

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD
Catholic Churches
Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. (Español)
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Last weekend of each month:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. (Bilingual Mass)

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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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. *Church Office: 830-833-5227.*



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

Masses for April 8, 2023 – April 16, 2023

- Saturday, April 8th (SF) and (GS)** **8:30 p.m.**
The Resurrection of the Lord – At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
- Sunday, April 9th (GS)** **9:00 a.m.**
 Repose of the Souls of James and Della LeFleur by Cindy Wiggins
- Sunday, April 9th (SF)** **11:00 a.m.**
 Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd
- Tuesday, April 11th (SF)** **9:00 a.m.**
No 9am Mass
- Wednesday, April 12th (SF)** **9:00 a.m.**
No 9am Mass
- Thursday, April 13th (SF)** **9:00 a.m.**
No 9am Mass
- Thursday, April 13th (GS)** **6:00 p.m.**
No 6pm Mass
- Friday, April 14th (SF)** **9:00 a.m.**
No 9am Mass
- Saturday, April 15th (SF)** **5:00 p.m.**
 Repose of the Souls of Bill and Norma Matheny
- Saturday, April 15th (SF)** **7:00 p.m.**
 Repose of the Soul of Maria Serrano by Vicky Gonzalez
- Sunday, April 16th (GS)** **9:00 a.m.**
 Prayers for the Dorothy Lowden family by Dorothy Lowden
- Sunday, April 16th (SF)** **11:00 a.m.**
 Repose of the Soul of Belinda Delgado by Bill and Janie Cain



Prayer Requests

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
Chris Berryhill
Gene Beyer
Gaelynn Brown
Lucia Carbary
Jack Cudd
Julia Dechert
Roselle Fischler
John Frazier
Pete Garcia
Jim Gronke
Derek Haltom
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Lupe Ruvalcaba
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Antonio Tapia
Barbara Turley
Jacob Umazor
Kippi Versluis
Pedro Villegas
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.

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday!



The St. Ferdinand Men's Club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids on Easter Sunday, April 9th. It will take place in the area between the Parish Hall and the Chapel following the 11am Mass. Don't forget to bring their Easter basket!



Weekend of April 2

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$6,169.00
Building Fund	\$1,279.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$1,314.00
Building Fund	\$239.00

There is no Second Collection today.

Calendar of Events
St. Ferdinand

April 6-10 – Parish Office Closed
 April 9 – Easter Sunday, 11:00am Mass
 April 11-14 – **No 9am Masses**
 April 22 – St. Anne’s Altar Society Tea Party
 April 29 – **No 7pm Mass**
 April 30 – Bilingual Mass, 11am
 April 30 – Fiesta St. Ferdinand

Calendar of Events
Good Shepherd

April 6-10 – Parish Office Closed
 April 9 – Easter Sunday, 9:00am Mass
 April 13 – **No 6pm Mass**



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 for April through October at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact: Karen Gordesky at 512-917-8069.



Good Shepherd Men’s Club

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547. **Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm.**

Good Shepherd Women’s Circle

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Center. Contact: Cindy Wiggins, 830-290-3033. **Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm.**

Good Shepherd Women’s Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. If you’re interested in joining please contact Jan Harry at 936-293-0064 or edharry1946@gmail.com.

St. Ferdinand Men’s Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Anne’s Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Ferdinand’s Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 4:00 p.m. Call 830-833-3210 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you are interested in RCIA, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

Estudio Biblico

Todos los martes de 6-8:30pm en el RICH house (trailer Juvenil) de la iglesia de San Fernando. llama al 512-563-3146 para mas informacion.

Mass Preparation
April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
God’s love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
We have new hope because of Jesus’ Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

He had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And that changes everything. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9, emphasis added). But why? Wasn't it enough that he became a man? Wasn't it enough that he died for us? Actually, no. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

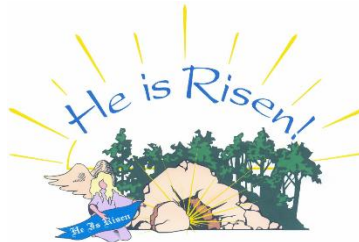
By rising from the dead, Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he has power over sin and death. Everything he said about himself is true. He is more than the victim of an unjust condemnation. He is more than an inspiring teacher or a philosopher or the founder of a new movement. He is more, even, than a healer and wonder-worker. He is the Son of God, the One whom death could not hold in its grasp (Romans 1:4).

By rising, Jesus did more than just vindicate himself. He

also opened the way into new life for each one of us. He overcame the sin that was keeping us separated from our Father in heaven! Because of that, we who believe in him and are baptized can now "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Now we can hope in our own resurrection. We can experience power over sin and freedom from the fear of death that so often binds us up. We can count ourselves "dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:11). We now know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that love is stronger than death.

It's easy to understand why Jesus' resurrection was always front and center when the apostles proclaimed the good news. You can see it in Peter's sermon from today's first reading. And you'll see it throughout the Book of Acts this Easter season. The apostles' preaching hinged on the resurrection of Jesus. Because the resurrection changes everything!

"Jesus, risen Lord, I rejoice in you!"



Tenía que resucitar de entre los muertos. (Juan 20:9)

¡Aleluia! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Y eso lo cambia todo. El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que Jesús "tuvo que resucitar de entre los muertos" (Juan 20:9, énfasis añadido). ¿Pero por qué? ¿No fue suficiente que se convirtiera en un hombre? ¿No fue suficiente que muriera por nosotros? En realidad, no. Como escribió San Pablo: "Si Cristo no resucitara, de nada les sirve su fe; ustedes siguen en sus pecados" "Si Cristo no ha resucitado, vuestra fe es vana; vosotros estáis todavía en vuestros pecados" (1 Corintios 15:17).

Al resucitar de entre los muertos, Jesús demostró más allá de la sombra de una duda que tiene poder sobre el pecado y la muerte. Todo lo que dijo sobre sí mismo es cierto. Él es más que la víctima de una condena injusta. Es más que un maestro inspirador o un filósofo o el fundador de un nuevo movimiento. Él es más, incluso más, que un sanador y hacedor de maravillas. Él es el Hijo de Dios, Aquel a quien la muerte no podía tener retener en sus garras (Romanos 1:4).

Al resucitar, Jesús hizo algo más que reivindicarse a sí

mismo. También abrió el camino a una nueva vida para cada uno de nosotros. ¡Él venció el pecado que nos mantenía separados de nuestro Padre Celestial! Debido a eso, nosotros que creemos en él y somos bautizados ahora podemos "vivir en una vida nueva" (Romanos 6:4). Ahora podemos esperar en nuestra propia resurrección. Podemos experimentar poder sobre el pecado y libertad del temor a la muerte que tan a menudo nos ata. Podemos considerarnos "muertos al pecado y viviendo vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús" (Romanos 6:11). Ahora sabemos, sin lugar a dudas, que el amor es más fuerte que la muerte.

Es fácil entender por qué la resurrección de Jesús siempre estuvo al frente y al centro cuando los apóstoles proclamaron las buenas nuevas. Puedes verlo en el sermón de Pedro de la primera lectura de hoy. Y lo verán veremos a lo largo del Libro de los Hechos en esta temporada de Pascua. La predicación de los apóstoles dependía de la resurrección de Jesús. ¡Porque la resurrección lo cambia todo!

"¡Jesús, Señor resucitado, me regocijo en ti!"

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

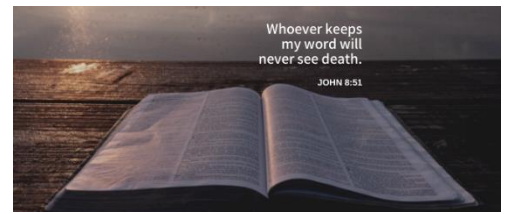
Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.



Whoever keeps my word will never see death. (John 8:51)

"Never see death"? How can that be? We know that our bodies can't last forever. We've experienced the death of friends and loved ones. And unless the Lord returns soon, each of us will experience death as well.

St. Paul gives us a hint. He says we have *already* died. "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . , we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). On the day of our baptism, we were brought to share in Christ's dying and all he accomplished through his death. We died in those waters, and we rose possessing God's own life, a life that can never die. United to Christ, we are given the grace to "keep his word" (John 8:51) and carry that word with us into heaven. Death is not our final destiny!



How can an understanding of this priceless gift of everlasting life affect the way we look at death?

It can drive away fear. Although we may naturally feel fear, nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38). Whenever we step over that final precipice, we are caught in the arms of his everlasting love. With that perspective, we can deal with any lesser fears.

It can put loneliness to flight. We are not alone! Jesus remains close to us in our triumphs and exhilarations as well as in our sickness, suffering, rejection, frustration, and confusion. And he calls us into a community of faith with all who have also died to sin and selfishness and awakened to life in the kingdom of love.

It can provide clear direction, helping us let go of lesser concerns and prioritize what matters most in the long run: love of God and love of neighbor. Take a look at what worries you, where you invest your energy. Will you be taking that with you into the heavenly kingdom?

How richly our generous God blessed us on the day of our baptism! He has his own everlasting life with us! Stay close to him, treasure his love and his word, and let them give you hope beyond the grave.

"Jesus, thank you for uniting me with you on the day of my baptism. I look forward to living with you forever."

Ashes to Easter Boxes are Due!



Please return your Ashes to Eater Boxes. Bring them to Church and give them to an usher before Mass or drop them by the Parish Office.

St. Anne's Altar Society Tea Party!



St. Anne's Altar Society cordially invites ladies of the parish to our rescheduled tea party on Saturday, April 22nd. "The Cup of Our Life" tea party will begin at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. This social and fundraising event will include a guided activity involving tea (other drinks will be available), finger food, fellowship, and opportunities for door prizes! Attendees are invited to bring a tea cup for the activity (tea cups will also be provided for use).

St. Anne's Altar Society provides and cares for the Parish altar furnishings and linens, in addition to serving other parish needs. Proceeds will support their mission. Tickets are \$20.

Please contact Liza Struck at castruck@aol.com or 805-315-4681 to RSVP.

Happy Easter!

May this Easter Sunday
fill you to with hope,
happiness, prosperity
and abundance, all received
through God's divine grace.

St. Ferdinand's Men's Club 2023-2024 Scholarships

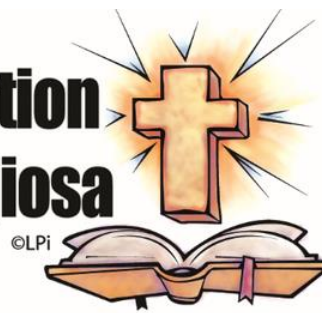
St Ferdinand Catholic Church Men's Club will be awarding tuition assistance scholarships to students for the academic year 2023-2024. The scholarships will be awarded for (1) year only. There are academic and service requirements for awarding the scholarships. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualifications. Visit our website for details.

Applications are available at Blanco High School, the church office, or on the church website. The applications are due to the Parish Office by May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Struck at castruck@aol.com or 805-315-4683.

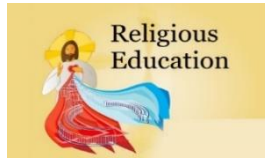


Religious Education Educación Religiosa



St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education
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Calendar:

Sunday, April 9th Easter Sunday, Holiday
Sunday, May 7th First Holy Communion
Sunday, May 14th Mother's Day, Holiday
Wednesday, May 17th Last Wednesday Class
Sunday, May 21st Ascension of the Lord, Last Sunday Class

When the Word says This is My Body, be convinced of it and believe it. St John Chrysostom

Wonder: The Harmony of Faith and Science from Word on Fire
Can faith and science coexist? This is a central question that serves as a stumbling block for many people who have fallen away from the Church and for many of the "nones" who do not identify with any religion.

Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* has produced a substantial amount of material over the years to combat the myth that faith and science are at odds. Now, through the support of the John Templeton Foundation, *Word on Fire* has announced the online premiere of a new five-part film series entitled *Wonder: The Harmony of Faith and Science*. Narrated by The Chosen's Jonathan Roumie, this film series explores the intersection of faith and science. The five episodes are available on the Word on Fire YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@word-on-fire>

Light from Light: Scientific Enigmas and Theological Mysteries - See how the mysteries of physical reality discovered by science—especially the mystery of light—harmonize with the mysteries of faith.

God and Nature: Traces of the Trinity - Learn how the cosmos, in its dance of order and openness, is a keyhole into which the doctrine of the Trinity fits perfectly.

Seeds of Life: Creation, Evolution, and St Augustine - Discover how St. Augustine's interpretation of Genesis prefigured and fits together with evolutionary biology.

Animals, the Human Animal, and God - Explore how the science of language illuminates both the evolutionary connection and spiritual difference between animals and human beings.

A Window on Creation: Mathematics and the Mystery of the Incarnation - Contemplate how the symmetry and geometry of the North Rose Window at Chartres Cathedral conveys the paradoxical nature of salvation.



Good Shepherd

PreK – 5th Grade: Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the RE Building.

6th – 8th Grade: Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for the Youth, RE Curriculum, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2023.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes are held once a month on the second Sunday of each month. Please call the parish office to register or get more information.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held every other Sunday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the St. Ferdinand/Good Shepherd Youth Building (Trailer). Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, and Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun and Games.

Diocese of Austin – Catholic Young Adult Conference: Saturday, April 1, 2023 (young adults ages 21-39 are invited to a one-day conference in Austin – there will be speakers, small group discussions, and sacraments – Please contact Margie Vasquez to get you registered if you are interested in attending)

**GODSTOCK 2023! – Saturday, April 15
(from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm)**

An all-day music festival for high schoolers with live music, talks, games, Mass and starlit adoration – plus a glowstick dance party.

Anyone interested in going, please contact Margie Vasquez or Mary Jane Hill.

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.

2022-2023 Confirmation Classes: Classes have started, we will be doing some classes in person and some online through St. Mary's Press. 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.

**Confirmation Retreat Aug. 13th, 2023
at Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

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/Helpers: 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12



Next classes April 16th, April 30th

Godstock 2023

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High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held on every other Sunday. 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* – as well as Diocesan approved curriculum. Curriculum includes Call to Protect the Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun/Games. High School Classes are combined with Blanco and Johnson City students. We meet at St. Ferdinand and Youth Building (Trailer). *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: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun & Games. *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.*

2022-2023 Confirmation Classes: Classes have started, we will be doing some classes in person and some online through St. Mary's Press. Students must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time of class.



Confirmation Retreat Aug. 13th, 2023 – at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org, Mary Jane Hill at MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers: 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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*Father,
I thank you for Jesus, your only begotten son. I
appreciate the sacrifice that has given me eternal life.
I am grateful for the knowledge that my departed
loved ones are with you and
I have hope in the midst of despair.
Help me, Lord, to live my life in a way that honors
you. Give me the strength to
model Christ to all I encounter.
I ask you to bless my family.
Help us to guard our hearts, minds, and bodies.
You alone are worthy of all our praise.
Thank you for this Easter Sunday
and what it represents.
In Jesus' Holy Name
Amen*

