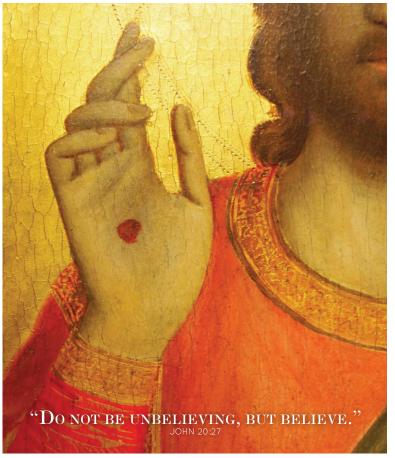


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APRIL 23, 2017 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### 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 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Main Office: (830) 868-0370

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For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit: www.goodshepherdjctx.org

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## Parish Ministries & Information

#### **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

Week of April 23 - April 30, 2017

Sunday, April 23rd

Repose of the Soul of Juana Rodriguez offered by the Rodriguez family

Thursday, April 27th

Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, April 30th

Repose of the Soul of Rachel Daniel offered by Victor and Marge Tellez

# 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)

#### Collections Statement

Week of April 16, 2017

Thank you for your generosity!

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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.

#### **PRAYER LIST**

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

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

## FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Religious Education**

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of Religious Ed. margie@stferdinandblanco.org

#### **Faith Formation Schedule**

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.

#### **NO RICH TONIGHT!**

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#### CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

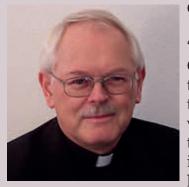
All RICH youth under the age of 18 are encouraged to attend safe-environment training on 5/3 at 6:45 pm in the StF parish hall.

#### Gospel Meditation: The Second Sunday of Easter

Today Jesus breaks through the fear of the disciples and sends them as apostles. On Good Friday, Jesus "handed over his Spirit" and now gives his Spirit commissioning his disciples to carry on the mission God, his Father, had given Him. Through the Holy Spirit, the disciples become agents or sacraments of Christ's presence. Like Thomas, at times, we seem courageous but in truth fear and doubt. Jesus comes to Thomas and us, giving us faith to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" How is the Risen Lord present in your life? Where does Jesus' presence confront your doubt? To whom is Jesus sending you to bring the Good News of God's love?

Hoy Jesús rompe el miedo de los discípulos y los manda al mundo como apóstoles. En Viernes Santo, Jesús "les dio su Espíritu" y ahora da su Espíritu ordenando a sus discípulos que lleven a cabo la misión que Dios, su Padre, le ha dado a Él. A través del Espíritu Santo, los discípulos se convierten en agentes o sacramentos de la presencia de Cristo. Como Tomás, a veces, parecemos valientes pero en realidad tememos y dudamos. Jesús viene a Tomás y a nosotros, dándonos fe para proclamar "iSeñor mío y Dios mío!" ¿Cómo está el Señor Resucitado presente en su vida? ¿Dónde es que la presencia de Jesús confronta sus dudas? ¿A quién le pide Jesús que lleve usted la Buena Nueva del amor de Dios?

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Contemplation presentation by Father Ron Rolheiser

"Contemplation: An Appreciative Awareness that Rests with God, Others, and the Cosmos," a presentation by Father Ron Rolheiser, will be offered April 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Edward's University Carter Auditorium in Austin. Everyone is invited to hear Father Rolheiser's wisdom, experience silence in community and share inner wisdom with others. Participants will get a new perspective on contemplative practices. Tickets are \$95 each (if purchased by April 23); price includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.eremos.org/eremos-signature-series/. Come listen to Ron Rolheiser's wisdom, experience silence in community, and share your

inner wisdom with others. Leave with a new perspective on your contemplative practice and ready to re-engage in a deeper way.

Saturday, April 29th from 9am to 4pm at St. Edward's University Carter Auditorium. Tickets are \$95 (until April 23rd) and include a boxed lunch.



#### **Pray with Bishop Vasquez**

Please consider Bishop Vásquez' prayer request for the Second Sunday of Easter

For the newly baptized and all of us as disciples of Christ, may we confidently proclaim Christ as Lord in our daily lives, we pray...

Por los recién bautizados y por todos nosotros para wue, como discípulos de Cristo, proclamemos con confianza a Cristo como Señor en nuestras vidas diarias, oremos...

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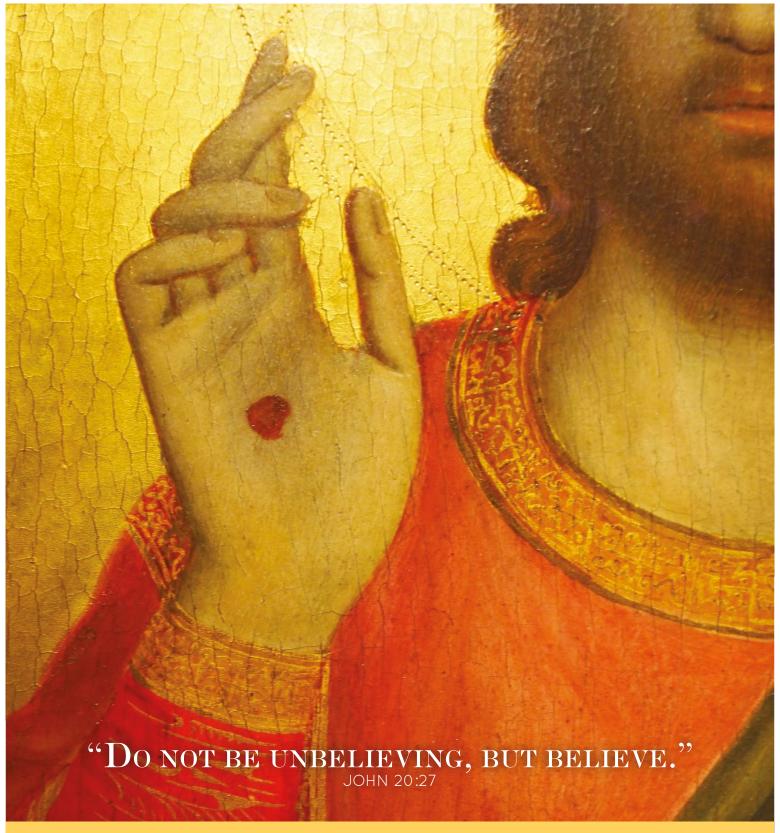
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# "CHRIST REDEEMED US ON THE HARD ARMS OF THE CROSS, AND HIS KNIGHT WILL NOT SERVE HIM IN ANY OTHER WAY."

-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.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday Evening Masses:**

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

#### **Sunday Morning Masses:**

Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m. St. Ferdinand: 11:00 a.m.

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession** 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.

#### OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### Family Connection: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with

your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church. Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong.

#### PRAYER: WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT? by Marlene Halpin, O.P.

#### It simply depends on who you think God is.

Our expectations of God—and what we expect of prayer—have a lot to do with how well we know and love God. What are God's characteristics?

"I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

This is the beginning of the Nicene Creed prayed at Eucharistic Liturgy. This 1600 year old prayer can help us understand who God is.

#### The Almighty.

Do you truly believe God can do anything? Then you can ask for anything. Nothing is too small or too big. Not only can God do anything, God gives you what is good for you in the long run. That's sometimes hard to understand at the moment. Do you trust God's judgment? Then you can expect good from God.

#### Maker... of all things visible and invisible.

Because God our Creator knows you and all about you infinitely better than you know yourself, God knows

how you feel and what you mean when you pray. You never need to worry about poorly chosen words or misunderstandings. Isn't that a relief?

#### The Father.

This term carries all the best meanings of the word father: loving, caring, and wanting the best for you. You are utterly safe with God—no betrayal, no changing of the mind, no abuse, no abandonment. Admittedly, there may be times you feel otherwise. Knowing God's love doesn't necessarily take away pain, fear, or the reluctance to face difficult times. But the Lord is with you—seen or not seen, felt or not felt.

If you truly believe that God is almighty, that God knows you completely and loves you unconditionally, you can expect two things from prayer:

- God's Spirit and yours are united.
- The bond of love between you is strengthened.

What can you expect from prayer?
You can expect the best care from the God who loves you.

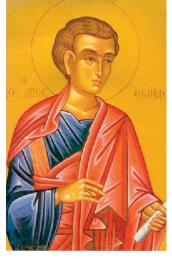
# SAINT OF THE WEEK: THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Despite his more vivid appearance in the Gospel of John, relatively little in known abour St. Thomas the Apostle. In scripture Thomas shows us the extreme natures of faith and doubt. He follows Jesus blindly back to Judea despite knowing the danger of such a journey (John 11:16). Soon after, he doubted Jesus at both the Last Supper and the resurrection (John 14:5, 20:25-29).

Even though the certain narrative of Thomas' life ends with these mentions, tradition teaches that Thomas evangelized in present-day Iran & Pakistan and as far east as India. We know that Thomas was martyred in the year 72 in the region of Mylapore in southern India.

Today many Christian groups in southwestern Asia and the Middle East trace their faith traditions to the work of St. Thomas the apostle. Pope St. Gregory the Great praised him for helping us cure our doubts saying "Divinity cannot be seen by any mortal man... Thomas saw man and confessed him to be God, saying, 'My Lord, and my God."

St. Thomas' feast day is July 3, and he is the Patron Saint of architects.



## Parish Ministries & Information

#### Masses & Intentions

Week of April 22 - April 29, 2017

#### Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 p.m.

Celeste Faith Ledesma offered by Uballe-Nunn Family

#### Sunday, April 23rd

11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Royston Guidry offered by Janel & Thom Lanzen

#### Tuesday, April 25th

12:00 p.m.

Health of James Matheny

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 26th In thanksgiving for the continued healing of Sylvia Wolf offered by the Longoria Family

#### Wednesday, April 26th

6:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Casey Russell

#### Thursday, April 27th

8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Kay Loughrey offered by Paulette Stepp

#### Friday, April 28th

Souls in Purgatory

8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 28th

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Wesley Reid Cudd

#### PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs.

Charles McKinney, Collyn Stewart 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.

#### Collections Statement

#### Week of April 16, 2017

Thank you for your generosity!

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- Proverbs 3:10

#### 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.

## 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.

"Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us."

-SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

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@stferdinand-blanco.org

"The parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis."

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **RICH Youth Ministry**

*High School Religious Education* Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

#### **CHOSEN**

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org to register or for any questions concerning High School age Religious Education classes and activities.

#### **NO RICH TONIGHT!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Godstock!

#### CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

All RICH youth under the age of 18 are encouraged to attend safe-environment training on 5/3 at 6:45 pm in the parish hall.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2017**

There will be a Confirmation parent meeting on Wednesday, 5/3 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All candidates and a parent or sponsor are required to attend. Topics will include sponsors and service hours.

#### YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSAL

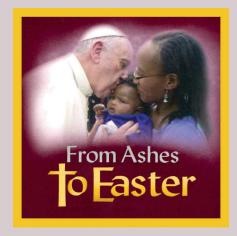
St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month in the upcoming year. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary.

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, 5/17

#### **PULSE Teen Leadership Group**

**PULSE MEETING:** We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning tomorrow night 4/24, at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### **Ashes to Easter Boxes Due**

Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry!

Ashes to Easter boxes may be dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours, or may be turned in to an usher or sacristan before or after mass. The funds collected from Ashes to Easter boxes are used to support global charities as well as local causes right here in the Diocese of Austin. For more information on how your box makes positive impact in the world visit www.austindiocese.org.

# PROJECTWASH WORSHIP AND SERVE HUM



# ST. FERDINAND'S 5TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED CLASS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our class will be collecting the following items for the *Highland Lakes Family Crisis*Center in Marble Falls, TX:

- pillow cases
- bath towels
- hair brushes
- shampoo
- conditioner

Any of these items may be brought to the church office or to 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

For more information, please contact Olga Campa at (210) 845-5075.

Thank you for your Support!



#### **Called to Protect for Youth Workshop**

Wednesday, May 3, 6:45 p.m.

All 9th - 12th grade students that are under the age of 18 are invited to attend a special safe-environment training for youth. This workshop will take the place of Wednesday's Confirmation prep class, but all candidates are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact James in the parish office by emailing james@stferdinandblanco.org

#### Mass Preparation: The Third Sunday of Easter



#### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11** *God will show us the path of life.* 

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21** *You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.* 

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

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