

# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

## Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | May 3, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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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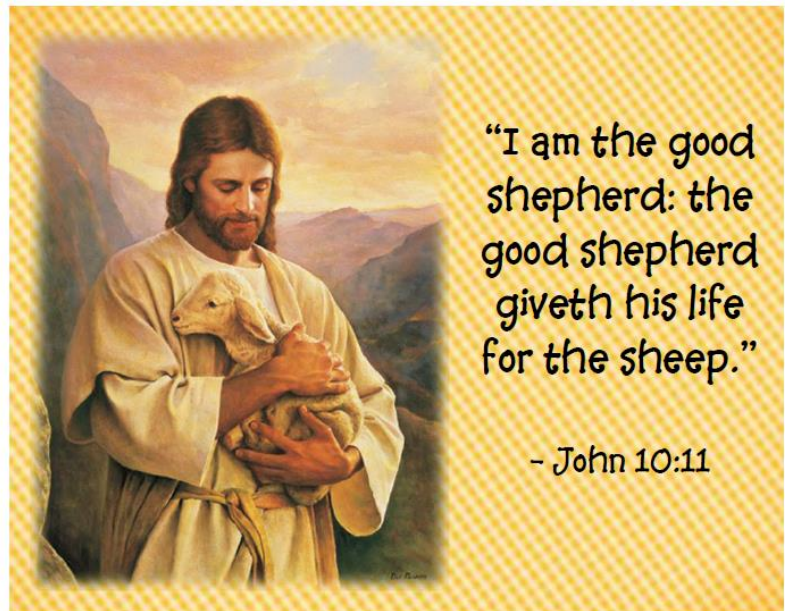
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Until further notice, all Masses at St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd have been cancelled.  
Sunday Mass is streamed live at [stferdinandblanco.org](http://stferdinandblanco.org) at 10:00 am.

## 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.



### Private Masses for Week of May 3 – May 8, 2020

#### Sunday, May 3rd

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

#### Tuesday, May 5th

Repose of the Soul of Fr. Greg Romanski

#### Wednesday, May 6th

Repose of the Soul of Fr. Peter McCabe

#### Thursday, May 7th

Souls in Purgatory

#### Friday, May 8th

Repose of the Soul of Fr. Peter McCabe

### Mass Preparation

May 10, 2020, The Presentation of the Lord

#### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

*The Lord you seek will come to the temple.*

#### Psalm 24:7-10

*The Lord is the king of glory.*

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

*Jesus became like us in order to save us.*

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

*Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.*

## 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.

Patricia Althaus  
Maggie Atkinson  
Bobby Bindseil  
Clara Jo Bindseil  
Joyce (Edge) Bishop  
Joanne Bodine  
Michelle Campbell  
Vanessa Castillo  
Richard Cole  
Barbara Crowley  
Callie Dieter  
Lee Durci  
Jesse Estrada  
Natalie Hernandez  
Anna Lee Jones  
Randall Jones  
Mike Kleiss

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Joan Sauerhoff  
Lucille Scharnhorst  
Gay Schuler  
James Slaughter  
Jacob Umanzor  
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).





**Week of April 26, 2020**

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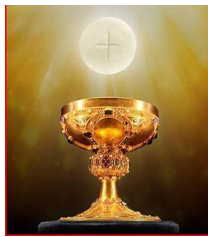
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**Good Shepherd:**

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*An Act of Spiritual  
Communion*



*My* Dearest Jesus,

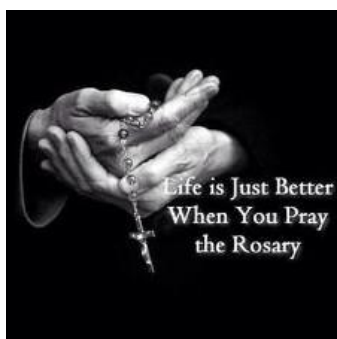
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**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)

**Good Shepherd Youth Choir**

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

**Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Anne's Altar Society**

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 am 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).

**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.



## *I am the Good Shepherd!*

*The shepherd calls his own sheep by name. (John 10:3)*

Good Shepherd Sunday often brings bucolic scenes to mind. Picture a well-groomed shepherd, crook in hand, seated peacefully in lush, green pastures, surrounded by docile sheep. It's beautiful, isn't it?

But such an image falls short on two counts. First, shepherd and flock are often dirty and decidedly *not* peaceful. Second, Jesus called himself a "shepherd" as a rebuke to the Jewish leaders who had just rejected him and cast out a man he had cured of blindness. A true shepherd, Jesus told them, knows his sheep well and leads them with care. And Jesus, the *good* shepherd, goes so far that he "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

We can read Jesus' words here as a course correction for his opponents, but we can learn something for ourselves as well. For we are all shepherds for God's people in one way or another. We are all called to care for his people by following in Jesus' footsteps. Our "flock" may include our children, our parents, or our catechism class. We may be quiet shepherds welcoming a new family at church or mentoring a coworker. But no matter who is in our flock, we need to remember that the sheep belong to Jesus and not to us. He treasures each one of them and wants us to reflect his own love and self-sacrifice.

So ask yourself, "How well do I know my sheep? Do I know the names of my coworkers or fellow parishioners? Do I know the challenges my loved ones are facing?" Sometimes we are so busy with our own affairs that we overlook the hurt, weariness, or fear in someone right next to us. But following Jesus' example, we can set aside our concerns, "call them by name," and listen to their needs. Perhaps we can even lead them to a place of peace. That's one small way to be a shepherd for God's sheep.

*"Jesus, help me to lay down my life for your sheep today."*

## *¡Yo soy el buen pastor!*

*El pastor llama a su propia oveja por su nombre. (Juan 10:3)*

El Domingo del Buen Pastor a menudo trae escenas bucólicas a la mente. Imagínate a un pastor bien arreglado, ladrón en mano, sentado pacíficamente en exuberantes pastos verdes, rodeado de ovejas dóciles. Es hermoso, ¿no?

Pero tal imagen se queda corta en dos cargos. En primer lugar, el pastor y el rebaño a menudo están sucios y decididamente no son pacíficos. Segundo, Jesús se llamó a sí mismo un "pastor" como una reprimenda a los líderes judíos que acababan de rechazarlo y expulsó a un hombre que había curado de la ceguera. Un verdadero pastor, les dijo Jesús, conoce bien a sus ovejas y las guía con cuidado. Y Jesús, el buen pastor, va tan lejos que "da su vida por las ovejas" (Juan 10:11).

Podemos leer las palabras de Jesús aquí como una corrección de curso para sus oponentes, pero también podemos aprender algo por nosotros mismos. Porque todos somos pastores del pueblo de Dios de una manera u otra. Todos estamos llamados a cuidar de su pueblo siguiendo los pasos de Jesús. Nuestro "rebaño" puede incluir a nuestros hijos, nuestros padres o nuestra clase de catecismo. Podemos ser pastores tranquilos dando la bienvenida a una nueva familia en la iglesia o asesorando a un compañero de trabajo. Pero no importa quién esté en nuestro rebaño, debemos recordar que las ovejas pertenecen a Jesús y no a nosotros. Atesora a cada uno de ellos y quiere que reflejemos su propio amor y sacrificio.

Así que pregúntate: "¿Qué tan bien conozco a mis ovejas? ¿Conozco los nombres de mis compañeros de trabajo o de mis compañeros de feligres? ¿Sé los desafíos que enfrentan mis seres queridos?" A veces estamos tan ocupados con nuestros propios asuntos que pasamos por alto el daño, el cansancio o el miedo en alguien a nuestro lado. Pero siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, podemos dejar de lado nuestras preocupaciones, "llámalas por su nombre" y escuchar sus necesidades. Tal vez podamos llevarlos a un lugar de paz. Esa es una pequeña manera de ser un pastor de las ovejas de Dios.

*"Jesús, ayúdame a dar mi vida por tus ovejas hoy."*

***Jesus, the Good Shepherd, call out to us when we are straying from the course you've set, lead us when we are lost. Even when we stand at the gate unwilling to enter, we pray that you will patiently wait for us to follow. Amen.***



## Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus,

*Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.*

*Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.*

*Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.*

*And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.*

*Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.*

*St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.*

*Our Sunday Visitor*

## Mass On the Air

Mass is available through several television, internet, radio and subscription outlets in the Diocese of Austin. All times are Central Standard and subject to change. Please consult the individual websites for any changes to the schedule.

Visit St. Ferdinand's website at  
<https://www.stferdinandblanco.org>

or

Visit the Diocese of Austin website at  
<https://www.austindiocese.org/mass-on-the-air> to find the Masses that are available.



## St. Joseph the Worker, Feast Day May 1

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”



To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

# Religious Education

## St. Ferdinand

### Class Times:

**PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m.**

**7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**St Ferdinand Religious Education Classes will follow the BISD schedule for closures for classes held in the RE Building.** Religious Education classes are currently being covered through home learning. All grade levels meet weekly with their catechists online when possible. Catechists may also check in with families via phone. Please contact the DRE or your child's catechist for more information.

**While masses are suspended,** follow St Ferdinand's mass through the eCatholic box on the homepage at [www.stferdinandblanco.org](http://www.stferdinandblanco.org), at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, or watch a recording later. Join yourself to the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith—by making an act of spiritual communion found in this bulletin. Read the Gospels and pray with your families. Pray the Angelus, rosary, or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### Masses On Youtube:

Catholic Sunday Mass Online (with children) from Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore  
Daily Mass with Word on Fire (Bishop Robert Barron)

### Praying Together When We Are Apart - Daily Prayer

Enrich your family's faith life, draw encouragement, and stay connected to the church through several different publications containing the Daily readings, Order of the Mass, and information about saints. The publications below are currently offering *free* digital access, apps, or digital downloads of their April and May issues:

### Magnificat <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Offers online access or app format of beautiful prayers for both morning and evening drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday, and articles giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art.

### MagnifiKid for children

<https://us.magnificat.net/flipbook/KID/sample/84/> includes the order of mass and readings for each Sunday in a colorful child friendly format

### Give Us This Day <https://offers.giveusthisday.org/free-resources>

Morning prayer, profiles of saintly witnesses, Mass texts, reflections, evening prayer available as a pdf download or app.

### The Word Among Us <https://wau.org/>

*The Word Among Us*, with the help of the USCCB, is honored to provide complimentary access to the daily Mass readings and their entire website to help people pray from home.

### Happy Easter!!!

We are people of the Resurrection. Jesus taught us to have faith, and to live by faith.

## Good Shepherd

### Religious Education Classes:

Due to the COVID-19, the Diocese of Austin has instructed us to follow suit with our local school districts. **All RE Classes are cancelled until April 8<sup>th</sup>. Pre-Confirmation Classes are cancelled until May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

We will send out emails to parents that have students in Sacramental classes so students will be continuing certain lessons at home. Catechist's and Youth Minister's will be in contact with parents as to resources and online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.

**Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday's 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

**Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry:** Once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

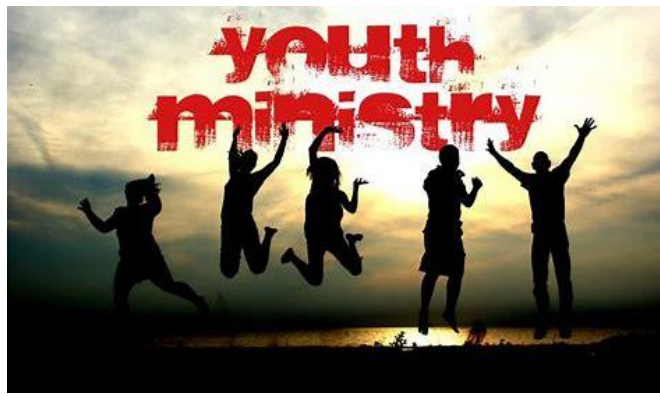
**High School RICH Youth Ministry:** Every Sunday, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Classes are held in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

**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<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you need information about Pre-confirmation or confirmation requirements, please contact Margie Vasquez.

**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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Due to the COVID-19, the Diocese of Austin has instructed us to follow suit with our local school districts. **All RICH Classes are Cancelled until April 5<sup>th</sup>. All EDGE Classes are Cancelled until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Class Cancelled until April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

We will send out emails to parents that have students in Confirmation classes to keep parents informed as to plan for lessons and any additional assignments or instructions. Students have online assignments that have already been assigned and will continue with this online program. Youth Minister's will be in contact with students and parents as to resources and other online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.



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

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 (USCCB) 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.

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

#### **Confirmation:**

Please plan on completing the scheduled modules online before our next gathering session. If you need more information on dates, program schedule, or service hour requirements, please email me at [margie@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org). Classes will be held once a month during 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](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org)

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