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PARISH BULLETIN | January 12, 2020 | The Baptism of the Lord

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.

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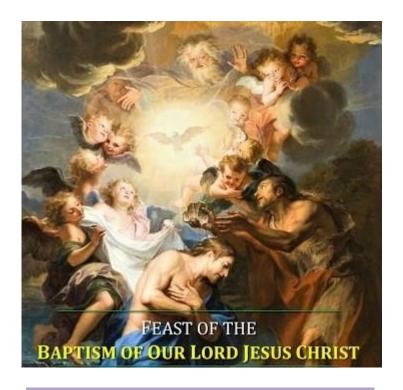
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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 January 11 - January 18, 2020

Saturday, January 11th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Rev. Wade Russell

Saturday, January 11th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, January 12th (GS)

9:00 a.m.

Rosary at 8:25 a.m., Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, January 12th (StF)

11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Souls of Lucille G. Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila and Maria de Jesus Sanchez by Olga Schmidt

Tuesday, January 14th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Wednesday, January 15th (StF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Thursday, January 16th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 16th (GS) No Mass

6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 17th (StF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Saturday, January 18th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Walter Heffner by family and Alfred Lindemann by Anna Barker and family

Saturday, January 18th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd



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.

Joyce (Edge) Bishop Joanne Bodine Michelle Campbell Vanessa Castillo Richard Cole Barbara Crowley Lee Durci Jesse Estrada Steve and Teen Grigory Natalie Hernandez Anna Lee Jones Randall Jones Mike Kleiss Clifford Lane

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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.

Mass Preparation

January 19, 2020, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

God desires obedience

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.



Week of January 5, 2020

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St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection \$4,327.00 Building Fund \$768.60

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection \$1,351.96 Black Bag \$195.00

Second Collection for Today:

SF: N/A

GS: Building Fund

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

January 12 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

January 14 - Catholic Daughters, 7:00 pm, SF Parish Hall

January 15 - Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, SF Parish Hall

January 19 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

January 26 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

Good Shepherd

January 14 - Contemplative Prayer Group, 7:00 pm

January 15 - Youth Choir Practice, 5:30 pm

January 19 - Men's Club Breakfast Tacos following

9:00 am Mass in GS Parish Hall



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.

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand

Meets every Sunday of the month at St. Ferdinand at 8:30 a.m. (following school schedule)

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 Youth Choir

Practice 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Good Shepherd Church

Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact George and Karen Gebhardt (210-216-6771 or 210-427-3060)

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 Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. 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)

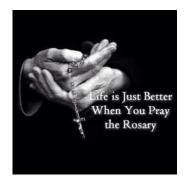
Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

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.

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.



The Baptism of Our Lord

Jesus' birth are over. Baptized by John and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus is now ready to proclaim the good news. So let's take a quick look back at some of the events that have brought us to this point.

We began Advent reading about how all the nations will stream to God's holy mountain (Isaiah 2:1-5). But after that, we read mostly about humble, everyday people: the elderly priest Zechariah; Joseph, a prayerful carpenter and his young wife, Mary; shepherds on a hillside. There's a short journey to Bethlehem, a simple birth, and a child in swaddling clothes. About the most glamorous event was a visit from some mysterious figures from the East.

So where are the "nations" that Isaiah prophesied? Today's feast offers an answer. Jesus isn't waiting for the world to come to him; he is going out to it. He will accept

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. The stories of baptism and then go out and "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). Filled with the Holy Spirit, he will travel all over Palestine and "open the eyes of the blind, . . . bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness" (42:7).

> Ever since the day of his baptism, Jesus has been going out into the world. First he did it himself. Then he sent out Peter and Paul and the other apostles. And now he is sending you. But don't worry; he's not sending you out alone. You are part of the "world" that Jesus is going out to minister to. Today and every day, he comes to fill you with the same Spirit that filled him at his baptism. So place yourself in today's readings. You are God's child, and he is pleased with you. He is asking you to "bring forth justice" to the little corner of "the nations" where you live—and he is with you to help you do it.

"Here I am, Lord! Send me out to share your good news."

El Bautismo de Nuestro Señor

Hoy se celebra el final de la temporada navideña. Las historias del nacimiento de Jesús han terminado. Bautizado por Juan y lleno del Espíritu Santo, Jesús está ahora listo para anunciar la buena nueva. Así que echemos un vistazo rápido a algunos de los eventos que nos han llevado a este punto.

Comenzamos a Leer Adviento acerca de cómo todas las naciones se rendiran a la montaña santa de Dios (Isaías 2:1-5). Pero después de eso, leemos sobre todo sobre personas humildes y cotidianas: el anciano sacerdote Zacarías; José, un carpintero orante y su joven esposa, María; pastores en una ladera. Hay un corto viaje a Belén, un simple nacimiento, y un niño en panales. Sobre el evento más glamoroso fue una visita de algunas figuras misteriosas del Este.

Entonces, ¿dónde están las "naciones" que Isaías profetizó? La fiesta de hoy ofrece una respuesta. Jesús no está esperando a que el mundo venga a él; él va a salir a ella. Aceptará el bautismo y luego saldrá y "dará justicia a las

naciones" (Isaías 42:1). Lleno del Espíritu Santo, viajará por toda Palestina y "abrirá los ojos de los ciegos... sacar a los prisioneros del confinamiento, y de la mazmorra, los que viven en tinieblas" (42:7).

Desde el día de su bautismo, Jesús ha estado saliendo al mundo. Primero lo hizo él mismo. Luego envió a Pedro, Pablo y a los demás apóstoles. Y ahora te está enviando.

Pero no te preocupes; no te está enviando solo. Ustedes son parte del "mundo" al que Jesús va a ministrar. Hoy y todos los días, viene a llenarnos del mismo Espíritu que lo llenó en su bautismo. Así que colócate en las lecturas de hoy. Tú eres el hijo de Dios, y él está complacido contigo. Te está pidiendo que "lleves justicia" al pequeño rincón de "las naciones" donde vives, y él está contigo para ayudarte a hacerlo.

"Aquí estoy, Señor! Envíame a compartir tus buenas noticias."

QUE SON LOS TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA?

Talleres de Oracion y Vida son un servicio eclesial que el Padre Ignacio Larranaga inicio en 1984. El taller consta de quince sesiones, cada sesion dura dos horas y la sesion es semanal. El trabajo principal se realiza durante la semana, en la vida diaria.

Los Talleres son dirigidos por un Guia, el cual recibe de antemano una preparacion intensiva, llamada "Escuela de Preparacion para Guias" durante un ano. Al frente de los Guias hay un Equipo Local, cuya funcion es organizar y controlar la marcha de los Talleres. Tambien existen los Equipos Nacionales, Zonales (varios paises) e Internacionales.

EL TALLER ES:

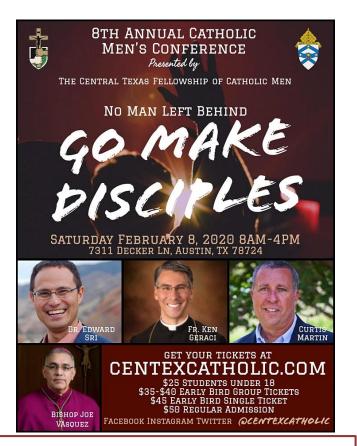
- a. Una Escuela de Oracion: se aprende y profundiza en el arte de orar con un caracter experimental y practico, desde los primeros pasos hasta la altura de la contemplacion.
- Una Escuela de Vida: El asistente va superando paso a paso, el mundo interior de angustias y ansiedades, miedos y tristezas e inundandose de paz, a travez del conocimiento de **DIOS** y de uno mismo.
- **c.** Una Escuela Apostolica: Se quiere que el Taller sea una fuente de vocaciones apostolicas.

En suma, los TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA son un eficaz programa de NUEVA EVANGELIZACION El taller compromete al asistente en tres dimensiones: Con **DIOS**, consigo mismo y con los demas.

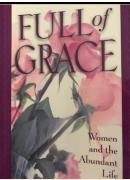
Vengan - Los esperamos!!

Iniciaremos el 10 de Febrero 2020 de las 7:00 PM a las 9:00 PM en la Iglesia Catolica ST FERDINAND en Blanco TX Para mas informacion llame a Maria Rodriguez 830-613-0291





If anyone would like to go to the Catholic Men's Conference and you need a ride, contact Dcn. Jessie at 806-773-5706.



Father has spoken about a New Year's resolution to deepen your spiritual life. We hope to offer eight sessions called Women of Faith, once in the morning after the 9:00 AM weekday Mass about 9:45 AM or once in the evening at 6:30 PM. The sessions will be about 1.25 hours. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the Church after the Masses this weekend, January 11-12, 2020. The day(s) will be chosen by the

majority who sign up. The sessions will begin the week of January 20th.

During this eight-week journey, you will meet some of the great women saints, from the perspective of the church and sacred scripture. The goal is to enhance your spiritual path that leads to the heart of God through the abundant life of Jesus Christ. These sessions will be facilitated by Kathy Cain.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Cudd in the office 830-833-5227 between 1-6 PM.

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Session 2 - The Rite Explained



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Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 25



Join thousands of Catholics to pray for an end to abortion on Jan. 25. We will start the day with a prayer vigil at 8 a.m. in front of an abortion facility at 501 E. Ben White in Austin. Then two Masses will be offered at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin (2345 Oak Crest Ave.) and St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin (7601 Burnet Rd.). The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 9:15 a.m. before each Mass. Then join us for the March for Life at 1 p.m. at 14th Street and San Jacinto in downtown Austin. We will march to the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. on the south steps of the State Capitol. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day.

Donation Acknowledgement Letters Available Now!

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. We can email the letter to you or if you prefer receiving a hard copy, 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.

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Class Times:

PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m. Classes resume January 12th

7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m. Classes resume January 15^{th}

Please contact the DRE if you can help to provide light snacks.



Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4^{th} Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Classes will resume on January 26, 2020.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Every Sunday, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Classes are held in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. Classes will resume on Jan. 12th, 2020.

Pre-Confirmation Classes: Classes are held once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 am -11:30 am at the Good Shepherd RE building. This class is for 8^{th} grade -12^{th} grade. If you need information about Pre-confirmation or confirmation requirements, please contact Margie Vasquez. **Classes will resume on Jan. 11th, 2020.**

Volunteers/Teachers: If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program, or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

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High School: $(9^{th} - 12^{th})$

Blanco and Johnson City High School Teens can join RICH (Resting in Christ's Hands). We utilize the Life Teen Program. 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 (USSCB) guidelines for comprehensive youth ministry

programs. Our classes are held every Sunday at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. We start the evening at 5:30 pm with a light meal and move into the lesson and discussion for the evening. Classes will resume on January 12th, 2020. Come celebrate the Christmas Season with us!!

Middle School: 6th - 8th)

Blanco and Johnson City Middle School Students can join EDGE Youth Ministry. EDGE is a part of the Life Teen middle school youth ministry. We meet once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Classes will resume on January 26th, 2020 at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

Confirmation:

Classes for 2020 Confirmation are to begin on January 19th, 2020. Please plan on attending to receive a schedule of dates, service hour information, requirement information for Confirmation as well as Program information. Registration for Confirmation will be \$45.00 (which also registers the student for RICH high school classes) – Classes to be held once a month during the RICH nights from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

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 will meet to discuss and plan – lessons, retreats, lock-ins, service talks, service projects, and learning how to promote spiritual growth in self and in others! Please contact Margie Vasquez if you would like to start attending.



Youth Ministry Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in helping in our program or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM 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 for any of our programs, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email: margie@stferdinandblanco.org

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