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Parish Bulletin

JUNE 18, 2017
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."
JOHN 6:58

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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.

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

Family Connection: The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51–58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

Prayer in Solitude George Martin

AN EXCERPT FROM "PRAYING WITH JESUS"

Jesus often went off by himself to pray, arising in the morning before the disciples or going to some solitary place. This setting for prayer is most conducive to reflecting on the mystery of God's plan unfolding in our lives, just as Mary pondered in her heart the events surrounding the birth of her Son, Jesus (see Luke 2:51). Jesus likewise made use of prayer in solitude to ponder his mission on earth. Thus, after Jesus heard of the death of his forerunner, John the Baptizer, he "withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself" (Matthew 14:13), presumably so that he could have the privacy to enter into prayerful communion with his Father. John's death signaled the end of a preparation stage; now Jesus wanted to be alone with his Father so that he could contemplate what lay before him.

The same type of prayer is necessary for us. Being a Christian is not a matter of obeying a certain set of rules that we can memorize and follow without need for further direction. Being a Christian primarily means entering into a personal relationship with God. Sustaining and nourishing that relationship requires personal contact with God. We must ponder in our hearts the mystery of his presence in our lives and discern his will for us. Such prayer is different from exuberant jubilation or loving intercession. Peaceful reflection on the mysteries of our faith is necessary for our growth in faith.

George Martin is the founding editor of *God's Word Today*, a daily guide to reading Scripture. He has written many books on Scripture and spiritual issues, including *Reading Scripture as the Word of God* (Servant, 1993).

Saint of the Week: St. Thomas More

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head.

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, in fact, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king.

St. Thomas More is also the patron of attorneys and his feast day is celebrated on June 22.

Parish Ministries & Information

Masses & Intentions

Week of June 17 - June 24, 2017

All weekday Masses have been suspended at this time. Communion services will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at St Ferdinand and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Thank you for your understanding.

Saturday, June 17th **5:00 p.m.**
Repose of the soul of Elizabeth D. Sorrell offered by Bobby & Rhonda Uecker

Saturday, June 17th **7:00 p.m.**
Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispana.

Sunday, June 18th **11:00 a.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Jim Klepac offered by his family

Wednesday, June 21st **6:00 p.m.**
Communion Service

Saturday, June 24th **5:00 p.m.**
Repose of the soul of Dan Kubin offered by his famiy

Prayer List

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

Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Carolyn Gieringer, Wyatt Ledesma, and Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr.

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 June 11, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection	**$4,135.64**
Building Fund	**$417.00**

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

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 Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (No meetings June - August).

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir
Meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the RE Building.

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.

July 17th-21st
SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School

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

-SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

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

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.

"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.

RICH Summer 2017

For a complete list of summer activities for youth visit ***stferdinandblanco.org/richsummer***

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

CONFIRMATION Summer 2017

7/16 - Confirmation Service Day - Community/ Parish Service Hours, StF, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Gloves & close-toed shoes required.

8/11-13 - Confirmation Retreat - Mandatory! (More info to come)

9/17 - Rehearsal & Review - Mandatory! All paperwork and service hours due. GS, 12:30 p.m.

24 - Confirmation Mass - 3 p.m., St. Ferdinand, Blanco

YOUTH CHOIR

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

Youth Choir rehearsals have been moved to 10 a.m. before Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Song selections are available at stferdinandblanco.org/youthchoir

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

PULSE MEETING: We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning Tuesday 6/20, from 4 p.m. -6 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.

Special Events and Announcements

The 2017 St. Ferdinand Gala Needs You!
Come have some fun for a great cause!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! We need your help to kick off the 2017 Gala planned for September 16th. If interested in working on this fundraiser please call Judy Doherty at (281) 850-9247. An organization meeting will be called. Please prayerfully consider serving on this committee. Together we can make this year's Gala the best ever!

Vacation Bible School

July 17 - 21 | 9 a.m. - Noon
Pre-K to 6th Grade

For more information or to volunteer please contact Olivia Nunn.
Text: (830) 237-2010
Email: livi89.mo@gmail.com

TEENACTS2017!

Teen ACTS Retreat
July 6-9

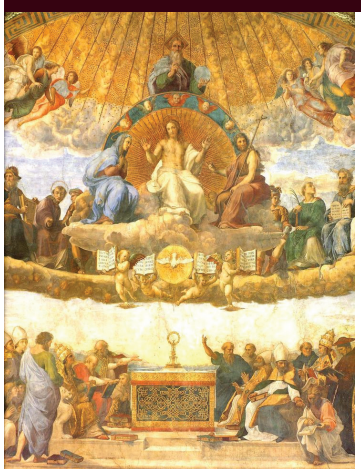
All teens are invited to experience the love and peace of Jesus through the unique spirituality of the ACTS community! This summer's Teen ACTS retreat will refesh and challenge your spirit and introduce you to a wonderful community of believers! Cost is $100. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register contact Liza Struck at castruck@aol.com or James Longoria at james@stferdinandblanco.org.

TEC
TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST OF Central Texas
TEC XVII | JUNE 23-25, 2017

WHO: Anyone in their Junior Year of High School and older
WHAT: 3-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery
WHEN: June 23-25, 2017
WHERE: Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet
WHY (YOU SHOULD GO): TEC is a great way to deepen your relationship with the living Christ in a friendly and dynamic Catholic community.
COST: $100 (Scholarships Available)

Register by visiting:
tecofctx.wordpress.com

Mass Preparation: June 25,2017 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35
God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Romans 5:12-15
Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33
Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

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St. Anne's Altar Society

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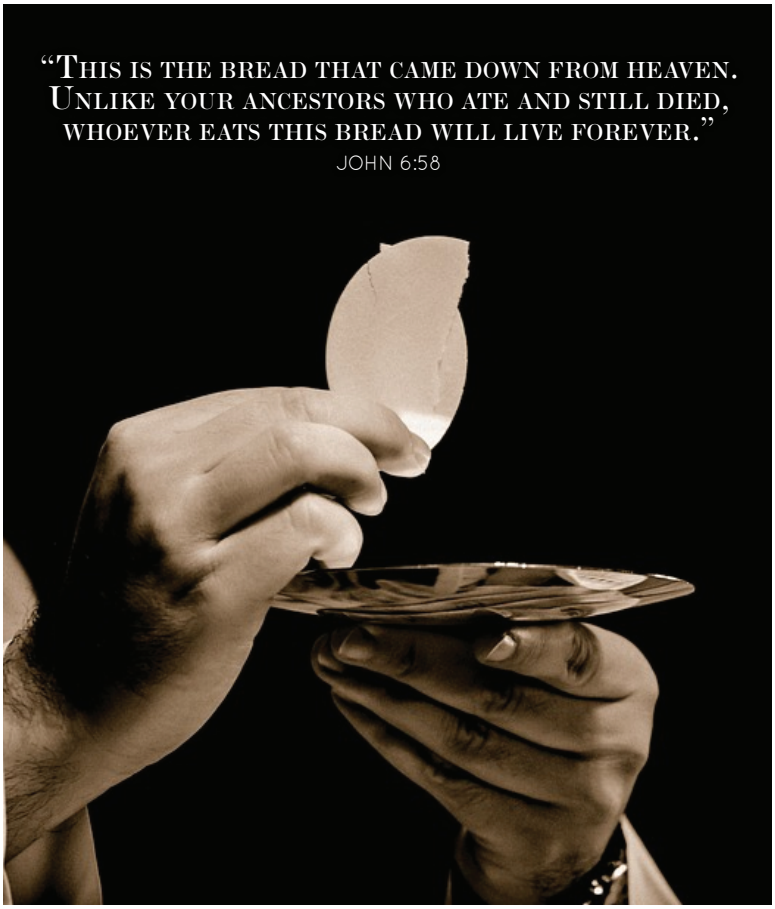

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

First Thursday Healing Mass:
6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
immediately following mass

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"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

-JOHN 10:27

Parish Ministries & Information

Masses & Intentions

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Week of June 18 - June 25 **9:00 a.m.**

Sunday, June 18th
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Thursday, June 21st **6:00 p.m.**
Communion Service

Sunday, June 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

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 2ndMonday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
in the parish hall (Blanco)
(No meetings June - August)

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 June 11, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection	**$902.00**
Building Fund	**$172.70**

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, Richard & Cayce Syburg, Ashley Fischler, Ralph Moss, George Richey***

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

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
Currently we are meeting at 1:00on Thursdays for a video and discussion. No homework for the summer. All are welcome.

Beginning in September we will begin a new study. "The Spirituality of the Gospels"

Are you seeking a deeper understanding of the spiritual vision of the Scriptures? We will explore four early witnesses to the person and vision of Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Scripture communicates God's word through human word. (Patrick J. Hartin) Books will be ordered and there will be homework and discussion to follow the video series. Come and join us. Contact Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301.

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.***

RICH Summer 2017

For a complete list of summer activities for youth visit ***stferdinandblanco.org/richsummer***

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Gospel Meditation: The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" The Jews were as repelled by the idea of eating human flesh. Who is Jesus? He is fully God and fully human who wants us to be entirely united with the Holy Trinity. He gives his entire self – body, blood, soul and divinity. Which is more difficult for us? To believe that God loves each of us so completely that he gives Himself to us under the appearances of bread and wine? Or to re-give ourselves totally and completely in each Eucharistic liturgy by saying "Amen" and by receiving the gift of our Lord in the Eucharist?

"¿Cómo puede este hombre darnos su carne como alimento?" Los judíos estaban refractarios ante la idea de comer carne humana ¿Quién es Jesús? Él es completamente Dios y completamente humano y quiere que estemos enteramente en unidad con el Espíritu Santo. Él se entrega completamente -su cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad ¿Qué es más difícil para nosotros? ¿Creer que Dios nos ama tan completamente y se entrega a si mismo a nosotros bajo la apariencia de pan y vino?¿O darnos en reciprocidad a nosotros mismos totalmente en cada Liturgia Eucarística al decir "Amén" y al recibir el don de nuestro Señor en la Eucaristía?

Special Events and Announcements

Community Service for All High School Youth

There will be some opportunities for RICH Youth to help out the community. There are already some planned dates for community service at the JC Food Pantry, Summer Kids Lunch Program, JC Housing Authority as well as our own Middle school youth program. Our first group service date is coming up at the food Pantry on June 5th. Please see Margie Vasquez (or email: Margie@stferdinandblanco.org) about the schedule and to sign up for upcoming dates.

Middle School Summer Youth Ministry
Wednesdays from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Beginning June 14

Summer 2017

Come join us at Good Shepherd
for Fun, Praise and Worship, and Games!
Open to incoming 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

All area middle school students welcome!

For more information contact Margie Vasquez:
margie@stferdinandbblanco.org

Friday, July 21 w/ Andrew Micklitz

Adoration: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Afterparty: 8:45 - 11:30 p.m.

Friday, August 18 w/ Leader TBD

Adoration: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Afterparty: 8:45 - 11:30 p.m.

BINGO!

How about some summer family fun on Thursday evenings in the Good Shepherd parish hall after the 6:00 PM Mass? We will be playing BINGO each Thursday evening. Bring your own drinks, a snack to share and let's go back to the good ole days! One exception: *This is just for fun!* We can see who has the ole mojo and who wants to relive the fun of "Parish Bingo Nights". Bring the whole family for some great family fun! Questions? Contact Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301

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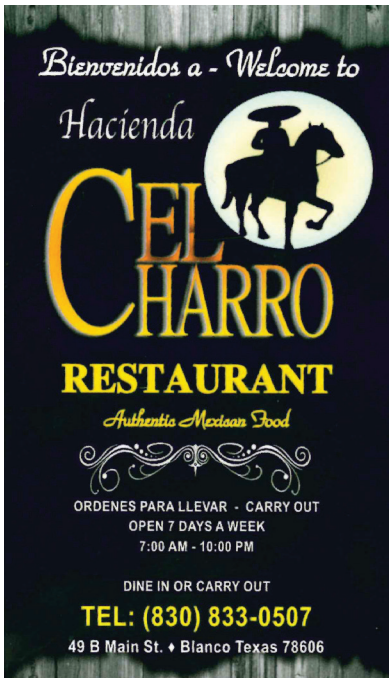

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