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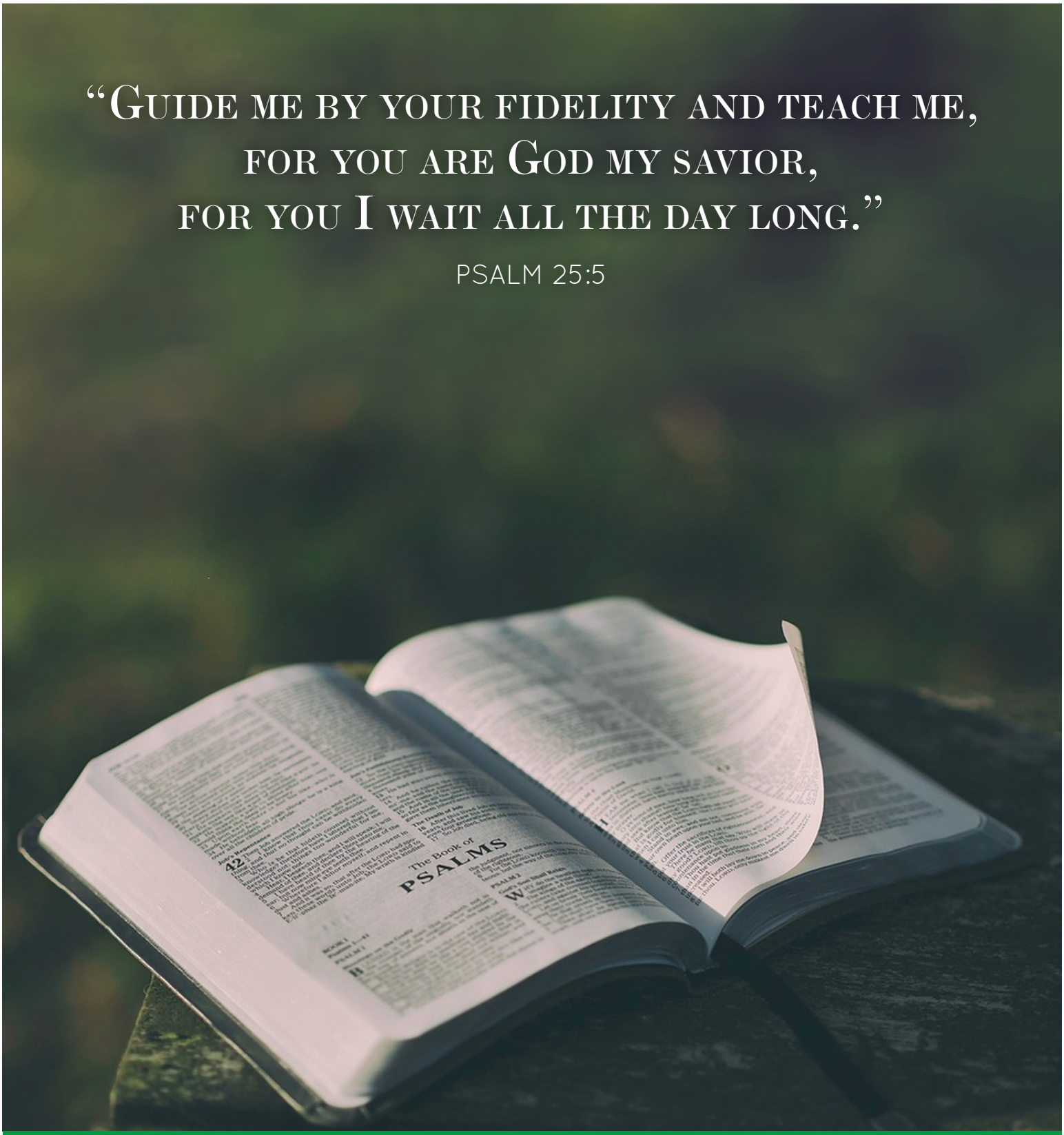

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"Christ redeemed us on the hard arms of the Cross, and His knight will not serve Him in any other way."

-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:
St. Ferdinand (Blanco) 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:
Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m.
St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (Blanco)

Websites:

For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit our websites:

www.stferdinandblanco.org
www.goodshepherdjctx.org

Office Hours

Monday through Friday:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Family Connection: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is conversion. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

The Bible and You Loyola Press

God speaks to us in many ways. One way God speaks to us is through the Bible. The Bible is the most important book in Christian life because it is God's message, or revelation. The Bible is the story of God's promise to care for us, especially through his Son, Jesus. At Mass we hear stories from the Bible. We can also read the Bible on our own.

The Bible is not just one book; it is a collection of many books. The writings in the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by many different authors using different styles.

The Bible is made up of two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains 46 books that tell stories about the Jewish people and their faith in God before Jesus was born.

The first five books of the Old Testament—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—are referred to as the Torah, meaning "instruction" or "law." The central story in the Torah is the Exodus, the liberation of the Hebrew slaves as Moses led them out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. During the journey God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and the people.

A beautiful part of the Old Testament is the Book of Psalms. A psalm is a prayer in the form of a poem. Each psalm expresses an aspect, or feature, of the depth of human emotion. Over several centuries 150 psalms were gathered to form the Book of Psalms. They were once sung at the Temple in Jerusalem, and they have been used in the public worship of the Church since its beginning.

The prophets were called by God to speak for him and urge the Jewish people to be faithful to the Covenant. A large part—18 books—of the Old Testament presents the messages and actions of the prophets.

The New Testament contains 27 books that tell the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and the experience of the early Christians. For Christians the most important books of the New Testament are the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Many of the 27 books are letters written by leaders such as Saint Paul.

Saints of the Week: Guardian Angels

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar. Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love for each person day in and day out.

Parish Ministries & Information

Masses & Intentions

Week of September 16 - September 30, 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, September 30th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Jim Klepac offered by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

Saturday, September 30th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

Sunday, October 1st (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Eric Ardan offered by his family

Sunday, October 1st (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Health and comfort of Claire Cantini

Wednesday, October 4th (StF) 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service

Thursday, October 5th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service

Saturday, October 7th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin by family and
Repose of the Soul of Moe Lane by Liza Struck

Saturday, October 7th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please see Fr. Wade or other celebrant 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.

Collections Statement

Week of September 24, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	**$4,148.42**
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Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	**$971.67**

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

Prayer List

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

Cynthia Ford, Ralph Moss, George Richey, Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr., Ruben Gonzales, Lupe Barrera, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Claire Cantini, Liz Marchand, and Roselle Wagner Fischler

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.

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 calling him directly at 713-569-9491.

Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds.
-PSALM 100:3

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."
-John 10:27

Parish Ministries & Information, Cont'd

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.

Good Shepherd 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 St. Ferdinand parish hall

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas
Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall (No meetings June - August).

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir
Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

Good Shepherd Children's Choir:
Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ferdinand Youth Choir:
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. in the St. Ferdinand Chapel

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

Women's Bible Study:
Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Good Shepherd RE Building)

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

RE Teachers and Aides Needed

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are both in need of catechists and aides for the 2017-2018 RE year. For more information on how you can serve, please contact the appropriate site leader below:

St. Ferdinand:
Susan Moore, Director of RE
susan@stferdinandblanco.org

Good Shepherd:
Margie Vasquez, RE Coordinator
margie@stferdinandblanco.org

The life of a teacher, as I know from personal experience, is very challenging and demanding, but it is also profoundly satisfying
-Saint Pope John Paul II

RICH Core Team Members Needed!

RICH High School Youth Ministry is currently in need of Adult and Young Adult volunteers to serve on Core Team. Core Team members serve as small group leaders, mentors, and catechists in a fun and positive youth ministry environment. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of RICH Core Team, please email james@stferdinandblanco.org.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."
-Romans 12:5

Faith Formation & Religious Education

Religious Education
St. Ferdinand

RE registration for the 2017 - 2018 RE year is still open! Please contact Susan in the RE office if you're interested in volunteering or if you have any additional questions about Religious Education at St. Ferdinand.

RE Office Hours: *Sundays 9:00-10:50, Wednesdays 10:00-6:00*

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.

"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.

Confirmation Preparation
Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register.

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

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

Religious Education Announcements

PreK-8th grade: Sundays 9:30-10:40
Please pick up your children promptly at 10:40 so that catechists can arrive at 11:00 mass on time.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. Psalm 16:11 (NAB)

Me mostraras la senda de la vida, la abundancia de goces que en ti moran, las delicias eternas a tu diestra. Salmos 15:11

OUR YEAR HAS BEGUN!
If you have not yet registered for catechism classes, please stop by the RE Office or call Susan at 833-0444. The purpose of catechism classes is to present the life and teachings of Jesus Christ; to enable the learner to grow in the love of Our Lord, to become more aware of the blessings of our Catholic Faith, and to live these teachings each day of our lives. Parent resources can be found at http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/

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EL AÑO COMIENZA!
If you have not yet registered for catechism classes, please stop by the RE Office or call Susan at 833-0444. Si todavía no has registrado a tus niños para clases de catequismo, pase por la oficina de Educación Religiosa, o llame a Susan en 833-0444. El propósito de clases del catequismo es para presentar la vida y las enseñanzas del Señor Jesucristo; para poder crecer en al amor a Nuestro Señor, llegar a ser mas consciente de las bendiciones de la fe Católica, y a vivir esas enseñanzas cada día de nuestras vidas. Se puede encontrar recursos para padres en http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/

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

Faith Formation & Religious Education, Cont'd

Religious Education
Good Shepherd

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE
margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Faith Formation Schedule:
REGISTRATION CONTINUES!!
Parents still needing to register their children for RE an do so after mass in the RE building!

Pre-K - 8th Grade
Sunday (After Mass) 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament Class (First Holy Communion)
Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation
Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register.

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the RE building at Good Shepherd.

Patrick J. Hartin and his book, "Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels" are on tap for September 14, 2017. If you have never come to one of our bible studies perhaps now is the time. We'll be studying the spiritual visions of each of the four Gospels--Matthew, Mark, Luke & John!

The book and study guide are a set and cost $16.00. Book scholarships are available. The class will be supplemented with a DVD presentation on each of the 7 lessons.

To order a book call Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301 or email kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

High School & Young Adults Bible Study
A study of the Father's unfailing love for you. This unique and immersive 8-Week beries begins Wednesday October 4 at 6 p.m. in the Good Shepherd RE Building. See the next page for more details.

CONFIRMATION 2017

On Sunday, september 24, 20 adults and youth received the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Ferdinand. Bishop Daniel Garcia celebrated Confirmation mass for Confirmandi from St. Ferdinand, Good Shepherd and St. Paul the Apostle parishes. ***Thank you*** to the parents, family, sponsors, catechists, and friends who made Confirmation 2017 possible. It was a truly memorble day in the lives of the newly Confirmed and their families. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in their lives as well as all the lives of all of our parishioners.

ATTENTION PARENTS: *Called to Protect for Youth - 9th-12th Grade*

Sunday, October 8 at 6 p.m.

Every year, each parish in the diocese is required to present CTPY training for all 6th & 9th Grade students. We have scheduled a CTPY training for RICH Youth Ministry on October 8, 2017. This will take the place of normal RICH programming on this day. Please ensure that your child is in attendance. If your child can't attend this program, or if you would like to sign a waiver, please contact James in the youth office at james@stferdinandblanco.org.

Special Events and Announcements

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Please join us today at our annual Mexican Dinner & Raffle in the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd! The dinner begins at 11am and continues until 2 pm. Donations will be accepted at the door, and plates will be available to dine in or carry out. You can also enter the raffle for your chance at one of our prizes. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. We thank you for your support and hope you will make plans to join us!

RICH KICKOFF 2017

Sunday, October 1 at 6 p.m.

What does it mean to have the HEART of GOD? Come find out at the 1st RICH youth night of the year! It's a social night of Games, Great Food, Music, and even some special surprises! All teens 14-18 and their parents are welcomed! Bring a friend!

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

High School & Young Adults Bible Study | Begins Wednesday, October 4, at 6 p.m.

An Engaging Journey Through the Bible: This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. ***You will:*** Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life! Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments! See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture!... and much more!

Baby Bank Campaign 2017

Begins Today!

Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today! Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. 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 St. Ferdinand office at 830-833-5227.

Prayer & Faith Resources

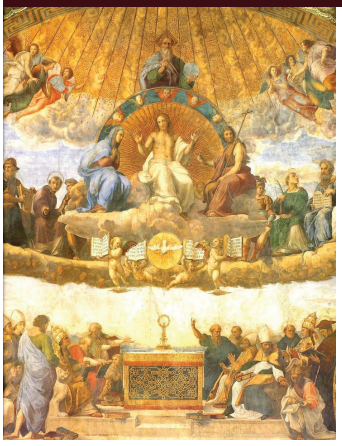
The 2017 St. Ferdinand Men's ACTS retreat was a great success thanks to the abundant love of God and the hard work of his servants in our community. Men from throughout the area came together in faith and grew in the knowledge and practice of what it means to love God and one another in a community of friends. Thank you to our St Ferdinand and surrounding church family for the love, support and prayers that made this awesome experience possible!

Gospel Meditation: The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How often do we change our minds about what we will eat, what we will wear, who we will see, where we will go? Sometimes we change our minds quite easily. Other times, it is more difficult. Today, Jesus challenges us. Do we "walk the walk" or just "talk the talk?" Jesus teaches us that belief is doing the will of God. Conversion is our change of mind or change of direction to walk with Jesus. How is the Lord calling you to conversion? How is God inviting you to "walk the walk?"

¿Con qué frecuencia cambiamos nuestro pensar sobre lo que comeremos, vestiremos, a quién veremos, dónde iremos? Algunas veces cambiamos de pensar muy fácilmente. Otras veces, es más difícil. Hoy, Jesús nos reta ¿"Andamos el camino" o sólo lo "decimos"? Jesús nos enseña que creer es hacer la voluntad de Dios. La conversión es nuestro cambio de pensar o de dirección para caminar con Jesús ¿Cómo está el Señor llamándole a usted a la conversión? ¿Cómo está Dios invitándole a "andar el camino"?

Mass Preparation: October 8, 2017, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20
The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43
Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Prayer & Faith Resources, Cont'd.

Pray with Bishop Vasquez

Please consider Bishop Vásquez' prayer request for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- May we strive to be a community of servants seeking to be last rather than first ...
- Por que nos esforcemos en ser una comunidad de servidores, buscando ser los últimos más que los primeros ...
- For those who continue to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, mau they know the generosity and mercy of God made present through the actions of others ...
- Por aquellos que continúan recuperándose de las secuelas del Huracán Harvey, por que conozcan la generosidad y misericordia de Dios hecha presente a través de las acciones de otros ...

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St. Anne's Altar Society

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Sunday, October 1st

11am-2pm

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By Donation ~ Dine In or Carry Out

Raffle

Tickets: $5 each or 5 for $20

Drawing at 2pm on October 1, need not be present to win.

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