Saint Ferdinand & Good Shepherd Catholic Churches

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Parish Bulletin | July 5, 2020 | The Fourteenth 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.

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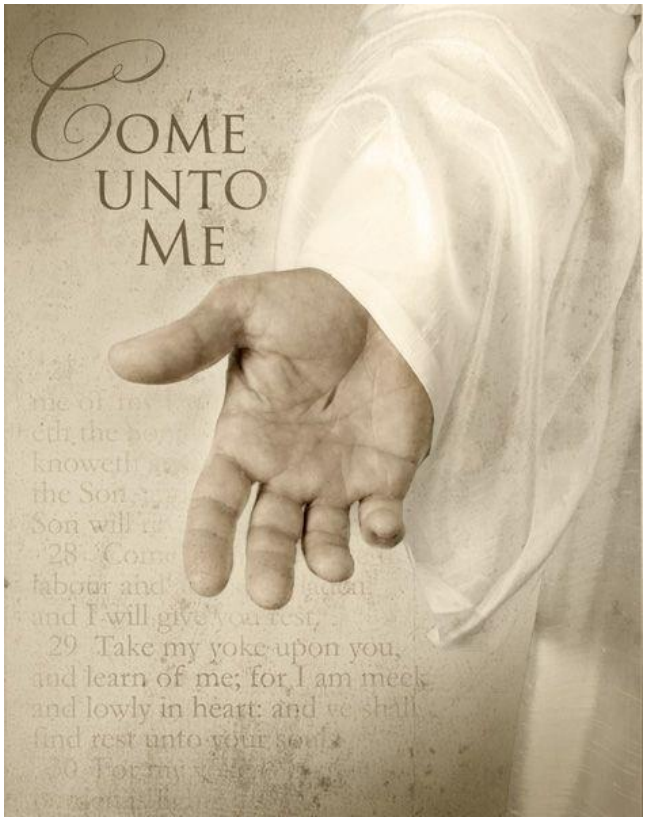

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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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, contact the Church office. 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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Masses for July 4 – July 11, 2020

Saturday, July 4th (SF) **5:00 p.m.**
Repose of the Soul of John Geldorf by family

Sunday, July 5th (GS) **9:00 a.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Dudley Morales, Jr. by Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, July 5th (SF) **11:00 a.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Neyle Marshall by Marlene Hagesfeld and the Marshall family and the Soul of Josephine Eno

Tuesday, July 7th (SF) **9:00 a.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Wilma Ulcak

Wednesday, July 8th (SF) **9:00 a.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin

Thursday, July 9th (SF) **9:00 a.m.**
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 9th (GS) **6:00 p.m.**
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 10th (SF) **9:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Saturday, July 11th (SF) **5:00 p.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst by Tim and Kathy Ivy

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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
Vincent Lee Fischler
Vicki Gonzales & Mariana
Natalie Hernandez
Anna Lee Jones
Randall Jones
Mike Kleiss
Clifford Lane
Abby and Judy Lantier
Charlie Lechow
Raul Martinez Jr.
Segunda Martinez
Charles McKinney
Elsie Meurer
Naomi Michalsky
Tim Nance
Ivan Nelson
Charles Reinert
Sid Reinert
Pancha Rodriguez
Lupe Ruvalcaba
Joan Sauerhoff
Gay Schuler
James Slaughter
Claudia Kay Smith
Jacob Umanzor
Polo Zamora
Susie 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.

Week of June 28, 2020
Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	**$3,260.00**
Black Bag	**$56.00**

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	**$492.00**
Building Fund	**$50.00**

Second Collection for Today:

SF: Building Fund
GS: Black Bag

Calendar of Events
St. Ferdinand

July 15 – Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Ferdinand Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

Calendar of Events
Good Shepherd

August 5 – Good Shepherd Men's Club, 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Mass Preparation
July 12, 2020, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Psalm 65:10-14
A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23
Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

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 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. 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.

Mass On the Air

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.

We are not debtors to the flesh. (Romans 8:12)

Whether it's a mortgage, a loan from a family member, credit cards, or something else, most of us have some experience of being debtors. We feel the burden of knowing our creditors have some degree of power over us. At times it can feel like having a heavy yoke tied to our shoulders. We also know how freeing it is to be released from a debt. Making that final payment feels so good that we just want to celebrate!

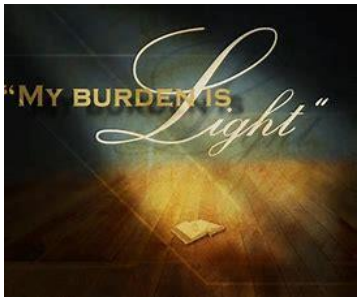
In today's second reading, St. Paul uses this image of indebtedness to encourage us: "We are not debtors to the flesh" (Romans 8:12). The flesh—that part of you that is attracted to sin—has no more power over you. Because you have been baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, you have died and risen with him. You have died to sin and no longer owe it any allegiance. Raised up with Christ, you now have a way out when temptation arises.

Think how wonderful it feels to walk through a temptation and come out on the other side unharmed. Or think about how comforting it is to know that you don't have to be bound by guilt or destined to repeat your past sins. Of course, this is easier said than done. We know how strong our fallen desires can be, especially when it comes to habitual sins that have woven their way into our lives. But Paul is announcing a truth that can sustain us if we should fall into sin, just as it can inspire us in the midst of temptation.

So if you lose a battle here or there, you can pray, "Lord, you know how weak I am, but I believe that this sin does not define me. Thank you, Jesus, for abolishing my debt to the flesh!"

Jesus has broken the yoke of sin. So take up his yoke—the yoke of faith and trust—and let him give you rest (Matthew 11:29). Let his good news wash over you today: you are not bound to sin. You don't owe it anything!

"All praise to you, Jesus, for setting me free from the flesh!"



No somos deudores de la carne. (Romans 8:12)

Ya sea una hipoteca, un préstamo de un familiar, tarjetas de crédito o algo más, la mayoría de nosotros tenemos alguna experiencia de ser deudores. Sentimos que la carga de saber que nuestros acreedores tienen cierto grado de poder sobre nosotros. A veces se siente como tener un yugo pesado atado a nuestros hombros. También sabemos lo liberador que es ser liberado de una deuda. ¡Hacer ese pago final se siente tan bien que sólo queremos celebrar!

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo utiliza esta imagen de endeudamiento para animarnos: "No somos deudores de la carne" (Romanos 8:12). La carne —esa parte de ti que se siente atraída por el pecado— no tiene más poder sobre ti. Debido a que han sido bautizados en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, han muerto y resucitado con él. Has muerto al pecado y ya no le debes ninguna lealtad. Levantado con Cristo, ahora tienes una salida cuando surge la tentación.

Piensa en lo maravilloso que se siente al caminar a través de una tentación y salir ileso del otro lado. O piensa en lo reconfortante que es saber que no tienes que estar atado por la culpa o destinado a repetir tus pecados pasados. Por supuesto, esto es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. Sabemos cuán fuertes pueden ser nuestros deseos caídos, especialmente cuando se trata de pecados habituales que se han entretejido su camino en nuestras vidas. Pero Pablo está anunciando una verdad que puede sostenernos si caemos en el pecado, así como puede inspirarnos en medio de la tentación.

Así que si pierdes una batalla aquí o allá, puedes orar: "Señor, sabes lo débil que soy, pero creo que este pecado no me define. ¡Gracias, Jesús, por abolir mi deuda con la carne!"

Jesús ha roto el yugo del pecado. Así que toma su yugo —el yugo de la fe y la confianza— y deja que te de descanso (Mateo 11:29). Deja que sus buenas noticias te banen hoy: no estás obligados a pecar . ¡No debes nada!

"¡Todos te alaban , Jesús, por liberarme de la carne!"

Word of God, we look to you today and every day for guidance and growth. We know you have the words of everlasting life. Help us to hear them with our hearts and live them through our actions. Amen.

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Fraudulent e-mails

Please be aware that certain individuals have been sending emails and texts that appear to be from Bishop Vásquez or a priest from our diocese.

The phishing emails often ask the recipient to respond to questions like *"how are you doing"* or "*I need a favor from you"* so that they can engage the recipient and then ask for money or gift cards. These are fraudulent emails; please do not respond. **Bishop Vasquez nor any of the pastors will ask for money or a gift card through an email or a text**. Some of the emails sent to our parishioners supposedly by Fr. Brion mentioned that he was in a meeting and was asking for you to email him or buy gift cards for him. DON'T DO IT!

If you receive one of these emails, report the phishing to your local police whether you are a victim or not. Also file a complaint with spam@uce.gov, reportphishing@apwg.org .

Do not click on links within an email especially from someone who you do not know. If you know the sender, call to verify.

Do not open an email attachment unless you are expecting it and you know what it contains.

Don't miss the opportunity to give your sacrament the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience this summer! WWME is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for only a short time or many years. In these unprecedented times of isolation and social distancing, the need for a healthy marriage relationship is more important than ever, and WWME is here to come to you! Experiences are available online for you to participate in from the comfort of your own homes in two formats: Traditional Friday-Sunday Weekend (June 26-28 & July 31-August 2) or the 7-session 3RE enrichment on Monday/Thursday evenings over 4 weeks (June 29-July 20). For more information and to apply online, visit wwme10.org/Virtual, call 512-677-WWME (9963), or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

12th Annual Men's Mass

Bishop Joe Vasquez will celebrate the 12th annual Men's Mass July 18th at 9:30 am at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin.

Join us via live stream or in person. The Mass is hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men.

For more information, visit www.centexcatholic.com.

Quo Vadis: A High School Men's Retreat

The Diocese of Austin Vocations Office invites all 2020-2021 high school men to attend their annual retreat at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, July 24-26. This retreat dives deep into the truth of who they were created to be as men - as Sons of the Father.

Cost is $35 which covers your lodging, food and supplies. Scholarships are available for those in need of assistance. Contact Adrian at (512) 949-2430 for more information. Payment details will be provided in the confirmation email you receive after registering. The deadline to register for this event is 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

Visit the Austin Vocations website for more information at https://qv.godiscalling.me/.

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
Have a blessed, safe summer!

Roar Vacation Bible School July 20-24!
Watch this space next week for news about Roar Home Based Vacation Bible School July 20-24! We are getting creative about how we can bring VBS to you this year.

Praying Together
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 June 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. Magnificat is currently offering 3 months of the print edition, or 6 months of their online format for $5.

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.

Only by praying together with their children can a father and mother – exercising their royal priesthood – penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface.

Pope St John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*

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Religious Education Classes:

Due to the COVID-19, the Diocese of Austin has instructed us to follow suit with our local school districts. **All Classes are cancelled until further notice.**

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.

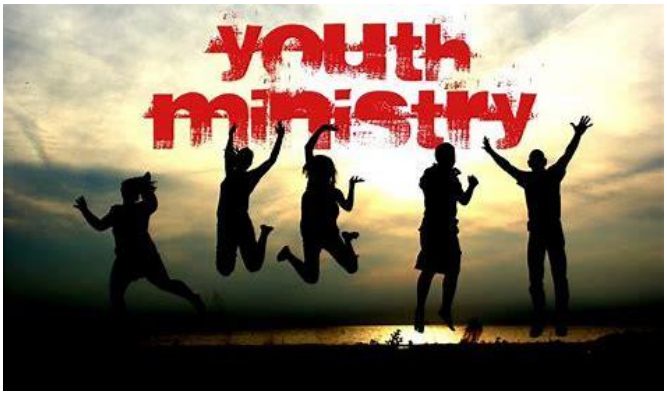
Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4th 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 8th grade – 12th 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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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: (9th – 12th)
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.

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.

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. 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

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