso en la vida espiritual y para bendecir a los que Dios pone en nuestro camino. Esto es un llamado increíble. ¿Estás listo para el desafío?

## **Reminder: The Solemnity of All Saints**

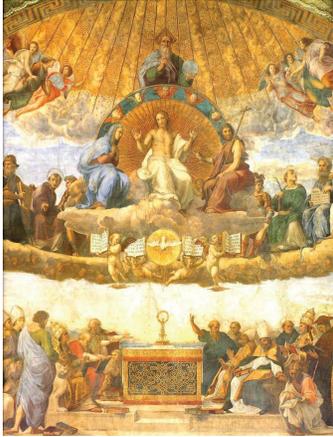
*November 1*

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation and one of the most important days in the liturgical life of the church. Please join us for Mass at either St. Ferdinand at 12 noon or at Good Shepherd at 6 p.m.

# PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES, CONT'D.

## Mass Preparation

November 5, 2017, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



### First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b,8-106

*Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 131:1-3

*We find peace in the Lord.*

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

*Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.*

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

*Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.*

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