



SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

PARISH BULLETIN | DECEMBER 10, 2017 | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**“I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU;
‘PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.’”**

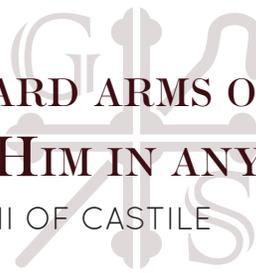
MARK 1: 2,3



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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.

Weekday Masses:

Thursday, St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 6:00 p.m.

First Friday of Each Month, St. Ferdinand (Blanco):
8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., St. Ferdinand (Blanco)
Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Good Shepherd (Johnson City)

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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SUNDAY CONNECTION: PREPARE THE WAY

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of

John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12

Please join us for the following activities and Mass in observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

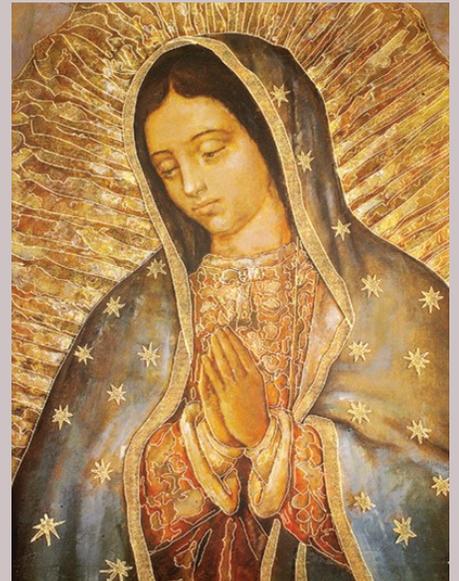
6:00 a.m. - Mañanitas with Procession and Rosary in the Chapel to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by breakfast in the hall, chocolate, coffee, and Mexican pastries, etc. The Chapel will be open during the day.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

6:00 p.m. - Songs to Our Lady of Guadalupe before Mass

7:00 p.m. - Mass (Fr. Matt Kessler is the presider) followed by pot luck dinner in the Parish Hall

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ruega por nosotros.



The Christmas Gala Needs Your Desserts!

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd parishioners are encouraged to bring desserts for the upcoming Christmas Gala! Desserts may be dropped off when you arrive at Twin Sisters on December 17. Members of the St. Anne's Altar society will serve the desserts at the Gala. Thank you for your contribution to this wonderful event!



PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of December 9 - December 16, 2017

Saturday, December 9th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Bob Bindseil offered by his family

Saturday, December 9th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
(Español) Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

Sunday, December 10th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Repose of the soul of Kenneth Parker offered by Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, December 10th (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dolly Martinez & Carolyn Geringer

Tuesday, December 12th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 14th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
St. Anne's Altar Society

Thursday, December 14th (GS)
No Mass

Saturday, December 16th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of James "Jim" Meurer offered by Lucia Carbary

Saturday, December 16th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
(Español) Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispania

DECEMBER 10 SECOND COLLECTIONS

StF & GS second collections will benefit Retired Clergy & Religious in the Diocese of Austin.

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of December 3, 2017

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$5,194.00
Building Fund	\$900.50

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection	\$1,126.00
Building Fund	\$680.00

*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

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, 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD VOCATIONS CHALICE

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.

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meeting times to be announced.

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.

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. in the Good Shepherd RE Building. Our current study is "Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels" please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

Don't Forget Your Gala Tickets!

Tickets for the 1st annual St. Ferdinand Christmas Gala are on sale after all masses this weekend! Individual tickets are \$25 and family tickets are \$50. All proceeds from the Gala benefit St. Ferdinand Ministries and building maintenance. Please see Cathy Cudd or Philis Esquivel after mass today to purchase or reserve your tickets. For more information on the Christmas Gala, please see the back page of this bulletin. Thank you for your support of the Christmas Gala! We can't do it without you!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING!

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Thanks and praise be to God for the healing of *Roselle Wagner Fischler*.

Thanks and praise be to God for the many blessings given to our parishes. God is good, all the time!

If you or someone you know has received a special blessing, and would like to give thanks here, please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer of thanksgiving will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless extenuating circumstances warrant further publication.

"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

Susan Moore, Director of RE

830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

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

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.

December 10th Christmas party sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America

December 17th-January 7th Christmas holidays

January 7th Catechist Inservice 9:30-10:40

January 14th Classes resume

Blanco Tots Need Toys Angel Tree

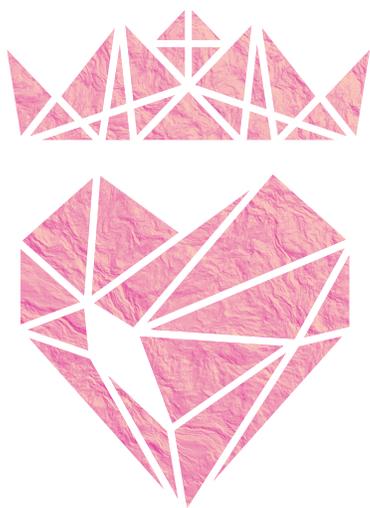
Thank you for your generous gifts for Blanco Tots Need Toys recipients. Gifts will be given to the families on Saturday, December 2nd. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers this Advent.

Holy Heroes Advent Adventure

Holy Heroes offers free online video clips, a recorded decade a day of the rosary, and fun activities for children ages 5-12 during Advent. Sign up at: <http://www.holyheroes.com>. Click on the Advent Adventure banner.

Methodology: How Do We Learn?

from the Echoes of Faith Catechetical Formation Series will be offered on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 9:30-10:45 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m in the Religious Education Building. The four segments of this module look at the lifelong cycle of human growth and development from these perspectives: building knowledge, relating to others, learning to live a moral life, and growing in faith. This is a foundational module upon which sound catechetical methods and strategies can be built. There will be no regularly scheduled classes this day so that catechists may have the opportunity to attend. Coffee and light refreshments will be on hand until 10:00 a.m. and again at 12:30. Certificates will be awarded for full participation.



RICH YOUTH MINISTRY FALL 2017

HEART OF GOD

SUNDAYS | 6-8 PM | FOOD, GAMES, TRUTH

December 10, 2017: *Summit*: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

December 17, 2017: *Christmas Gala* Serving our Parish Family
(12/13 @ 6 p.m.: Join us to make your UGLY Christmas Sweater!)



TONIGHT AT RICH: (SUNDAY, 12/10)

Prepare the Way. But what and Who are we preparing for?

PARENTS: Prayer is at the core of our faith. You and your family are invited to join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday evening. Please join us.

TEENS: The Real Presence is not just some ancient teaching of the Church. Jesus lives and he makes Himself real to us through the Blessed Sacrament. Tonight we'll spend some time in the Real Presence of the One we prepare for during Advent.

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONT'D

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GOOD SHEPHERD

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Faith Formation Schedule:

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.

High School & Young Adults Bible Study

A study of the Father's unfailing love for you. This unique and immersive 8-Week series begins Wednesday October 4 at 6 p.m. in the Good Shepherd RE Building.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Group

The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM is set aside for a time to rest in God's presence. We will resume our contemplative prayer as a group beginning November 14. Come give God 30 minutes just for Him. Come Behold the one Beholding you. The group will meet in the Church at Good Shepherd!

YOUTH MINISTRY

RICH Youth Ministry

High School Religious Education

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation

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YOUTH SERVICE AT THE CHRISTMAS GALA!

Serve Your Parish and have some Christmas Fun!

Young people of all ages are encouraged to serve at the Christmas Gala starting at 2 p.m. on December 17th. Youth will have the opportunity to sign up for a service shift tonight at RICH Youth! Any youth who sign up will have the opportunity to make an Ugly Christmas Sweater to wear while they serve. Please contact James at (979) 492-4644 or james@stferdinandblanco.org for more information.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAN JUAN DIEGO

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

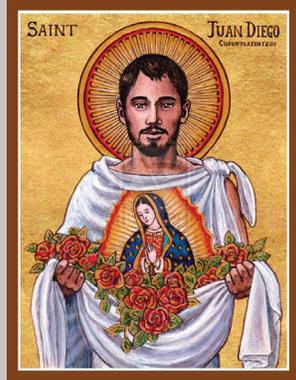
First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

God counted on Juan Diego to play a humble, yet huge role in bringing the Good News to the peoples of Mexico. Overcoming his own fear and the doubts of Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, Juan Diego cooperated with God's grace in showing his people that the Good News of Jesus is for everyone. Pope John Paul II used the occasion of Juan Diego's beatification to urge Mexican lay people to assume their responsibilities for passing on the Good News and witnessing to it.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Shepherd Men's Club Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m.

The Men of Good Shepherd are invited to attend a meeting in the social hall on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 AM. Breakfast will be served. This is a follow up meeting to the gathering we had two weeks ago. The purpose is to make the effort to reenergize the Men's Club at Good Shepherd. AT the last meeting Nieves volunteered to be the "Spiritual Leader." Michael volunteered to be the "Services Leader." And George volunteered to be the Secretary/Treasurer. One of the goals is to decide and/or determine if one of the men wants to step up to be the President and overall leader of the group. Additionally we want to brainstorm on different ways for the men's club to be active in the parish and community. Look for an announcement in next week's bulletin and remember, all men from ages 16 to 100 are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call Nieves Rodriguez at 830-868-5230 or George Gebhardt at 210-216-6771

Todos los hombres de la Iglesia Good Shepherd estan invitados a atender a una junta en el salon social el Sabado 15 de Diciembre a las 9 de la mañana. Se servira desayuno. Esta junta es un seguimiento a la primera junta que tuvimos varios hombres de la Iglesia hace dos semanas. El proposito, es de hacer un esfuerzo para dar nueva energia al Club de Hombres (Men's club) en nuestra Parroquia. En la ultima junta Nieves Rodriguez se ofrecio como voluntario para ser el "Lider Espiritual, Michael Dusing se ofrecio como voluntario para ser el "Lider de Servicio" y George Gebhardt se ofrecio para ser "Secretario/Tesorero del grupo. Una de nuestras metas es decidir , o determinar si alguno de los hombres quiere dar el paso o tomar la decision de ser el Presidente que incluye ser el Lider del grupo. Adicionalmente queremos tomar ideas de las diferentes maneras en que el club de hombres podria estar mas activo en nuestra Parroquia y Comunidad. Busquen por un anuncio y recordatorio de esta junta en el boletin en las proximas semanas. Y recuerden todos los hombres de 16 a 100 anos estan invitados a atender. Si tienes preguntas llama a Nieves Rodriguez 830798-5502 O a George Gebhardt 210-216-6771

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

Help Fr. Wade Decorate His Christmas Tree!

Fr. Wade needs your help decorating his Christmas tree! For Christmas this year, Fr. Wade has asked for ornaments from his parish family. Each family is encouraged to drop off one ornament to the church office between now and December 11. Your ornaments and prayers will help keep Fr. Wade in the Christmas spirit as he continues to fight his illness! Thank you for your support!

¡Padre Wade necesita tu ayuda para decorar su árbol de Navidad! Para Navidad este año, el Padre Wade ha pedido adornos de su familia parroquial. Se anima a cada familia a que deje un adorno en la oficina de la iglesia desde ahora hasta el 11 de Diciembre. ¡Sus ornamentos y oraciones ayudarán a mantener al Padre Wade en el espíritu navideño mientras continúa luchando contra su enfermedad! ¡Gracias por tu apoyo!

CAROLERS NEEDED! Please join us on December 17th at 11:00 am to go to the Nursing Home in Johnson City as we sing Christmas Carols and distribute gifts to the residents. For more information, please call Jane Murrell at 830-868-7337.

MEDITACIÓN: ¡PREPAREN EL CAMINO!

MEDITACIÓN

El bautismo de Juan no fue «para» el perdón del pecado. Los pecados del penitente no fueron lavados por este gesto de ser sumergido. Más bien, la sumersión bajo las aguas movidas te prepara para recibir el perdón del pecado que deseas mientras el sacerdote ofrece un sacrificio a favor tuyo. Es más correcto traducir que Juan sumergió a la gente bajo las aguas del Jordán «hacia» el perdón del pecado. Sabemos que estos hombres y mujeres volverían a Jerusalén para estar cerca del templo para la ofrenda expiatoria que se haría el día siguiente.

En la Biblia se describe el pecado como una condición de alienación y separación de Dios. Puede ser evidenciado por el grado. Hay pecado que es simple, hay pecado que es más serio y hay pecado que es tan significativo que pondrá en peligro tu alma inmortal. Si no es confesado, el pecado no se puede diagnosticar correctamente y su efecto siempre aumentará con el tiempo.

Juan es un agente de desafío y cambio. Es un hombre fuerte, viviendo sin comodidades en el desierto, que puede quedarse todo el día en las corrientes del Jordán y sumergir a todos los que se presentan. En Mateo 11:11, Jesús dice que entre los hombres —e incluye a todos los patriarcas— ninguno ha sido más grande que Juan el Bautista. Este es alto honor y alabanza para un primo, un heraldo y un amigo. Los hombres y mujeres se sienten irresistiblemente atraídos por Juan porque sienten la presencia de Dios en su ministerio. Viajan kilómetros fuera de su camino para ser sumergidos en esta agua por él. Algunos se preguntan si él podría ser el Mesías. Otros lo honran como uno de la larga línea de grandes profetas. Pero él nunca se honra a sí mismo y solo señala a quien viene después de él, que ni siquiera merece agacharse para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Sería difícil encontrar una figura más convincente en el tiempo de Jesús y más allá.

Más adelante, Juan dirá que «[Jesús] ha de ir aumentando en importancia, y yo [Juan] disminuyendo» (Juan 3:30). Este es un punto excelente de meditación para tú y yo esta semana. Necesitamos salir del camino para que Jesús pueda ser revelado a otros por la manera en que vivimos y amamos como creyentes en el mundo.

ORACIÓN

El tema del arrepentimiento del Evangelio me hace recordar la gran oración de arrepentimiento del rey David. Esta semana podemos orar junto con David en Salmos 51:6–12:

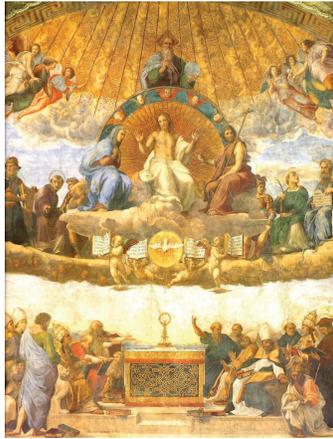
«En verdad, tú amas al corazón sincero, y en lo íntimo me has dado sabiduría. Purifícame con hisopo, y quedaré limpio; lávame, y quedaré más blanco que la nieve. Lléname de gozo y alegría; alégrame de nuevo, aunque me has quebrantado. Aleja de tu vista mis pecados y borra todas mis maldades.

»Oh Dios, ¡pon en mí un corazón limpio!, ¡dame un espíritu nuevo y fiel! ... Hazme sentir de nuevo el gozo de tu salvación; sostenme con tu espíritu generoso.»

PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES, CONT'D.

Mass Preparation

December 17, 2017, The Third Sunday of Advent



First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Mary sings praise to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

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