

# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

## Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | November 10, 2019 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WEEKEND MASSES:

#### **St. Ferdinand**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ; 7:00 p.m. (Español)  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

#### **Good Shepherd**

Sunday: 9 a.m.

For a Complete weekday  
Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions,  
please see the next page

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

#### **St. Ferdinand**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

#### **Good Shepherd**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.  
(or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### WEBSITES:

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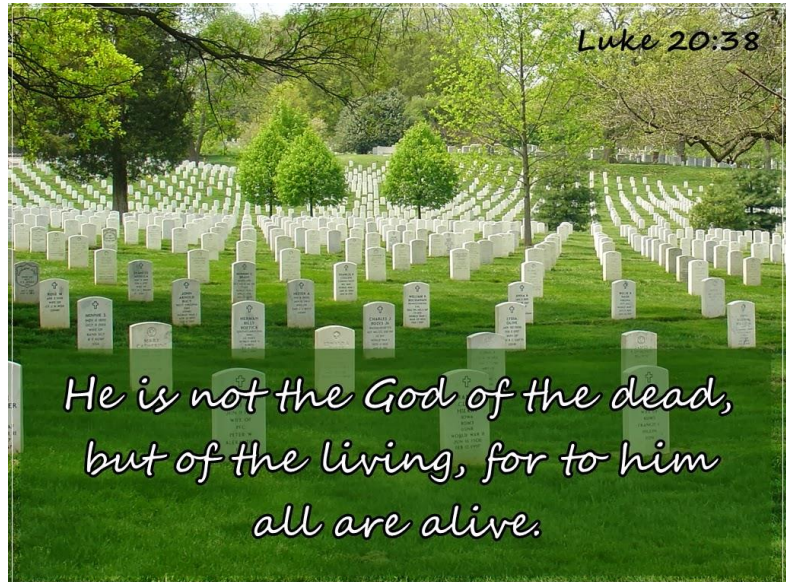
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**Coordinator of RE & Youth Minister**

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## 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.

## Masses & Intentions

**Week of November 9 – November 16, 2019**

**Saturday, November 9th (StF) 5:00 p.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Lucille G. Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila

**Saturday, November 9th (StF) 7:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

**Sunday, November 10th (GS) 9:00 a.m.**

Rosary at 8:25 a.m., Souls in Purgatory by Michael and Patricia Huse

**Sunday, November 10th (StF) 11:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Souls of Patricia Cunningham by Fintan Beirne and John Geldorf by Family

**Tuesday, November 12th (StF) 9:00 a.m.**

Lonnie Humrichouse

**Wednesday, November 13th (StF) 9:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Copeland

**Thursday, November 14th (StF) 9:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Souls of Doris and Tom Trachta

**Thursday, November 14th (GS) 6:00 p.m.**

Maria De La Rosa by Michael and Patricia Huse

**Friday, November 15th 9:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Freddy Salazar by Family

**Saturday, November 16th (StF) 5:00 p.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Jonathan Gillen by Hartmann Family

**Saturday, November 16th (StF) 7:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd



**Communion**  
For The Homebound

If you know of someone who is unable to get to Mass but would like to receive Communion, call the parish office at 830-833-5227. We will contact an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who will bring Communion to the parishioner's home.

## 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.

**Llano Baumgartner**

**Joyce (Edge) Bishop**

**Joanne Bodine**

**Michelle Campbell**

**Richard Cole**

**Barbara Crowley**

**Lee Durci**

**Jesse Estrada**

**Pete Garcia**

**Dana Ninneman Gonzales**

**Steve and Teen Grigory**

**Natalie Hernandez**

**Earl Hunter**

**Mike Kleiss**

**Clifford Lane**

**Abby and Judy Lantier**

**Charlie Lechow**

**Charles McKinney**

**Naomi Michalsky**

**Olivia Miller**

**Ralph Moss**

**Ivan Nelson**

**Andrea Perez**

**Charles Reinert**

**Sid Reinert**

**Nancy Romero**

**Opie Romero**

**Martin Antonio Martinez**

**Joan Sauerhoff**

**Lucille Scharnhorst**

**Gay Schuler**

**Jacob Umanzor**

**Tony Vela**

**Polo Zamora**



*We are proud of all those in our parish who are serving and protecting our country.*

*Thank you and God bless all of you.*

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

### Mass Preparation

November 17, 2019, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20**

*The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.*

**Psalm 98:5-9**

*Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.*

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

*Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.*

**Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19**

*Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.*



### Week of November 1 and 3, 2019

*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### St. Ferdinand:

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| November 1 -- All Saints Day     | <b>\$569.00</b>   |
| November 3 -- Regular Collection | <b>\$4,102.94</b> |
| Building Fund                    | <b>\$1,589.00</b> |

#### Good Shepherd:

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| November 1 -- All Saints Day     | <b>\$162.00</b>   |
| November 3 -- Regular Collection | <b>\$1,334.00</b> |
| Black Bag                        | <b>\$114.35</b>   |

### Second Collection for Today:

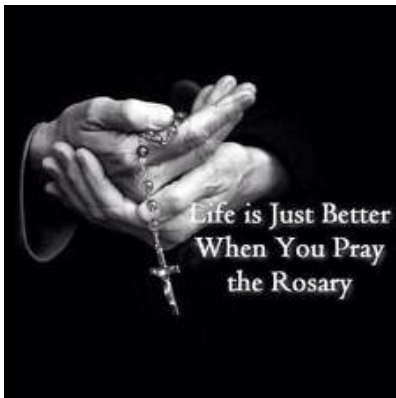
SF: N/A  
GS: Building Fund

## Calendar of Events

November 18 – Knights of Columbus Meeting  
November 28-29 – **No Masses at St. Ferdinand or Good Shepherd**  
November 28-29 – Office Closed

### 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.



## Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

#### ACTS Core Team

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### Altar Server Training, 4th thru 8th Grades

Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at St. Ferdinand at 8:30 a.m.

#### Altar Server Training, High School

Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Ferdinand at 8:30 a.m.

#### Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### Good Shepherd Children's Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

#### 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 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

#### 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 210-427-3060 or [kgebhardt52@gmail.com](mailto:kgebhardt52@gmail.com).

**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)





## *He is not God of the dead, but of the living!*

It's clear that the Sadducees were trying to trip up Jesus when they presented the hypothetical situation of a woman who was married to seven brothers over her lifetime. The Sadducees were an influential group who thought that their strict adherence to the first five books of the Bible (the Law of Moses) left no room for belief in the resurrection of the dead. They thought that presenting such a scenario to Jesus would stump him—and give them reason to accuse him of blasphemy.

But Jesus turned their question around and used it to affirm the promise of the resurrection. Those “deemed worthy . . . to the resurrection of the dead” won’t be married in heaven, he told them. They will be like the angels—immortal (Luke 20:35, 36). Quoting from the Law of Moses, he said that God would not call himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob unless these patriarchs were also living (Exodus 3:6). He is God of the living, “for to him all are alive” (Luke 20:38).

This is indeed good news! Even though we will all one day experience physical death, we will still be alive to God. How could we not be? At our baptism, the immortal and eternal God came to live in us. When we are striving to live our faith, not even death can separate us from God. Someday, when Jesus comes again, he will raise our bodies to new life as well.

The more we hold fast to these truths, the less we will fear death. Rather than looking at it as an ending, we will view it more as a passageway into a new and better life.

This doesn’t mean that we won’t feel some apprehension or anxiety about dying. After all, we really don’t know what heaven will be like. But we can choose to trust in God’s promises. We can believe that if we follow the Lord today, our tomorrow will be brighter than we can possibly imagine.

*“Jesus, thank you for destroying death so that I may live forever!”*

## *No es Dios de los muertos, sino de los vivos!*

Está claro que los saduceos estaban tratando de hacer tropezar Jesús cuando presentaron la situación hipotética de una mujer que estuvo casada con siete hermanos a lo largo de su vida. Los saduceos eran un grupo influyente que pensaba que su estricta adhesión a los primeros cinco libros de la Biblia (la Ley de Moisés) no dejaba espacio para creer en la resurrección de los muertos. Pensaron que presentar tal escenario a Jesús lo confundiría y les daría razones para acusarlo de blasfemia.

Pero Jesús cambió su pregunta y la uso para afirmar su promesa de la resurrección. Aquellos “considerados dignos... a la resurrección de los muertos” no estarás casado en el cielo, les dijo. Serán como los ángeles, inmortales (Lucas 20:35, 36). Citando la Ley de Moisés, dijo que Dios no se llamaría a sí mismo el Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob a menos que estos patriarcas también vivieran (Exodo 3:6). Es Dios de los vivos, “porque para él todos están vivos” (Luke 20:38).

¡Es una buena noticia! Aunque todos algún día experimentaremos la muerte física, seguiremos vivos para Dios. ¿Cómo no podríamos estarlo? En nuestro bautismo, el Dios inmortal y eterno vino a vivir en nosotros. Cuando nos esforzamos por vivir nuestra fe, ni siquiera la muerte puede separarnos de Dios. Algún día, cuando Jesús vuelva EL, también elevará nuestros cuerpos a una nueva vida.

Cuanto más nos aferramos a estas verdades, menos temeremos a la muerte. En lugar de verlo como un final, lo veremos más como un pasadizo hacia una vida nueva y mejor.

Esto no significa que no sintamos cierta aprensión o ansiedad por morir. Después de todo, realmente no sabemos cómo será el cielo. Pero podemos elegir confiar en las promesas de Dios. Podemos creer que si seguimos al Señor hoy, mañana será más brillante de lo que podemos imaginar.

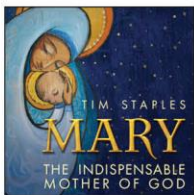
*“Jesús, gracias por destruir la muerte para que pueda vivir para siempre!”*

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PICK OF THE WEEK

### Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

by Tim Staples



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## Youth Fundraiser

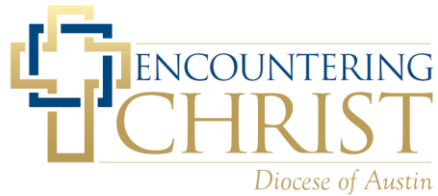
### Light Spectacular – Johnson City

**November 29<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

We will have a booth at Light Spectacular to help us raise funds for DCYC 2020. Our booth will have drinks (Sodas and Water), Hot Homemade Cider, and Popcorn.

If anyone is interested in helping out or interested in donating – Please contact Margie Vasquez (512-924-8558). We appreciate everyone's help – and please plan to visit our booth at Light Spectacular - all the proceeds raised can go toward the DCYC Youth Trip in Waco.

**Thank you ahead of time for helping make this year's fundraiser a success.**



*St. Ferdinand*

Thank you for supporting the local and diocesan wide needs by supporting the *Encountering Christ* campaign! So far, we have reached 85% of our \$300,000 goal! That is over \$254,000 from 49 of our parish families! We will be receiving 70% of the funds collected as soon as we reach this goal and will be using the funds to pay down debt from our Church building cost! The diocese will benefit widely from your contribution, in areas such as helping our retired priests, funding our seminarians, supporting Catholic Charities, aiding our religious education programs, supporting the rapid growth of our diocese, and so much more! If you have not contributed to this campaign, it's not too late! We will be having our in-pew appeal during Mass this weekend and next! Please remember **ONLY** initial pledges are to be given to St. Ferdinand, all payments are to be mailed directly to the diocese. Thank you!



### Knights of Columbus Raffle Get Ready for Christmas!

Three \$500.00 Visa Cards for  
Three Lucky Winners

\$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100

Tickets go on sale this weekend after all Masses

*Drawing will be December 15th*

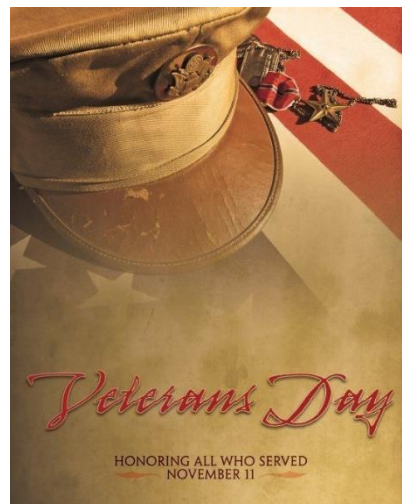


### *Bring back your Baby Banks!*

Bring back your Baby Banks! **Thank you for your commitment to Life!** 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 information or to volunteer, please call the office at 830-833-5227 or email [admin@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:admin@stferdinandblanco.org).

**"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free."**

*Dan Lipinski*



# Religious Education

## St. Ferdinand

### Class Times:

PreK-6<sup>th</sup>: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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

### Clases disponibles:

PreK-6<sup>th</sup>: Domingos 9:30-10:40 a.m. empezando

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Miercoles 6:30-7:45 p.m. empezando

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

### All Saints Celebration & Costume Contest!!!

PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to come to class dressed as saints last week. A warm welcome was extended on Sunday morning to St Mary, St Joseph, St Stephen, St Agnes, St Cecilia, St Michael the Archangel, St Kateri Tekakwitha, and St Moses.



St. Stephen



St. Joseph, St. Agnes,  
& Our Lady of Guadalupe



St. Michael Archangel,  
St. Mary, & St. Joseph



St. Mary & St. Michael  
Archangel



St. Moses & St. Kateri  
Tekakwitha



St. Cecilia

We hope to increase our saint numbers each year. Saints can include the patriarchs, prophets, and other Old Testament figures as described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 61: The patriarchs, prophets and certain other Old Testament figures have been and always will be honored as saints in all the Church's liturgical traditions.

### Mercy, Justice, and Charity

#### Blanco Tots Need Toys Angel Tree

Religious Education classes will be participating in the Blanco Tots Need Toys Christmas gift program along with several area churches during the month of November. A tree with gift request ornaments will be available the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November, in the narthex. All parishioners are invited to select an angel ornament with an age and a wish list to choose from for an individual boy or girl. Gifts will be collected before Mass on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, or gifts may be delivered to the church office by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*If you miss the deadline for Tots Need Toys applications at Blanco Elementary, please contact Susan in the RE Office at 833-0444.*

### Prayer Sponsors Needed

If you would like to pray for students in the RCIA Adapted for Children program and for their family, please contact the DRE at 833-0444.

## Good Shepherd

### Religious Education Classes:

**Pre-K thru 5th Grade:** Wednesday's 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

**Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry:** Once a month on 4th Sunday of the month, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Next class will be Nov. 24th at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. Registration cost \$35.

**High School RICH Youth Ministry:** Every Sunday, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Classes are held every Sunday evening in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. Registration cost \$35.

**Pre-Confirmation Classes:** Next class will be on **Nov. 16th** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classes will be held once a month, this class is for 8th - 12th graders. If you have a student that wants to register for Pre-Confirmation or Confirmation classes - please contact Margie Vasquez.

**Volunteers/Teachers needed:** If you are interested in helping out this year in RE or want more information as to donations, contact Margie Vasquez. If you are interested in volunteering - you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to bulletin for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



### Preparation for Confirmation

In a recent letter to priests regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop Vasquez states: *Baptized adolescents (eighth grade or beyond) who have celebrated First Communion are prepared over a 2-yr period.*

Eighth grade is considered to be the first of two years of preparation prior to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Attendance at Mass and at faith formation classes is especially important during this time. Students who have attended faith formation classes regularly in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade will usually receive confirmation early in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

St. Ferdinand eighth grade classes currently meet from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The Good Shepherd Eighth grade classes meet once a month on Saturday. Please contact Margie Vasquez for schedule. If your child is not yet registered, or has difficulty attending at that time, please call the Director of Religious Education at 833-0444.

Ninth Grade is a part of the Youth Ministry program for St Ferdinand and Good Shepherd. Margie Vasquez is our Youth Minister. If your high school aged child has not yet registered for Faith Formation, please contact Margie at 512-924-8558.

**The date for the next Rite of Confirmation at St Ferdinand is Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**





**EDGE**  
Catholic Middle School Ministry



#### **High School: (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Blanco and Johnson City High School Teens can join RICH (Resting in Christ's Hands) Life Teen Youth Ministry. Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a relationship with God through spiritual, educational, emotional and social experiences. Our Youth Ministry follows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) guidelines for comprehensive youth ministry programs.

Our classes are held every Sunday evening at St. Ferdinand parish hall. We will start the night at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal and move into the lesson and discussion for the evening. So come join us for the fun as we explore deeper into our Catholic faith.

#### **Middle School: (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Blanco and Johnson City Middle School Students can join EDGE Youth Ministry. Edge is a part of the Life Teen middle school youth ministry designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of the middle school adolescents. Next class will be Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. We will meet once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month. Registration cost will be \$35.00

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

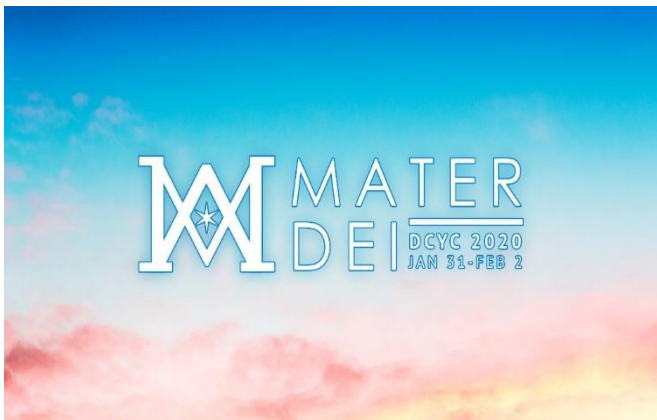
Any youth (**high school or middle school**) wanting to participate can be a part of the **PULSE TEAM**. We meet to discuss and plan - lessons, retreats, lock-in's, service talks, service projects, and learning how to promote spiritual growth in self and others! Please contact Margie Vasquez if you would like to start attending PULSE TEAM meeting.



#### **Youth Ministry Volunteers:**

If you are 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](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org).



## **DCYC 2020**

**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2, 2020  
WACO CONVENTION CENTER, WACO, TX**

Registration for DCYC 2020 is now open! You won't want to miss this year's Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)! This year our theme is Mater Dei. We'll take a deep dive into how Mary draws us ever closer to her Son's heart. Our keynote presenters will be Fr. Josh Johnson, Joelle Maryn, Chika Anyanwu and Armando Cervantes. We can't wait to see you in Waco for DCYC 2020!

The mission of the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) is to provide an opportunity for youth to encounter Christ through liturgy, sacraments and engaging presentations which reflect the diverse needs of the youth of the Austin diocese.

In 2020, we are excited to celebrate 62 years of faith and vitality that our young people bring to the Diocese of Austin. We hope that you can join us Jan. 31-Feb. 2 for this exciting opportunity!

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