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PARISH BULLETIN | January 16, 2022, 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.

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WWW.STFERDINANDBLANCO.ORG

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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 15, 2022 – January 22, 2022

Saturday, January 15th (SF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of Herman and Thelka Weber by the Hartmann family and the Soul of Alfred Rathman Jr. by Jennifer Anderson

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

Sunday, January 16th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Stanley L. Marx by Patti Marx

Sunday, January 16th (SF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Belinda Delgado by Patricia Mangold and Diane Kainer, and the Soul of Terry Lee Thoburn by Jenny Donovan

Tuesday, January 18th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
No Mass

Wednesday, January 19th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Souls of Tommy and Naomi Michalsky

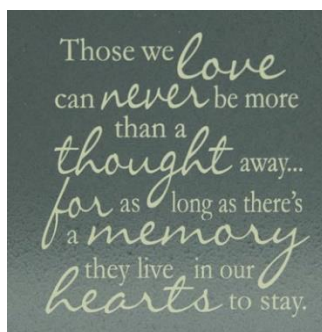
Thursday, January 20th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Healing of Heather Marbach Clark by Bruce and Debbie Marbach

Thursday, January 20th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 21st (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Souls of Adelaide and Bill Copeland by Bill and Janie Cain, and the Souls of Lucille and Noe Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila

Saturday, January 22nd (SF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Hilda Weber by the Hartmann Family

Saturday, January 22nd (SF) 7:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of Santos Barrientos and Sacunda Vega Serrano



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.

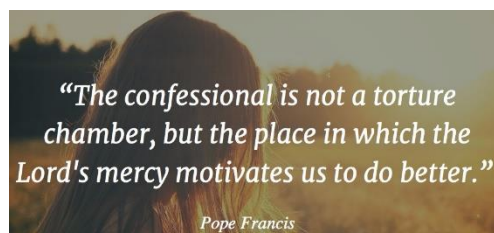
Maggie Atkinson
Llano Baumgartner
Chris Berryhill
Gene Beyer
Don Blanton
Gaelynn Brown
Vanessa Castillo
Joe and Barbara Crowley
Jack Cudd
Roselle Fischler
Jane Foegelle
Pete Garcia
Jim Gronke
Derek Haltom
Myles Harris
Charles Jennings
Charles Michael Jones
Randall Jones
Virginia Kainer
Robert Kratky
Mike Kleiss
David Laumer
Jeanette Lavelle
Jane Martin

Segunda Martinez
Charles McKinney
Elsie Meurer
Jane Murrell
Tim Nance
Ivan Nelson
Devin Newsome
Gloria Preiss
Charles Reinert
Sid Reinert
Miguel Ruiz, Jr.
Lupe Ruvalcaba
Josie Salazar
Margareta Schaeffner
Josh Strodbeck
Jacob Umanzor
Eva Vargas (Martinez)
Kippi Versluis
Pedro Villegas
Connie West
Daniel Zamora
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: 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.





Week of January 9, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$5,996.00
Black Bag	\$351.90
Building Fund	\$40.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$652.00
Black Bag	\$156.00
Building Fund	\$100.00

**There is no Second Collection
for today.**

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

January 18 – No 9am Mass



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 2nd 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 23, 2022, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Psalm 19:8-10,15

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.



PRAY
THE
ROSARY
DAILY

Jesus will be with us always

Jesus . . . revealed his glory. (John 2:11)

Why was Mary so insistent that Jesus do something about the shortage of wine at the wedding at Cana? Perhaps she was a close friend of the bridegroom's family. If that was the case, of course she would have cared that they not be embarrassed about the wine running out.

In this very personal, familial setting, Jesus performs his first sign by turning water into the finest wine. But the miracle didn't just save face for the parents of the bridegroom. Jesus was revealing his glory. He was showing his disciples that he was no ordinary rabbi. He had come as the promised Messiah, to be the "new wine" that would save the world (Matthew 9:17; see Isaiah 25:6).

From the personal to the prophetic. From the specific circumstance to the universal truth. So often this is how Jesus works. Just look at some of the "signs" in John's Gospel. He takes five loaves and two fish and feeds five

thousand, revealing how he intends to feed and nourish us for all time in the Eucharist (6:5-14). Lazarus dies, but Jesus raises him, showing us that he came to defeat death once and for all (11:1-45).

Isn't this the case for all of us? We ask Jesus to come into a specific situation, as Mary did at the wedding at Cana. And when we see him acting—whether that's through answering our prayer or reassuring us of his presence—he reveals something about himself. That he loves us. That he cares for us. That he has come to save us. That he will be with us always.

Is there some situation in your life that you want the Lord to enter into? As you pray, remember that he wants to do more than just resolve the immediate problem you are facing. He wants you to know who he is and why he came. He wants to reveal his glory to you.

"Jesus, open my eyes to your glory in my life!"

God of miracles and wonders, open our minds to your word, to your presence, to your truth. Clear away the clouds of confusion so that we may focus fully on you.



Jesús... reveló su gloria. (Juan 2:11)

¿Por qué María insistió tanto en que Jesús hiciera algo sobre la escasez de vino en las bodas de Caná? Tal vez ella era una amiga cercana de la familia del novio. Si ese fuera el caso, por supuesto que le habría importado que no se avergonzaran de que el vino se agotara.

En este entorno muy personal y familiar, Jesús realiza su primera señal convirtiendo el agua en el mejor vino. Pero el milagro no solo salvó la cara a los padres del novio. Jesús estaba revelando su gloria. Estaba mostrando a sus discípulos que no era un rabino ordinario. Él había venido como el Mesías prometido, para ser el "vino nuevo" que salvaría al mundo (Mateo 9:17; véase Isaías 25:6).

De lo personal a lo profético. De la circunstancia específica a la verdad universal. Muy a menudo así es como Jesús trabaja. Basta con mirar algunas de las "señales" en el Evangelio de Juan. Toma cinco panes y dos peces y alimenta

a cinco mil, revelando cómo pretende alimentarnos y nutrirnos para siempre en la Eucaristía (6:5-14). Lázaro muere, pero Jesús lo resucita, mostrándonos que vino a derrotar a la muerte de una vez por todas. (11:1-45).

¿No es este el caso para todos nosotros? Le pedimos a Jesús que entre en una situación específica, como lo hizo María en las bodas de Caná. Y cuando lo vemos actuar, ya sea respondiendo a nuestra oración o asegurándonos de su presencia, revela algo sobre sí mismo. Que nos ama. Que se preocupa por nosotros. Que ha venido a salvarnos. Que estará con nosotros siempre.

¿Hay alguna situación en tu vida en la que quieras que el Señor entre? Mientras oras, recuerda que él quiere hacer algo más que resolver el problema inmediato que estás enfrentando. Él quiere que sepas quién es él y por qué vino. Él quiere revelarte su gloria.

"¡Jesús, abre mis ojos a tu gloria en mi vida!"

Dios de milagros y maravillas, abre nuestras mentes a tu palabra, a tu presencia, a tu verdad. Despeja las nubes de confusión para que podamos centrarnos plenamente en ti.

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.



Parish Synod
Saturday, January 22nd
10 a.m.
St. Ferdinand Parish Hall

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the international Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join Fr. Brion for a parish listening session on January 22nd at 10am. Invite your family and friends — Bishop Vásquez wants everyone to participate in this listening session.

We respectfully ask everyone to please RSVP before Thursday January 20th, so we can have an idea of about how many people to prepare for. To RSVP, please go to the parish website.

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If you can't make the parish listening session, please share your opinion online at www.austindiocese.org/synod

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.

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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.

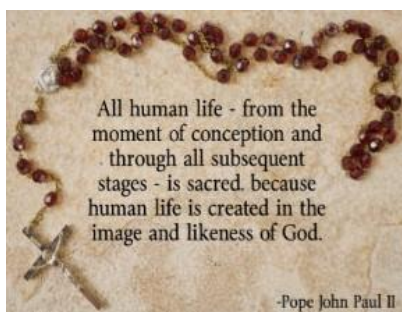
*13 de febrero: St. John the Evangelist en Marble Falls,
 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls
 13 de marzo: St. Joseph en Killeen, 2903 E. Rancier Ave,
 Killeen
 10 de abril: Santa Cruz en Buda, 1100 Main St, Buda*

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 www.austindiocese.org/welcome.

JANUARY 22ND
IS THE
DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF
UNBORN
CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

"Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Your Power and Grace transcends all time and space. Cast now Your compassionate glance upon all life in the womb from the moment of conception until the moment of birth. Caress these innocent souls in Your Merciful Love. Protect this life from any marauder. Bestow upon each soul You create a spiritual baptism, in Your Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."



All human life - from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages - is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God.

-Pope John Paul II

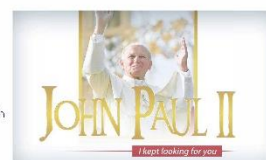
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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU
 This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



MISERY MEETS MERCY

FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
 St. Faustina is known as the 'Secretary of Divine Mercy' because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy...join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN
 The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best-selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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Religious Education


St. Ferdinand

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

Sunday classes - PreK-2nd 9:30-10:30;
3rd-8th 9:30-10:40

Wednesday classes - 7th/8th 6:30-7:40

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.

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.



www.biblekids.eu

Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

RE Classes resume January 5th.

PreK – 5th 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).

6th – 8th Grade: Classes will be a summer school program and Retreat from **June 19th – July 1st, 2022.**

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. 16th.** 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 January will be on **Jan. 23rd 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 pre-confirmation 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. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.





RICH Class on Jan. 23rd.
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.

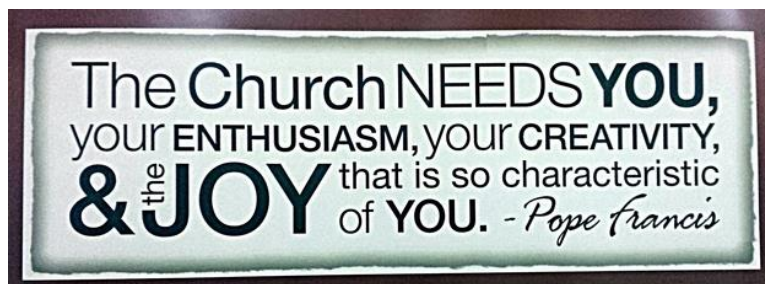


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All Blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. - Saint Teresa of Avila

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. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



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