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They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2.9

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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 TIME:

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

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

Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Masses & Intentions

Week of January 5 – January 12, 2019

Saturday, January 5th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul Walter Heffner for his birthday by family

Saturday, January 5th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, January 6th (GS)

9:00 a.m.

Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Arnold and Eloise Klein by the Carbary Family

Sunday, January 6th (StF)

11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Souls of Lawrence Jordan, Sr. and Royston Guidry by Joe & Vickie Guidry

Tuesday, January 8th (StF)

No Mass

Wednesday, January 9th (StF)

No Mass

Thursday, January 10th (StF)

No Mass

Thursday, January 10th (GS)

6:00 p.m.

Communion Service

Friday, January 11th (SF)

No Mass

Saturday, January 12th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Francis Hartmann by Herb & Pat Hebgen and Joe C. Ruiz by Joe & Vickie Guidry

Saturday, January 12th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Parish Ministries & Information, Cont'd

Prayer List

Please continue to pray for comfort and healing for the sick in our parish community. In addition, please ask the Lord for wisdom for their doctors and nurses, rest for their caregivers, and peace and strength for their family and friends.

Clara Jo Bindseil	Naomi Michalsky
Pat Bindseil	Ralph Moss
Joanne Bodine	Bill & Marian Noonan
Barbara Crowley	Andrea Perez
Lee Durci	Charles Reinert
Roselle Wagner Fischler	Joe D. Riba, Sr.
John Geldorf	Lucille Scharnhorst
Dylan Gonzales	Gay Schuler
Ruben Gonzales	Lydia Segura
Teresa Harris	Jacob Umanzor
Clifford Lane	Nellie Upshaw
Wyatt Ledesma	Tony Vela
	Polo Zamora

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: cathy@stferdinandblanco.org.

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 December 30, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$4,239.46
Feast of the Holy Family	\$684.77
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,286.00

Good Shepherd:

Christmas	\$673.00
Dec. 30 Regular Collection	\$947.00
Feast of the Holy Family	\$257.00

Second Collection for Today:

SF: Building Fund
GS: Black Bag

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 9 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 6:00 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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

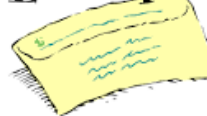
Women's Bible Study

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

**Offering
Envelopes**



Please pick up your 2019 collection envelopes and calendars (English and Spanish). They are available in the church at both Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand.

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

-PSALM 100:3

Epiphany of the Lord

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Epifanía del Señor

La visita de los Reyes Magos se produce directamente de la historia del vuelo de la sagrada familia a Egipto. El Evangelio de Mateo cuenta una versión del nacimiento de Jesús es diferente que la de Lucas. Del nacimiento real de Jesús, Mateo nos dice poco más que, "cuando Jesús nació en Belén de Judea en los días del rey Herodes..." "La historia del censo se encuentra solamente en el Evangelio de Lucas, pero oímos hablar de la visita de los Reyes Magos en el Evangelio de Mateo.

Se conoce poco sobre los magos. Vinieron del este y viajaron a Belén siguiendo un signo astrologico por lo que creemos que eran astrólogos. Damos por sentado que eran que tres magos basan en los nombres de sus tres regalos. El evangelio no dice cuándo los magos rindieron homenaje a Jesús. En el Evangelio de Mateo, que representan buscan los Gentiles un Salvador. Porque los magos representan a todo el mundo, representan también la búsqueda de Jesús.

Hemos llegado a tener en cuenta los regalos que traen como un presagio del papel de Jesús en la salvación. Creemos que el significado de los regalos en la cristológica. Oro se presenta como representante de la realeza de Jesús. Incienso es un símbolo de su divinidad porque sacerdotes quemaron la sustancia en el templo. Mirra, que se utilizó para preparar a los muertos para el entierro, se ofrece en anticipación de la muerte de Jesús.

La palabra epifanía significa "manifestación" o "Mostrando ." Se han celebrado históricamente varios momentos de la vida y Ministerio de Cristo como "epifanías", incluyendo su nacimiento en Belén, la visita de los Reyes Magos, su bautismo por Juan y su primer milagro en Caná.



Special Events and Announcements

Donation Acknowledgement Letters Available after January 1, 2019

The IRS requires that a tax-exempt organization send a formal acknowledgment letter for any donation that is more than \$250 if a taxpayer wishes to claim their donation in order to receive a tax deduction. If you wish to receive a donation acknowledgement letter from St. Ferdinand or Good Shepherd detailing your contributions, please email cathy@stferdinandblanco.org to request one. Please include a current mailing address with your request. Donation acknowledgement letters will be printed off by request only. Letters may also be requested by phone at (830) 833- 5227, or in person during normal business hours.



Altar Server Practice at St. Ferdinand

4th thru 8th Grade (Must have received First Communion)
1st and 3rd Sunday 8:30 a.m.

High School
2nd Sunday 9 a.m.

Prayer & Faith Resources



Mass Preparation: January 13, 2019, The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30

A prayer praising God's greatness.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.

St. Ferdinand

DRE – Susan Moore 833-0444

susan@stferdinandblanco.org

Office hours/Horarios de Oficina:

Wednesdays/Miercoles 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Class schedule:

Sunday mornings 9:30-10:40 a.m. - PreK-6th Grade

No class Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6. Classes resume Jan. 13

Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:15 p.m. - 7th -8th Grade

No class Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9. Classes resume Jan. 16

Jan. 9 – Catechist Development Day

***May your Christmas be blessed
with joy and peace.***



If you are new to the parish and would like to register your children for Religious Education classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education at 833-0444 or come by the RE Office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Advent-How will you prepare for Christmas?

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>

is a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life! The site also has Advent prayers, resources, and activities including a DIY Advent Calendar.

<https://www.holyheroes.com/> a daily email with video clips about Advent for children, along with activities.

<https://formed.org/promo/advent-reflections-registration>

Ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Watch an inspiring video reflection each day of Advent from Dr. Tim Gray, and read a passage from the Word of God. You can also request children's reflections from the beloved Brother Francis videos with joyful songs and valuable lessons. A free 30 day trial of Formed.org is required to view the video clips and will be offered when you receive your first email.

Adviento-¿Cómo te estás preparando para la Navidad?

Prepara tu corazón a la venida de Cristo. Vea una reflexión inspiradora de el P. Luis Granados cada día y lea un pasaje de la Palabra de Dios.

¿Te gustaría incluir a toda la familia? ¡Puedes agregar las reflexiones para niños (disponibles en inglés), a tu correo electrónico de reflexión diaria! Nuestro querido amigo Brother Francis, ayudará a tus hijos a prepararse para la Navidad con canciones alegres y valiosas lecciones. Para registrarse puede ir a:

<https://formed.org/promo/advent-reflections-registration-spanish>

Cuando se recibe el primer mensaje, podrá registrarse para un mes subscripción de Formed.org gratis. Se requiere la subscripción para poder ver los videos.

RCIA Adapted for Children is in need of an added team member to assist with seven parent/child sessions each year, and other planned celebrations. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at 833-0444.

Good Shepherd

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

For registering or for information, please email Margie Vasquez or contact the office at St. Ferdinand, Mon – Fri from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 830-833-5227.

Religious Education Classes:

No classes on Dec. 22, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2019 – Christmas Holidays!

Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Middle School - 6th thru 8th Grade (Edge Program): EDGE Youth Group meets once a month for activities and events. Please see updates and information on the Youth Ministry section. Calendar of events available in the RE building.

High School 9th thru 12th Grade (Lifeteen Program): RICH Youth Group meets on Sunday's 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall in Blanco. Please see updates and information on the Youth Ministry section.

Pre-Confirmation Classes – 8th thru 12th Grade Classes will meet once a month on the second Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Next Class scheduled for next year, January 12th, 2019.** Please see Margie Vasquez or Maria Rodriguez for information (or contact the parish office at 830-833-5227).

Estudio Bíblico *El Evangelio de Juan*, Loyola Press

Acoge humildemente la palabra que ha sido plantado en ti y puede salvar tus almas. - Santiago 1:21b

Domingos 9:30-10:30 con Rosa Vargas en las siguientes fechas. Para información llame a 833-0444.

13 de enero

27 de enero



High School: (9th – 12th grades)

Reminder: No Classes on Dec. 23rd and 30th for Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Blanco and Johnson City High School Teens meet each Sunday night at **RICH** (Resting in Christ's Hands). Classes are held at the St. Ferdinand Parish hall from **5:30pm–7:30pm. All are welcome!!**

Classes will resume January 6th, 2019!

Middle School: (6th – 8th grades)

Blanco and Johnson City Middle School Students can join **EDGE** Youth Ministry starting back up in 2019. We will be meeting each month on the 4th Sunday of each month at the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall from **1:00 pm—3:00 pm**. We have activities planned for students to experience adoration, community service, praise and worship as well as attending retreats as a group. **All Middle School Students are Welcomed! So join us on January 27th, 2019.** We will come together as a Catholic Community to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

Confirmation Classes: (St. Ferdinand & Good Shepherd)

All teens seeking **Confirmation in 2019** must sign up for **RICH** Youth Ministry classes on Sunday nights. If you have any questions as to registration, please contact Margie Vasquez. Classes to start **January 13, 2019.**

PULSE: (Prayer, Unity, Leadership, Service, Evangelization)

We will be holding our next meeting on Sunday, **January 27th, 2019** at the St. Ferdinand RE Bldg. starting at 4:00 pm. Any youth (high school or middle school) wanting to participate and be a part of the **PULSE TEAM** – Please join us. We will be meeting monthly to discuss and plan: lessons, retreats, lock-in's, service talks, service projects, and learning how to promote spiritual growth in self and others!

Upcoming Events:

TEC (Together Encounter Christ)

TEC starts as a three-day retreat centered on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, and then welcomes you into a greater community focused on living our Catholic-Christian faith daily. Sponsored by the Diocese of Austin, **Ignite** your relationship with God on a TEC weekend! This weekend full of welcoming community, powerful prayer experiences and authentic witnesses of men and women on a journey with Christ. Sharing, getting to know those around you and participation activities are important aspects of the weekend. This three-day retreat is perfect for older teens and adults alike. Be part of the **BEST TEC EVER!**

Date: January 19-21, 2019

Location: Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet, Texas

Cost: (Early Bird Fee) Before Dec. 20th, 2018 – \$125.00

Fee from Dec. 21-Jan. 4th - \$150.00 (After Jan 4th) - \$175.00

Visit www.tec-ctx.org for more information and to Register.

Youth Ministry Volunteers:

If interested in volunteering, you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to bulletin for upcoming workshops in our area.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries or to learn more about all the events, activities and retreats planned for this year or to register - please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email: margie@stferdinandblanco.org.

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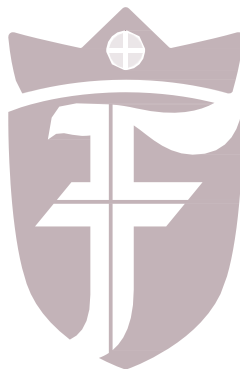
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