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PARISH BULLETIN | September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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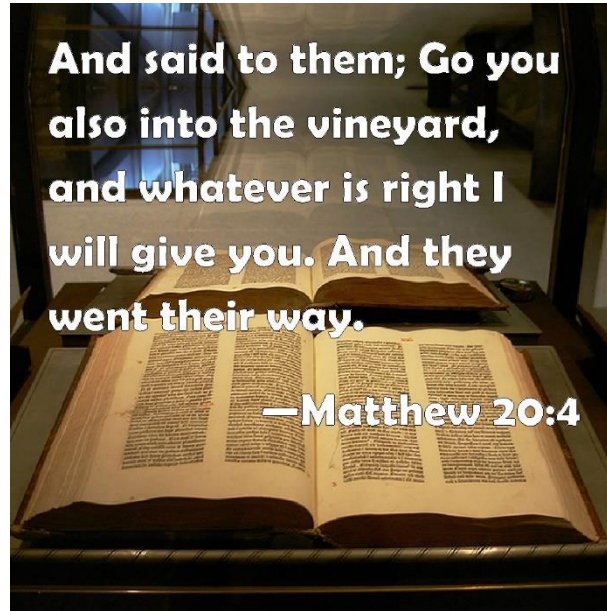
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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 September 23, 2023 – October 1, 2023

Saturday, September 23th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Charles McKinney by Family	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 23th (SF) Souls in Purgatory	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 24th (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 24th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Michael Dan Beyer by Gene Beyer	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 26th (SF) <i>No 9am Mass</i>	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 27th (SF) <i>No 9am Mass</i>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 28th (SF) <i>No 9am Mass</i>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 28th (GS) <i>No 6pm Mass</i>	6:00 p.m.
Friday, September 29th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Donald Boumans by Debra DuPont	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 30th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Alfred & Otilie Lindemann by Anna Barker and Family	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30th (SF) Souls in Purgatory	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 1st (GS) Repose of the Soul of Michelle Sanders Rypkema by Patti Marx	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 1st (SF) Repose of the Souls of Charles Buckingham, Catherine Montrose, and Toby Wayne Brown by Jenny Donovan	11:00 a.m.



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	Keith McClellan
Chris Berryhill	Elsie Meurer
Gene Beyer	Tim Nance
Gaelynn Brown	Coleman Nelson
Lucia Carbary	Devin Newsome
Jack Cudd	Ruth Nieto
Julia Dechert	Tim Polster
Gunner Deeds	Charles Reinert
Roselle Fischler	Sid Reinert
John Frazier	Brenda Robinette
Guadalupe Rios Galvan	Buddy Roessler
Pete Garcia	Lupe Ruvalcaba
Jim Gronke	Sandra Rodriguez
Joe Hancock	Harvey Rust
Vernon Hancock	Josie Salazar
Myles Harris	Josh Strodbeck
Pete Hartley	Antonio Tapia
Kristina Yochum Hurst	Olivia Tapia
Tim Ivy	Barbara Turley
Charles Jennings	Jacob Umazor
Randall Jones	Kippi Versluis
Jeanette Lavelle	Pedro Villegas
Homer Lowden	Daniel Zamora
Jane Martin	Polo Zamora
Segunda Martinez	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.





Weekend of September 17
Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:
Regular Collection **\$4,504.00**
Building Fund **\$420.00**

Good Shepherd: **\$458.00**
Regular Collection

There is no Second Collection for today.

Calendar of Events St. Ferdinand

September 26-28 – **No 9am Masses**
 September 30 – **No 7pm Mass**
 October 1 – Bilingual Mass
 October 1 – Men’s Club Communal Rosary
 October 4 – St. Anne’s Altar Society Meeting
 October 6 – Adoration
 October 10-12 – **No 9am Masses**
 October 17 – **No 9am Mass**
 October 19-22 – Women’s RENEWAL Retreat
 October 20 – **No 9am Mass**
 October 28 – **No 7pm Mass**
 October 29 – Bilingual Mass

Calendar of Events Good Shepherd

September 28 – **No 6pm Mass**
 October 12 – **No 6pm Mass**
 October 20 – **No 6pm Mass**



With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Anna Anderson on the death of her husband, Jack Anderson, who passed away Friday, September 15th. There was a funeral service Friday, September 22nd, at Crofts Funeral Home. Please remember their family in your prayers.



Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand
Meets the last 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: Katie Shafford at 512 925-4472 .

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.

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.

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. **Next meeting will be October 4th.**

St. Ferdinand’s Parish Choir
Meets Wednesday nights at 4:00 p.m. Call 713-562-0228 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
October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah
God's ways are far

Psalm: 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16
In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

You too go into my vineyard. (Matthew 20:4)

Jesus told this parable to help us better understand how generous and merciful God is. But the seeming unfairness of the landowner's decision can still leave us feeling a bit unsettled. We might react differently, however, when we consider the lives of two people who, like the workers in this parable, came to the vineyard later in life.

Felix Leseur was raised Catholic in nineteenth-century France but lost his faith in medical school and became an atheist. His wife, Elisabeth, on the other hand, grew closer to God and began praying fervently for her husband's conversion. After her death at the age of forty-seven, Felix began reading her diary. The deep faith he saw there touched him, and he returned to the Lord at the age of fifty-six and eventually became a priest.

St. Angela of Foligno was born in 1248 to a wealthy family in Umbria, Italy. Married at a young age, she reveled in the

worldly life and all its trappings. But a series of natural disasters and an ongoing war led her to reexamine her priorities. At the age of thirty-seven—considered midlife for that time—she sought the Lord's mercy in Confession. Then after the premature deaths of her husband, mother, and two children, she gave up all her possessions and became a lay Franciscan.

When we hear about people like Felix and Angela, we don't begrudge them the heavenly reward they are now enjoying. It doesn't matter that they came later to the vineyard. God and his angels in heaven still rejoiced, and so should we anytime we hear of someone turning to God later in life.

God is always inviting people to "go into my vineyard" (Matthew 20:4). Today at Mass, pray for the people you know who have not yet accepted his invitation. May they one day receive the reward he so graciously has in store for them!

"Father, I praise you for your mercy and generosity, which have no bounds!"



Ustedes también vayan a mi viña. (Mateo 20:4)

Jesús contó esta parábola para ayudarnos a entender mejor cuán generoso y misericordioso es Dios. Pero la aparente injusticia de la decisión del terrateniente todavía puede dejarnos un poco inquietos. Sin embargo, podríamos reaccionar de manera diferente cuando consideramos las vidas de dos personas que, como los trabajadores de esta parábola, llegaron a la viña más tarde en la vida.

Felix Leseur fue criado católico en la Francia del siglo XIX, pero perdió su fe en la escuela de medicina y se convirtió en ateo. Su esposa, Elisabet, por otro lado, se acercó más a Dios y comenzó a orar fervientemente por la conversión de su esposo. Después de su muerte a la edad de cuarenta y siete años, Félix comenzó a leer su diario. La profunda fe que vio allí lo conmovió, y regresó al Señor a la edad de cincuenta y seis años y finalmente se convirtió en sacerdote.

Santa Ángela de Foligno nació en 1248 en una familia adinerada en Umbria, Italia. Casada a una edad muy joven,

se deleitó en la vida mundana y todos sus adornos. Pero una serie de desastres naturales y una guerra en curso la llevaron a reexaminar sus prioridades. A la edad de treinta y siete años, considerada mediana edad en ese tiempo, buscó la misericordia del Señor en la confesión. Luego, después de la muerte prematura de su esposo, madre y dos hijos, renunció a todas sus posesiones y se convirtió en una franciscana laica.

Cuando escuchamos sobre personas como Félix y Ángela, no les envidiamos la recompensa celestial que ahora están disfrutando. No importa que vinieran más tarde a la viña. Dios y sus ángeles en el cielo todavía se regocijan, y así deberíamos hacerlo cada vez que escuchamos de alguien que se vuelve a Dios más tarde en la vida.

Dios siempre está invitando a la gente a "entrar en mi viña" (Mateo 20:4). Hoy en la Misa, ora por las personas que conoces que aún no han aceptado su invitación. ¡Que algún día reciban la recompensa que él tan gentilmente tiene reservada para ellos!

"¡Padre, te alabo por tu misericordia y generosidad, que no tienen límites!"

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Baby Banks will be distributed after Mass next Sunday!

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd will host this campaign to foster greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese to help those in need through diocesan and parish ministries like the Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and much more will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

¡Las alcancías del Bebé serán distribuidas después de la Misa el próximo domingo!

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd participará en esta campaña para promover un mayor respeto por la santidad de la vida humana. Su donación ayudará a los esfuerzos provida de la parroquia y a lo largo de la diócesis. El Proyecto Gabriel, el Proyecto Raquel, el Ministerio de Banqueta, la Línea de Ayuda Pro-Vida y muchos más recibirán fondos de esta campaña. También pueden donar en línea yendo a nuestro sitio web. Para más información o para ser un voluntario, por favor contacte a parish office at 830-833-5227.

Men: Are you being called to serve as a deacon?

Project Stephen provides an opportunity to actively engage men who are discerning their call to a deeper relationship with God through service as a deacon. This is a time of prayer and reflection, and an opportunity to discuss one's call with others. Hear witness from a deacon, his sense of call and life of service, and learn about the qualities, characteristics, charisms, and aspects of the diaconate and of formation. The next Project Stephen meetings include the following:

- Oct. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in Austin
- Oct. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Horseshoe Bay

Visit the Diocese of Austin's Project Stephen website at <https://www.austindiocese.org/projectstephen> for more information. One can register by email at diaconateformation@austindiocese.org or call the diaconate formation office at (512) 949-2459.



I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Jane was frustrated with her boss and often complained about him to others. For as long as she had worked for him, he had never complimented her for her work or given her greater responsibility. One day, a friend suggested that she pray for her boss and ask God to bless him. Jane decided to give it a try, and as she did, she noticed that her attitude toward him began to change. What's more, she saw an improvement in the way he related to her!

Jane's experience highlights the same truth that St. Paul wrote to Timothy in today's first reading: when we pray for others, especially for those in authority, it blesses us as well as them. Paul encouraged Timothy to tell the Christians in Ephesus to pray for everyone—not just other believers, but even for the leaders of the city, unbelievers who held authority over them. Doing so, Paul said, would help the young church to live a “quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity” (1 Timothy 2:2).

When we complain or focus on what is wrong in the world, we can create an air of negativity, not only in our own hearts, but all around us. Without even realizing it, we can bring down our friends, family, or coworkers. But when we pray for people instead, our hearts change. We become more loving, patient, and kind toward them. As a result, our demeanor can help dispel any negativity that we might have brought to the people around us.

So who should we be praying for? If you're a student, pray for your parents or teachers. If you have a job, pray for your supervisor and the leadership of your company. Pray for the leaders of your town, state, and nation. You don't have to agree with them on everything—or anything! But you can still pray that God's blessing and goodness would be upon them. You can still pray that they fulfill God's purposes for their lives and that they lead as he intended. By doing so, you're helping to fulfill those purposes. And in the process, you're softening your own heart.



“Lord, the next time I want to complain about someone, help me to remember to pray for them instead!”

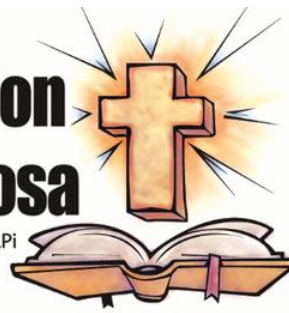
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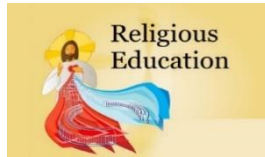
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Calendar:

Saturday, September 16th 5:00 Mass, Rite of Confirmation
Sunday, September 17th (9:30) and Wednesday, September 20th
(6:30) – Faith Formation classes begin.

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



Registration for St Ferdinand Faith Formation for PreK-8th grade is available in the Religious Education building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. to register your family, or contact the DRE at 830-833-0444.



Congratulations to St Ferdinand and Good Shepherd Confirmandi

Please pray for St Ferdinand and Good Shepherd confirmandi who received the fullness of Christian Initiation and were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Vasquez on September 16th: Angel Dominguez, Brian Gayosso Martinez, Rodrigo Gayosso Martinez, Leslie Irene Hernandez, Erin Kay Mahoney, Adaleen Marie Olinick, Aline Melissa Palacios, Katherine Marie Torti, Morgan Haleigh Clark

Preparation for Confirmation

Baptized adolescents eighth grade or beyond who have celebrated First Communion are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation over a 2-yr period. Students who have attended Religious Education classes in 8th grade and Youth Ministry in 9th grade will usually receive confirmation early in the 10th grade. Attendance at mass and at religious education classes is especially important during this time.

Students are asked to attend RE in the parish where they attend mass. Registration for St. Ferdinand religious education classes is currently open. To register your child, please call the Director of Religious Education at 833-0444 or stop by the Office of Religious Education between 1:00 and 6:00 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Ninth Grade is a part of the Youth Ministry program for St Ferdinand and Good Shepherd. To register your high school aged child for Youth Ministry, please contact our Youth Minister, Margie Vasquez, at 512-924-8558.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Classes in preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begin September 17. Students in the Diocese of Austin usually attend an initial year in First Grade and prepare for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Second Grade.

If your child is in First Grade or older and you would like to register them for classes, please call the Office of Religious Education at 830-833-0444.



Good Shepherd Johnson City

Religious Education Classes:

PreK – 5th Grade: Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the RE Bldg.
Pre-K thru 5th - \$30.00 (\$100.00 cap per family) - Weds at 6:00 pm
Sacrament (1st Communion) - \$45.00 - Weds at 6:00 pm

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, Catholic Social Teachings, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2024.
Middle School (6th - 8th) - \$40.00 (\$100 cap per family)

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.

Pre-Confirmation (8th grade) - \$35.00 - Sundays at 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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.

Classes to Start September 24, 2023

(SF & GS) High School Youth Ministry - \$35.00 –
Sundays at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

(SF & GS) Sacrament (Confirmation) - \$45.00 –
Classes start Jan 2024 / Retreat (Aug 2024)

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adapted for Children is offered at Good Shepherd. If someone is needing to discuss Sacrament preparation for adult or child, please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

2023 Confirmation Classes: Students interested in registering for next year's Confirmation class 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 class starts.

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




Classes to Start September 24, 2023

(SF & GS) High School Youth Ministry - \$35.00 - Sundays at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
(SF & GS) Sacrament (Confirmation) - \$45.00



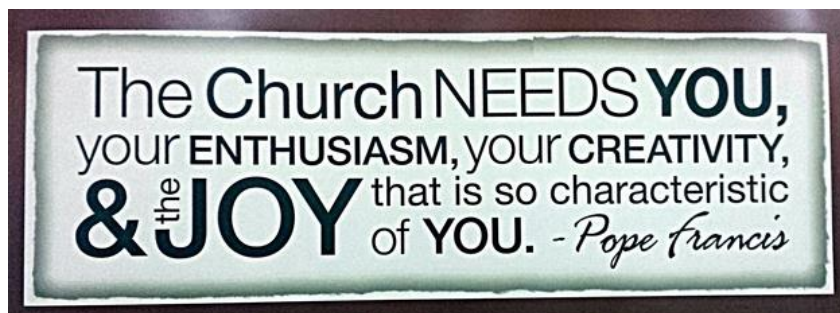
High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held on every other Sunday. All classes will include a meal from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. **RICH (Resting in Christ's Hands) Youth Ministry** utilizes the Life Teen Program – as well as Diocesan approved curriculum. Curriculum includes Call to Protect the Youth, 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 the St. Ferdinand 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, Catholic Social Teachings, 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.*

 **2023 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for next years Confirmation class 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 class starts.

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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PRAYER FOR RAIN "PRAYER FOR ANXIETY"

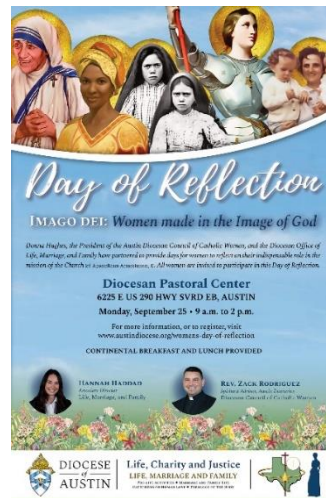
Blessed Lord Jesus, with each passing day, anxiety is growing. The lands need rain to endure the harshness of the weather, but none have come. I do not want to slip into doubt and fear.

Assure me, Lord, that You will put an end to these problems. Let rain clouds swirl and move in quickly, bringing Your living water to all things and breathe life back into this Earth. In Your powerful name, Amen.



Day of Reflection for Women is Sept. 25

Donna Hughes, the president of the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and the diocesan Office of Life, Marriage and Family have partnered to provide days for women to reflect on their indispensable role in the mission of the Church (cf. Apostolicam Actuositatem, 1). All women are invited to participate in this day of reflection, which will be held Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin. God created mankind in his image and likeness, he made man and woman, and he called us good. We off-handedly reference these ideas quite frequently, but what does that actually mean for us in our day-to-day lives? Specifically, how do these deeply interconnected and foundational concepts affect the way we live out our femininity in big and little ways? During this first women's day of reflection, participants will unpack what it means to be women made in the Image of God.



For more information, or to register, visit www.austindiocese.org/womens-day-of-reflection.