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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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“THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD, CHRIST IS THE SOWER.
ALL WHO COME TO HIM WILL LIVE FOREVER.”

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ST. FERDINAND, BLANCO MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY (ESPAÑOL) 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD, JOHNSON CITY MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.

FOR A COMPLETE WEEKDAY
MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M., ST. FERDINAND

SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M., GOOD SHEPHERD

OR BY APPOINTMENT

“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.

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

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

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of June 16, 2018 - June 23, 2018

Saturday, June 16th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Jim Klepac offered by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker and family

Saturday, June 16th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
(Español) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, June 17th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Inez and Sidney Rodriguez

Sunday, June 17th (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Betty Abbenante

Monday, June 18th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Tuesday, June 19th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, June 21st (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday, June 21st (GS) 6:00 p.m.
No Mass or Communion Service

Friday, June 22nd (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday, June 23rd (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Vladimer by Marlene Hagesfeld

Saturday, June 23rd (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

For Mass intention inquiries, please stop by the St. Ferdinand Parish Office during regular business hours or call (830) 833-5227.

SUNDAY CONNECTION: SCATTERED SEED

MEDITATIO

The kingdom of God, the reign of God, is not an earthly monarchy but rather God's breaking forth into the world through the lives of those who believe. These two parables are stories of surprise and abundance. No one would give either crop a chance at survival. In the first parable the farmer does not follow appropriate protocols to ensure the seed will come to harvest. In the second parable the farmer is planting a seed that will grow into a plant that every other farmer wants to eradicate. In both parables the seed takes root and grows to fruition. God even finds a way to make the common mustard bush useful. It will be suitable housing for the birds of the sky to dwell in its shade.

Jesus reveals a God of surprises, a God who does things you and I would never expect but that work out for our best in the end. "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 11:15). This will be our challenge and our prayer this week.

ORATIO

The parables in this week's Gospel reveal to us aspects of what the kingdom of God will be like. Let's lean again into the Lord's Prayer

and the petition for that kingdom to be realized in our midst: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [may] your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

CONTEMPLATIO

The shock elements of Jesus's parables challenge the listener to a deeper understanding of faith. His parables are designed to get through to those who think they have heard it all before and are closed to new insights. The crowds needed a push to consider the work of God in a fresh way. We too need to be open to the shock, to the surprise of God working in our own lives this week.

Spiritual author Paula D'Arcy says that God comes to you disguised as your life! Sometimes we are so close to our own circumstances that we don't see the reign of God breaking through. Take a few moments to pray about how God has surprised you in the past. What do you remember about that experience now? Do you recall it fondly? Why? How did that God-inspired surprise change your life then? Does that surprise still affect your life now?

ESTE DOMINGO: SEMILLA SEMBRADA

MEDITACIÓN

El reino de Dios, el reinado de Dios, no es una monarquía terrenal, sino más bien la irrupción de Dios en el mundo por medio de las vidas de los que creen. Estas dos parábolas son historias de sorpresa y abundancia. Nadie le dará a ninguno de estos cultivos la posibilidad de sobrevivir. En la primera parábola el agricultor no sigue los protocolos apropiados para asegurar que la semilla se convierta en cosecha. En la segunda parábola el sembrador echa una semilla que crecerá y se convertirá en una planta que todos los agricultores quieren erradicar. En ambas parábolas la semilla echa raíz y crece a buen término. Aun la mostaza tiene un uso beneficioso. Dios la usa como lugar donde los pájaros del cielo pueden morar en su sombra. Jesús revela a un Dios de sorpresas, un Dios que hace cosas que tú y yo nunca esperamos, pero que terminan con un buen final. «Los que tienen oídos, oigan» (Mateo 11:15). Será nuestro desafío y nuestra oración esta semana.

ORACIÓN

Las parábolas en el Evangelio de esta semana nos revelan algunos aspectos de cómo será el reino de Dios. Meditamos sobre el Padre Nuestro y la petición de que su reino sea una re-

alidad en nuestro medio: «Padre Nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra, así como se hace en el cielo» (Mateo 6:9–10).

CONTEMPLACIÓN

Los elementos de sorpresa en las parábolas desafían al oidor a un entendimiento más profundo de la fe. Las parábolas de Jesús están diseñadas para penetrar en aquellos que piensan que han oído todo y están cerrados a nuevas ideas. Las multitudes necesitaban un empuje para considerar la obra de Dios en una nueva manera. Nosotros también necesitamos abrirnos al shock, a la sorpresa de Dios obrando en nuestra propia vida esta semana.

La autora espiritual Paula D'Arcy dice que ¡Dios viene a ti disfrazado como tu propia vida! A veces estamos tan cerca de nuestras propias circunstancias que no vemos la irrupción del reino de Dios. Toma unos pocos momentos para orar acerca de cómo Dios te ha sorprendido en el pasado. ¿Qué es lo que recuerdas de esa experiencia ahora? ¿Lo recuerdas con gusto? ¿Por qué? ¿Cómo te cambió la vida esa sorpresa inspirada por Dios? ¿Todavía esa sorpresa afecta tu vida?

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. JOSEPH CAFASSO (JUNE 23)

Even as a young man, Joseph Cafasso loved to attend Mass and was known for his humility and fervor in prayer. After his ordination, he was assigned to a seminary in Turin. There he worked especially against the spirit of Jansenism—an excessive preoccupation with sin and damnation. He used the works of Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Alphonsus Liguori to moderate the rigorism popular at the seminary.

Joseph recommended membership in the Secular Franciscan Order to priests. He urged devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged daily Communion. In addition to his teaching duties, Joseph was an excellent preacher, confessor, and retreat master. Noted for his work with condemned prisoners, he helped many of them die at peace with God.

He met St. John Bosco when St John was around 22 and the two became close friends. St Joseph greatly



influenced St John in his decision to both care for young disadvantaged youth in Turin and to found the Salesians. St Joseph in contrast, devoted his life to the dispossessed, marginalised and prisoners. He became known as "The Priest of the Gallows" through his work as confessor and comforter of those condemned to death. St Joseph is fondly remembered as a pious and holy man, who devoted his entire life to honouring the Blessed Sacrament, preaching, teaching and reaching out to the unwanted. Joseph Cafasso died in 1860, and was canonized in 1947. His Liturgical Feast Day is June 23.

Devotion to the Eucharist gave energy to all Joseph's other activities. Long prayer before the Blessed Sacrament has been characteristic of many Catholics who have lived out the Gospel well: Saint Francis, Bishop Fulton Sheen, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta among them.

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION, CONT'D

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, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Roselle Wagner Fischler, Dylan Gonzales, Freddy Salazar, Francis Hartmann, and Toni Burns

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.

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 June 10, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$5,466.32
Building Fund	\$650.30

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection	\$1,629.00
Mission Appeal	\$389.00

*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

JUNE 17 SECOND COLLECTIONS

SF - Black Bag Fund

GS - No Second Collection

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 8 a.m. mass in the parish hall.

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.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.

ACTS Core Team:

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 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 Thursday at 1 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

WEBSITES

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

www.stferdinandblanco.org

www.goodshepherdjctx.org

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

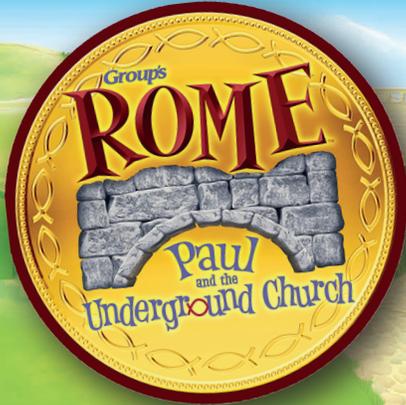
-PSALM 100:3

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

-JOHN 10:27



SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church

Vacation Bible School

July 16th - 20th from 9 a.m. - Noon

All Pre-K - 6th Graders Welcomed!

If you would like to volunteer as a helper, please contact VBS Director, Olivia Nunn at (830)237-2010 or livi89.mo@gmail.com.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



Young Adult Preparation for Confirmation

Young adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to attend Confirmation Preparation classes specifically designed for them. Classes meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the RE Building. Our next class is June 27. The topic is *“Who is the Holy Spirit?”* Register by emailing james@stferdinandblanco.org or just show up!

Spiritual Remembrance Cards

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has Spiritual Remembrance Cards for sale in the parish office. They are \$3.00 each. When you purchase one, the person you buy it for will be remembered for one year in the Holy Mass offered the First Friday of each month by Reverend Gregory T. Labus. The money collected goes to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR THE FATHERS IN OUR LIVES

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.
+Amen.

THE CHURCHES OF ST. FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD WISH ALL OF OUR FATHERS AND SPIRITUAL FATHERS A BLESSED AND HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SACRIFICE!

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Susan Moore, Director of RE

830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

RE Office Hours: Sun. 9:00-10:50, Wed. 10:00-6:00

July 16-20th 9:00-Noon Rome: Paul and the Underground Church Vacation Bible School. PreK-6th grade, helpers needed!
Please see Olivia Nunn if you can volunteer.

Check Out Summer Reading Here!

Books, cds, and dvds on theology, prayer and spirituality, Mary and the saints, apologetics, scripture, reference, church history, parenting, the popes, and children's books are available for check out in the RE building. Borrowing is by the honor system. Please sign the item out in the checkout journal and scratch your name off when you turn it back in.

3rd Annual Catholic Women's Conference:

Generation to Generation

September 8, 2018

Special guests will include Judy Landrieu Klein, author of *Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Children to God* along with His Own-Music Ministry for the Feminine Heart, inspiring women to come before the Lord as they are, to encounter His unique love for them and to be reminded of the eternal measure of their feminine dignity and worth. For more information or to register please visit: www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference

GOOD SHEPHERD

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Middle School Youth Ministry Summer Classes:

Grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th

July 15th Lock - in from 4:00 pm till July 16th 1:00 pm

July 17th - July 20th from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Registration cost - \$25.00

Please contact James Longoria or Margie Vasquez for registration information.

Confirmation Preparation:

Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m. (During RICH Youth Ministry) All Teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up and attend RICH Youth Ministry on Sunday nights. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register. There will be a confirmation retreat set for August, and Confirmation Celebration Mass is set for October 30, 2018. Please contact James Longoria or Margie Vasquez for specific Confirmation Schedule.

Women's Bible Study

Each Thursday beginning February 8 at 1 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

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

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFERED AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary Parish in Wimberley

June - August

Do you want to know more about our Catholic Faith? Come to these very informative summer sessions at St Mary's in Wimberley! The sessions are highly recommended for people active in parish ministries, and also serve toward Level I certification for catechists.

If you attended Basic Teachings at St Ferdinand in 2015-16, this is an ideal opportunity to make up any classes you may have missed so that you can complete the series and receive your certificate. You do not need to pay a second fee. Registration forms are available in the narthex or through the church office or RE Office. Please pre-register so that they can have materials and lunch for you!

Classes will be held this summer on Wednesdays 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

JUNE 20	THE BIBLE	DEACON GREG SUDDERETH
JULY 11	THE CREED	MORAG SELL
JULY 18	LITURGY & THE SACRAMENTS	FATHER JASON BONIFAZI
AUGUST 1	MORALITY. LIFE IN CHRIST	MORAG SELL
AUGUST 25	PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY	DEACON GREG SDDERETH

If you can't make any particular class check the diocesan website for other locations.

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONT'D

RICH SUMMER 2018

FOR ALL YOUTH MINISTRY INQUIRIES CONTACT JAMES AT [JAMES@STFERDINANDBLANCO.ORG](mailto:james@stferdinandblanco.org) OR (979) 492-4644

High School Religious Education: Summer 2018

SUMMIT Bible Study: TIME CHANGE! All high school youth are encouraged to attend the RICH Summer Bible Study, **Summit**. Summit is a lectionary based study that helps teens grow in their understanding of Sacred Scripture and the Mass. Summit will take place each Tuesday from **5 - 6 p.m.** at various locations around town. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 19 at the Bean and Biscuit on the square. Bring friends!

RICH Summer Service Project: RESCHEDULED Our first RICH Summer Service Project for 2018 has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 23 from 2-5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation service hours! We plan to repair and replant the flower beds along the fence in front of the parish office.

CROSS TRAINING 2018: June 11-14 - This retreat chal-

lenges incoming freshman to strengthen their faith for high school by engaging them in their faith and providing them with the tools to retain it. Visit catholiccrosstraining.org for more information and to register.

TEC 19: June 22-24, 2018 This Diocesan retreat is designed for anyone (any age 17 & up) seeking an encounter with Jesus. Cost is \$100. Visit tec-ctx.org for more information and to register.

SERVUS DEI 2018: August 9-11 Servus Dei is a service retreat developed in the Diocese of Austin designed to empower young people to be agents of positive change in the world around them. Middle schoolers learn about social justice through hands-on service experiences that reflect the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Visit servusdei.info to register.

RICH SUMMER SCHEDULE: Visit www.stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth for a complete list of RICH activities this summer.

Teen ACTS 2018 Registration OPEN!!!

June 28 - July 1, 2018

If you or a high school teen you know would like to experience Christ and our Catholic faith in a more personal and rewarding way with other teens, this year's Teen ACTS Retreat is June 28 - July 1, 2018 at the Wellsprings Retreat Center. Retreatants must currently be completing their Freshman through Senior year of high school and need not be Catholic to attend. Cost for the retreat is \$100. Scholarships are available. Contact Carl or Liza Struck at castruck@aol.com or 830-833-3210 to attend or for more information.



Teen Volunteers Needed for VBS

July 16th - 20th

All 7th - 12th grade teens are encouraged to volunteer as teachers and helpers for Vacation Bible School. Volunteers will have the opportunity to share their faith with children from pre-k - 6th grade in a fun and exciting environment. This year's theme is *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*. Help is needed for teaching lessons, outdoor games, crafts, singing songs, serving snacks, and many other forms of service. If you can help lead in this way, please contact Olivia Nunn at livi89.mo@gmail.com or James Longoria at james@stferdinandblanco.org.

PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES

Mass Preparation

June 24, 2018, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

You are my servant, through whom I show my glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139:1-3,13-15

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26

John announced the coming of Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:57-66,80

John the Baptist is born and all wonder what the child will be.



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St. Anne, Pray for Us!

St. Anne's Altar Society

Join us the first Thursday of each month after
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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