

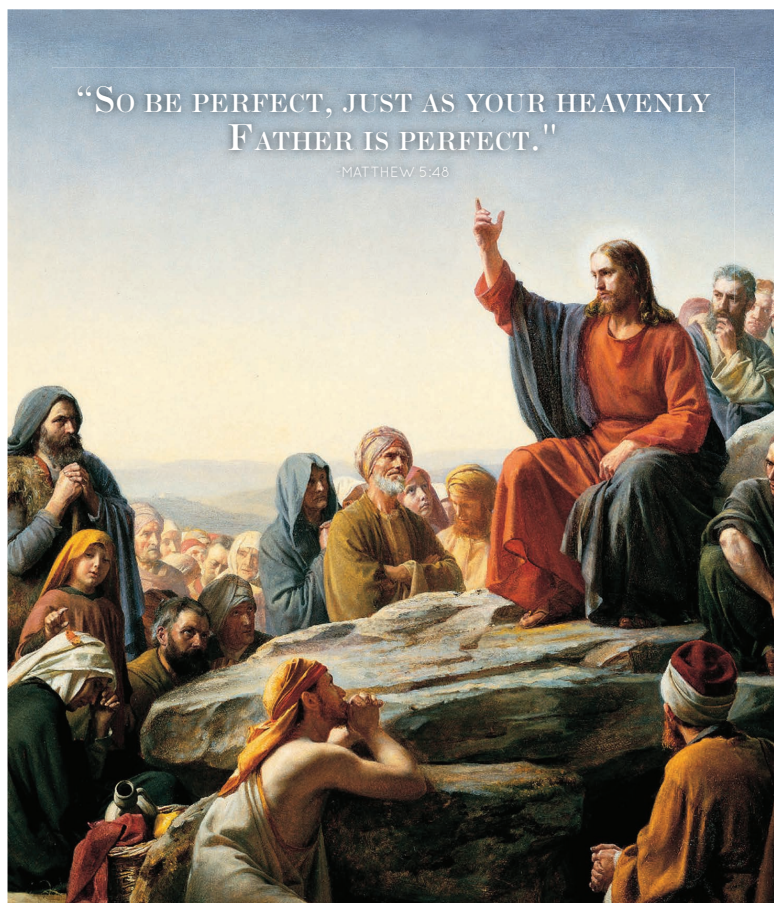


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PARISH BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 19, 2017
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Masses (Blanco):

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:

Good Shepherd: 9:00 a.m.

St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

Adoration:

Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Thursday Healing Mass:

6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
immediately following mass

OFFICE HOURS

Thursday

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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PO Box 1608,
Johnson City, Texas 78636

Phone Numbers:

Main Office: (830) 868-0370

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“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.”

-JOHN 10:27

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of February 19, - February 26, 2017

Sunday, February 12th

Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 16th

Repose of the Soul of Lala Longoria offered by her family

Sunday, February 19th

Bill Shafford & Deacon Jack Murrell

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES

Men's Club

Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. mass.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
in the parish hall (Blanco)

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
in the parish hall (Blanco)

Children's Choir:

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study:

Meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm (RE Building)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs. **Cynthia Ford, Patty Marx, Desmond Hancock**

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of February 12, 2017

Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection

\$1,336.15

Catholic Higher Education

\$169.35

*Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.*

- Proverbs 3:10

VOCATIONS CHALICE

Good Shepherd is happy to continue its tradition of a prayer chalice for vocations. It is given to the receiving family after Mass in a private ceremony with Fr. Wade. If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by contacting him directly at 713-569-9491.

LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE

Good Shepherd will again join other area churches in the annual Disaster Relief Clothes Drive which provides emergency clothing for victims of natural disasters. Just two years ago our local communities benefitted from this program in the aftermath of the Memorial Day floods. The drive begins Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and continues throughout lent. Bring your bagged or boxed clothing to the parish hall where they will be picked up after Easter.

***Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the flock he shepherds.***

-PSALM 100:3

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Schedule

Spring Semester Classes begin January 11

Pre-K - 8th Grade

Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

CHOSEN

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

"If you feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith", plan on attending our Women's Bible Study. Jeff Cavins will lead our video instruction on James. "Pearls for Wise Living". We meet every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the RE Building. If you plan to attend this study please contact Karen Gebhardt, (210) 414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

-SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

YOUTH MINISTRY

RICH Youth Ministry

High School Religious Education

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Blanco)

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

Are you looking for ways to grow in your faith? Do you want to put all of those graces you received in Confirmation to work for you and your community? PULSE is hoping to develop effective, holistically Catholic, peer-led ministry leaders among teenagers from ages 14-19 in our community. We need you! Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org if you are interested in joining.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

An action motivated by hate or revenge is never positive. The Law of Retaliation, "an eye for an eye," was intended to set a limit on revenge. Jesus instructs his disciples to interrupt this cycle of retribution. A disciple's motivation must be love, never hate or revenge. Jesus is inviting us to conversion. It is easy to love those who love us. Jesus asks us to love those who do not love us and even those who hate us or harm us. Why? Because God does, and he calls us to strive for holiness and perfection.

Una acción motivada por el odio o la venganza nunca es positiva. La Ley de la Venganza, "ojo por ojo," tenía la intención de poner un límite a la venganza. Jesús instruye a sus discípulos a que interrumpen el ciclo de la venganza. La motivación de un discípulo debe ser el amor, nunca el odio o la venganza. Jesús nos invita a la conversión. Es fácil amar a aquellos que nos aman. Jesús nos pide amar a aquellos que no nos aman e incluso a aquellos que nos odian o nos lastiman ¿Por qué? Por que Dios lo hace, y Él nos llama a esforzarnos por la santidad y la perfección.

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Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?



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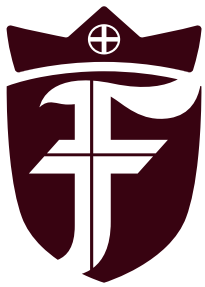


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"SO BE PERFECT, JUST AS YOUR HEAVENLY
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-MATTHEW 5:48



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**“CHRIST REDEEMED US ON THE HARD ARMS OF THE CROSS, AND
HIS KNIGHT WILL NOT SERVE HIM IN ANY OTHER WAY.”**

-SAINT FERDINAND III OF CASTILE

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. 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.

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Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Adoration:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Wednesday Healing Mass:

6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
immediately following

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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FAMILY CONNECTION: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God's family. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:38–48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his

disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God's family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the *Act of Love* or similar prayer.

CATHOLICISM 101: THE SEASON OF LENT



ARE YOU READY
TO EXPERIENCE THE
Joy of Lent?

We've all been there. Lent is just around the corner, and we're dreading another year of missing our favorite things for 40 long days. Lent can be intimidating and overwhelming for many of us. But what if Lent is about more than just "giving up" the material and social pleasures in life? The Church teaches that Lent is really about renewal and conversion. Lent is a call to grow in faith by working on our *practical* faith skills.

Even though the Church defines the Lenten Season as *Penitent* (sorrowful and repentant), the purpose of Lent is not to shackle us in shame. Instead, Lent is an opportunity to put shame aside by seeking deeper intimacy

with Jesus. By laying down our sinfulness and retooling our daily habits, Lent can be a season of immense joy.

Ash Wednesday, March 1, is the official start of Lent, and Lent ends on Holy Thursday April 13, although fasting and prayer should continue through Easter Sunday, April 16. The Church asks us to observe the 40 days of Lent in memory of Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert. Additionally, throughout scripture, the number 40 has long been associated with times of fasting, purging, and preparing for an encounter with God.

Lent is not a time to wallow in our perceived imperfections or to crack under the weight of our shame. Lent is a time in which the Church encourages us to examine our lives and let God heal us. It's in the peace and mercy of God's love that we experience His joy. God is desperate to show us the grace that comes with being called "Children of God" (1 Jn. 3:1). Our investment in Lent is one way that the whole Church comes together to explore that call more fully.

Check out page 6 to find out how together we can have the *BEST LENT EVER!*

SAINT OF THE WEEK: PETER

Peter, who was also known as Simon Peter of Cephas, is considered the first Pope. Despite his papacy, Peter had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was ordained by Jesus in the "Rock of My Church" written in Matthew 16:17–18. Peter was a native of Bethsaida, near Lake Tiberias and was the son of Jonah. He and his brother Andrew were fishermen on Lake Genesareth. The Bible chronicles when the brothers met Jesus in Luke, chapter 5.

In the time following Christ's Ascen-

sion, Peter stood as the unquestionable head of the Apostles, which the book of Acts clearly describes. He went on to appoint the replacement of Judas Iscariot, spoke first to the crowds that had assembled after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord.

While Peter's chief feast day is June 29, he is also honored on February 22 and November 18. In liturgical art, he is depicted as an elderly man holding a key and a book.



PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of February 18 - February 25, 2017

Saturday, February 18th 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Rhonda Kay Weber offered by her parents

Saturday, February 18th 7:00 p.m.

(Español) Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

Sunday, February 19th 11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of David Walker offered by Carolyn Walker

Tuesday, February 21st 12:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Bob Bindseil offered by Rhonda Klepac

Wednesday, February 22nd 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Helene Duran offered by St. Anne's Altar Society

Wednesday, February 22nd 6:00 p.m.

Health of Joyce Franklin offered by Helen Heffner

Thursday, February 23rd 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Bill Biesenbach

Friday, February 24th 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Ann Dignan offered by St. Anne's Altar Society

Saturday, February 25th 5:00 p.m.

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PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs. **Jasper Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Joyce Franklin, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Carolyn Gieringer, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, and Elizabeth Dechert Sorrel.**

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer intentions will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless extenuating circumstances warrant further publication.

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Week of February 12, 2017

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Catholic Higher Education

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall following 8:00 mass. Light brunch served before the meeting starts.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Please see Fr. Wade before or after mass for any birthday, anniversary, or special blessings for you or your family. Fr. Wade is always happy to extend a blessing on your special occasion.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

-ROMANS 12:5

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Schedule

Pre-K - 5th Grade

Sunday Morning 9:30-10:45 a.m.

6th-8th Grade

Wednesday Evening 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Please note the following schedule changes:

NO CLASS: Sunday, March 12th & Wednesday, March 15th (Spring Break), Wednesday, April 12th (Holy Week), & Sunday, April 16th (Easter)

First Communion Parent/Student Meeting

Sunday, March 5th, 1 p.m.

There will be an important meeting for students preparing for First Holy Communion, all grade levels, and their parents on Sunday, March 5th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Religious Education Building Conference room. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Si no enseñamos a nuestros niños a seguir a Cristo, el mundo les enseñara a no seguirlo.

Please contact Susan in the Religious Education office if you have any questions about RE.

RE Office Hours: Sundays 9:00-10:45 a.m., Wednesdays 2:00-6:30 p.m., or by appointment.

RE Office: 830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

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CHOSEN

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSAL

*St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month in the upcoming year. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary. **Rehearsals for Mass Music for Youth will fall on the Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month at 6pm in the Parish Hall.***

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, 2/22

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

PULSE MEETING: We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning tomorrow night 2/20, 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.

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-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

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