

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | January 9, 2022, Feast of 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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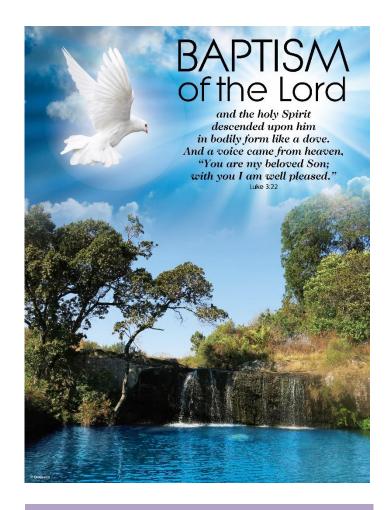
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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, 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.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, when a mass is subject to cancelation, the mass intentions will be reset accordingly.

Masses for January 8, 2022 - January 15, 2022

Saturday, January 8th (SF)	5:00 p.m.
For all Souls in Purgatory by Sharon Glosson	

Saturday, January 8th (SF)	7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	

Sunday, January 9th (GS)	9:00 a.m.
Parishioners of Good Shenherd and St. Ferdinand	

Sunday, January 9th (SF)	11:00 a.m
Repose of the Soul of Harry Lee Hykel b	ov Joe and Vicki Guidry

Tuesday, January 11th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
No Mass	
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Wednesday, January 12th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
No Mass	

Thursday, January 13th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
No Mass	

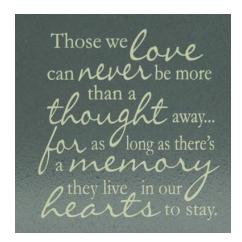
Thursday, January 13th (GS)	6:00 p.m.
No Mass	

Friday, January 14th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
No Moss	

Saturday, January 15th (SF)	5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of Herman and Thelka Weber by	the

Repose of the Souls of Herman and Thelka Weber by the Hartmann family

Saturday, January 15th (SF) 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd





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.

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Maggie Atkinson	Segunda Martinez
Llano Baumgartner	Charles McKinney
Chris Berryhill	Elsie Meurer
Gene Beyer	Jane Murrell
Don Blanton	Tim Nance
Gaelynn Brown	Ivan Nelson
Vanessa Castillo	Devin Newsome
Barbara Crowley	Gloria Preiss
Jack Cudd	Charles Reinert
Roselle Fischler	Sid Reinert
Jane Foegelle	Miguel Ruiz, Jr.
Pete Garcia	Lupe Ruvalcaba
Jim Gronke	Josie Salazar
Derek Haltom	Margareta Schaeffner
Myles Harris	Josh Strodtbeck
Charles Jennings	Jacob Umanzor
Charles Michael Jones	Eva Vargas (Martinez)
Randall Jones	Kippi Versluis
Virginia Kainer	Pedro Villegas
Robert Kratky	Connie West
Mike Kleiss	Daniel Zamora
David Laumer	Polo Zamora
Jeanette Lavelle	Susie Zamora
Jane Martin	



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: admin@stferdinandblanco.org. Unless you are an immediate family member, please obtain permission from the person whose name is being placed on the list prior to submission.

> "The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better."



Week of January 2, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection \$4,068.00 Building Fund \$833.97

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection \$959.00 Building Fund \$116.00

The Second Collection for today is for the Black Bag.

Calendar of Events St. Ferdinand

January 11-14 – No Weekday Masses January 18 – No 9am Mass

Calendar of Events Good Shepherd

January 13 - No 6pm Masses



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.

Good Shepherd Vocations Chalice

If your family feels called to pray with the Vocations Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by calling him directly at 713-569-9491.



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 Contemplative Prayer

Every 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month. Winter hours are at 3:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact Karen Gordesky at 512-917-8069.

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Ferdinand Men's Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 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 830-833-3210 for more information.

Practices are currently suspended due to COVID.

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 Preparation

January 16, 2022, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Psalm 96:1-3,7-10

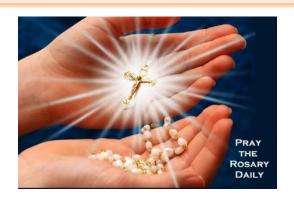
A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 3:16)
Now that's a promise worth remembering: Jesus wants to baptize us with his own Holy Spirit! But what does this mean?

Let's look first at Jesus' experience of the Spirit. Luke tells us that at Jesus' baptism, "the Holy Spirit descended upon" him (3:22). On that day, Jesus received the Spirit in a new way—a gift from God that would empower him and set him on the path of ministry, service, and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already fully God, the Spirit of God still came upon him.

Luke includes a small but important detail in his account. As the Spirit descended on him, the Father called out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, emphasis added). He spoke directly to Jesus. He told him how delighted he was in his Son's obedience, humility, and trust in him. Baptized, or immersed, in water, Jesus was also immersed in the Holy Spirit that day.

When you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon you, and God claimed you as his beloved child as well. He entered into a new, unbreakable relationship with you, and you became a new creation in Christ (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1279).

But God doesn't want to fill you with his Spirit only at your baptism. He wants to baptize you—immerse you—in his Spirit again and again so that you can be filled with his love and equipped for the work God has for you. Again and again, he wants to tell you, "You are my beloved child. I love you. I am pleased to have you in my family."

Even if it has been decades since you were baptized, God still wants to fill you with his Spirit. So don't be afraid to ask for more: more of his love, and more of his power in your life.

"Jesus, fill me with your Spirit. Let me know your love in a new way today!"

Lord Jesus, your coming into our world is pure gift. Make us worthy ambassadors of your name and your kingdom, providing a well of expectant hope for a weary world



Él te bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. (Lucas 3:16) Ahora bien, esa es una promesa que vale la pena recordar: ¡Jesús quiere bautizarnos con su propio Espíritu Santo! Pero, ¿qué significa esto?

Veamos primero la experiencia de Jesús del Espíritu. Lucas nos dice que en el bautismo de Jesús, "el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él" (3:22). Ese día, Jesús recibió el Espíritu de una manera nueva, un regalo de Dios que lo empoderaría y lo pondría en el camino del ministerio, el servicio y, en última instancia, la muerte y la resurrección. Aunque Jesús ya era completamente Dios, el Espíritu de Dios todavía vino sobre él.

Lucas incluye un pequeño pero importante detalle en su relato. Cuando el Espíritu descendió sobre él, el Padre gritó: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; con vosotros estoy bien complacido" (Lucas 3:22, énfasis anadida). Él habló directamente a Jesús. Le dijo lo encantado que estaba en la obediencia, humildad y confianza de su Hijo en él. Bautizado, o sumergido, en agua, Jesús también fue sumergido en el Espíritu Santo ese día.

Cuando fuiste bautizado, el Espíritu Santo vino sobre ti, y Dios tambien te reclamó como su hijo amado también. Él entró en una relación nueva e inquebrantable contigo, y te convertiste en una nueva creación en Cristo (ver *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 1279).

Pero Dios no quiere llenarte con su Espíritu sólo en tu bautismo. Él quiere bautizarte, sumergirte, en su Espíritu una y otra vez para que puedas ser lleno de su amor y equipado para la obra que Dios tiene para ti. Una y otra vez, él quiere decirte: "Tú eres mi hijo amado. Te amo. Me complace tenerte en mi familia."

Incluso si han pasado décadas desde que fuiste bautizado, Dios todavía quiere llenarte con su Espíritu. Así que no tengas miedo de pedir más: más de su amor y más de su poder en tu vida.

"Jesús, lléname de tu Espíritu. ¡Déjame conocer tu amor de una manera nueva hoy!"

Señor Jesús, tu venida a nuestro mundo es puro regalo. Haznos dignos embajadores de tu nombre y de tu reino, proporcionando un pozo de esperanza expectante para un mundo cansado.

Are you Registered in the Parish?

Often times people attend Mass for months or sometimes years but never really officially register. Registering here at St. Ferdinand or Good Shepherd is a sincere expression of your commitment to being part of our parish community. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it's time for receiving sacraments, registering for religious education, and receiving parish mailings or emails. There are two ways to register:

- Online: visit our website at stferdinandblanco.org or goodshepherdjctx.org, select Parish Registration under the "About" tab.
- White Registration Form for St. Ferdinand or Lavender Registration Form for Good Shepherd: located in the narthex (foyer) of each church or in the parish office. You can return it to the parish office or for your convenience, drop it in the offertory basket during Mass.

We warmly invite you to join our parish family as

We come together to know Christ, and through Him love generously to transform our world.

Donation Acknowledgement Letters Available after January 1, 2022

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 admin@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.

Couples invited to experience Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a weekend opportunity for married couples to focus on their marriage, improve communication, deepen intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care. Come and experience the beauty of the sacrament of matrimony in a whole new way!

The weekend retreat is Jan. 7-9 at the Wyndham Hotel in Round Rock. Early registration is recommended.

Details: austinme.org or contact www.eaustin@gmail.com or

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LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

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CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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Attention Men Do you feel a call to serve as a deacon?

Men between the ages of 30 and 59 sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate and their wives are invited to attend one of the following Inquiry Sessions offered by the Office of Diaconal Formation.

Feb. 13: St. John the Evangelist Parish in Marble Falls, 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls

March 13: St. Joseph Parish in Killeen, 2903 E. Rancier Ave, Killeen

April 10: Santa Cruz Parish in Buda, 1100 Main St, Buda

Applications for the Diaconal Formation Class of 2028 will be accepted starting Dec. 1, 2021. Additional information can be found at www.austindiocese.org/welcome.

Los hombres entre 30 y 59 años de edad que sientan el llamado de Dios al diaconado permanente y sus esposas están invitados a asistir a una de las siguientes sesiones de información ofrecidas por la Oficina de Formación Diaconal.

13 de febrero: St. John the Evangelist en Marble Falls, 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls

13 de marzo: St. Joseph en Killeen, 2903 E. Rancier Ave, Killeen

10 de abril: Santa Cruz en Buda, 1100 Main St, Buda

Las solicitudes para la Clase de Formación Diaconal de 2028 se aceptarán a partir del 1 de diciembre de 2021. Se puede encontrar información adicional

en <u>www.austindiocese.org/welcome</u>.



Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education – Susan Moore susan@stferdinandblanco.org or 830-833-0444

Sunday classes resume January 9th **Wednesday** classes resume January 19th

Like Mary, may we listen and pray with gratitude and thankfulness for the real presence of God in our lives

FINDING JOY - SAN MARCOS DEANERY CATECHIST RETREAT.



inspired by the book *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick, will be held at St Ferdinand on Saturday, March 5, 2022, 9:00-3:30. The retreat is designed with catechists in mind. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Bring your spouses and friends. We hope to see everyone there!

Parishes in the deanery include: Santa Cruz in Buda St Anthony Marie de Claret in Kyle St John the Evangelist in San Marcos St Mary in Wimberley Good Shepherd in Johnson City St Martin de Porres in Dripping Springs St Ferdinand in Blanco

The day will begin with Mass celebrated by Father Brion, followed by breakfast, a keynote presentation by Edgar Ramirez, vendor exhibits, and two afternoon workshop sessions. Sessions will be available in English and Spanish. Lunch will be provided.

Afternoon workshops will be offered by Fr Brion and the following speakers:

- Edgar Ramirez,
- Gustavo Rodriguez, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis
- · Dcn Gregg Sudderth of St Mary's in Wimberley,
- Dcn. Noel Caballero of St Anthony Marie de Claret in Kyle,
- Steve Curran from St Martin de Porres in Dripping Springs
- Martha Chapa from St John the Evangelist in San Marcos.

Door prizes will be drawn at the end of the day. We hope to see everyone there!

To register, or if you make religious items or crafts and would like to exhibit at the retreat, please contact the DRE at 830-833-0444.



Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

RE Classes resume January 5th.

PreK – 5^{th} Grade: Classes will be on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

1st Communion Class: Classes are every other Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (schedule posted at building).

 6^{th} – 8^{th} Grade: Classes will be a summer school program and Retreat from <u>June 19^{th} – July 1^{st} , 2022.</u>

8th **Grade (or Pre-Confirmation):** Classes will be once a month on a Saturday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Next Class will be Jan. 23rd**. All young adults from 8th grade and up must complete one year of pre-confirmation formation before signing up for Confirmation classes.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes for November will be on **Jan. 9**th **from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. Classes will be held every other Sunday at St. Ferdinand in Blanco. (see Youth Ministry Bulletin Information)

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adapted for Children is offered at Good Shepherd. Please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

2022 Confirmation Classes: Classes will begin in January of 2022. Students must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of preconfirmation or 8th grade classes. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts. We will be using the Call to Mercy Online Program by St. Mary's Press. There will be a Confirmation Retreat offered in the summer of 2022.

If you would like to register your child for Religious Education please contact Margie Vasquez at margie@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Volunteers/Catechist: If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program or would like to make donations of supplies for the classroom, please contact Margie Vasquez or call the parish office during regular business hours. Remember, to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Pease refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.











RICH Class on Jan. 9th. Class will be from 5:50 pm - 7:30 pm



High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes will be held on every other Sunday in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. All classes will include a meal from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. RICH (Resting in Christ Hands) Youth Ministry utilizes the Life Teen Program – High School Classes are combined with Blanco and Johnson City students.

Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a deeper 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.

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: There will be a Summer School program from June 19th – July 1st, 2022. There will be scheduled events for middle school throughout the school year – check bulletin for upcoming events.

Blanco and Johnson City middle school students participate in EDGE Youth Ministry, EDGE is part of the LIFE TEEN Middle School youth ministry. We focus on Leadership, Prayer, Service and Unity.

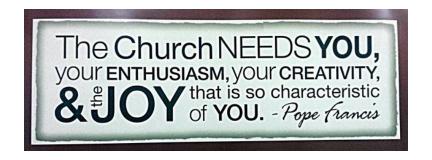


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All Blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. - Saint Teresa of Avila

If you would like to register your Student or need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation, please contact Margie Vasquez at margie@stferdinandblanco.org, MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org, or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist: If anyone is interested in helping in our program donating supplies or to provide Meals for the RICH YM nights, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email margie@stferdinandblanco.org. Remember, to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Pease refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



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