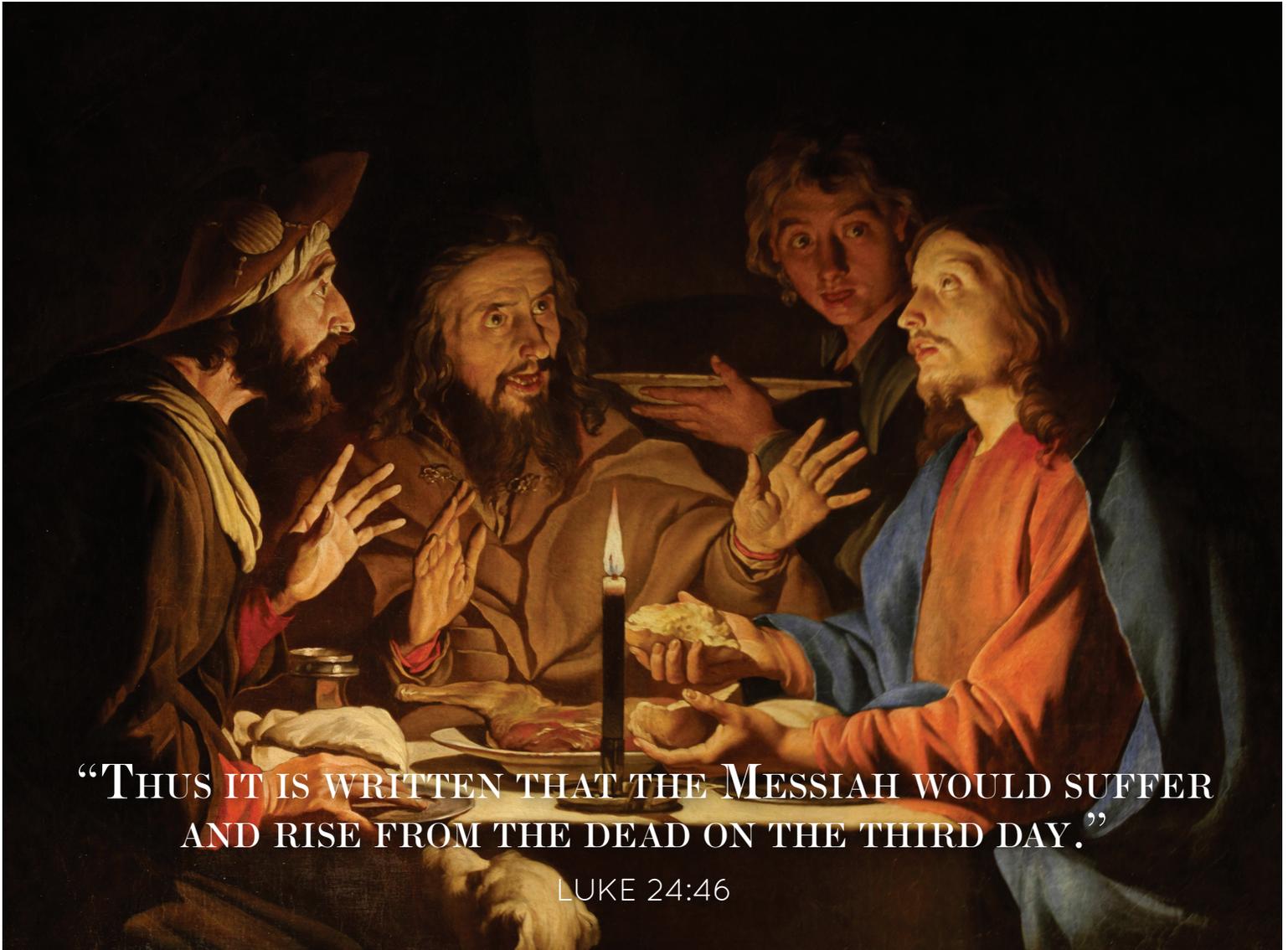




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PARISH BULLETIN | APRIL 15, 2018 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OR EASTER



“THUS IT IS WRITTEN THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER
AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY.”

LUKE 24:46

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ST. FERDINAND, BLANCO MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY (ESPAÑOL) 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD, JOHNSON CITY MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.

FOR A COMPLETE WEEKDAY
MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M., ST. FERDINAND

SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M., GOOD SHEPHERD

OR BY APPOINTMENT

“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.

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of April 14, 2018 - April 21, 2018

Saturday, April 14th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Fr. Wade Russell offered by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

Saturday, April 14th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

(Español) The Benefactors of Raphael's Refuge

Sunday, April 15th (GS)

9:00 a.m.

Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, April 15th (StF)

11:00 a.m.

Repose of the soul of Holly Hada on the 20th Anniversary of her death offered by Marlene Hagesfeld
Return of Spanish ACTS Retreat

Monday, April 16th (StF)

8:00 a.m.

No Mass

Tuesday, April 17th (StF)

8:00 a.m.

For all souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 19th (StF)

8:00 a.m.

The Benefactors of Raphael's Refuge

Thursday, April 19th (GS)

6:00 p.m.

Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Friday, April 20th (StF)

8:00 a.m.

Benefactors of Lonnie H., May God bless them

Saturday, April 21st (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Birthday Blessings for Marcela Alegria by Rosa Vargas

Saturday, April 21st (StF)

7:00 p.m.

(Español) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

For Mass intention inquiries, please stop by the St. Ferdinand Parish Office during regular business hours or call (830) 833-5227.

SUNDAY CONNECTION: PEACE BE WITH YOU

MEDITATIO

When we read the Gospel through the lens of the Lectio Divina method we trust that the Holy Spirit will draw our attention to a word or a phrase that will be the source of our meditation each week. For this Gospel passage the word for me is shalom, which loosely translates into English as, “Peace be with you.” Shalom means so much more than a simple wish for peace, a hope for the absence of conflict or strife. The root of the word in Hebrew is “shalam,” which means to “be safe in mind, in body, and in your world.” Shalom envisages a type of wholeness that encourages you to give back, to generously repay something to someone in some way. It is an “action” word that conveys God’s intent for our lives.

You use the word shalom in Israel today when you greet or say goodbye to someone. It is a wish of fullness and well-being. On the lips of Jesus, “shalom” becomes a prayer that hope, health, and prosperity will come upon those assembled in the upper room. That’s the powerful meaning behind a simple greeting.

Jesus is wishing his disciples wholeness and well-being in this moment of fright and doubt. We are called to wish that same blessing to all we meet and serve this week.

ORATIO

As I lead a tour through the land of Israel this month, I am drawn to two verses about the shalom of God that I teach on the opening morning of the trip on the Mount of Beatitudes and when we remember Jesus and his entry into Jerusalem from the heights of the Mount of Olives. Our prayer response this week will be a reflection on these two texts:

Matthew 5:9: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Psalms 122:6-7: “For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your ramparts, prosperity within your towers.’”

ESTE DOMINGO: ¡PAZ A USTEDES!

MEDITACIÓN

Cuando leemos el Evangelio a través del lente del método de la Lectio divina, confiamos en que el Espíritu Santo nos llamará la atención sobre una palabra o una frase que será la fuente de nuestra meditación cada semana. Para este pasaje del Evangelio la palabra para mí es Shalom, que se traduce en español como, «la paz sea con ustedes». Shalom significa mucho más que un simple deseo para la paz, una esperanza por la ausencia del conflicto o la lucha. La raíz de la palabra en hebreo es «shalam», lo que significa «estar a salvo en la mente, en el cuerpo y en tu mundo». Shalom visualiza un tipo de integridad que te alienta a devolver, a retribuir generosamente algo a alguien de alguna manera. Es una palabra de «acción» que expresa la intención de Dios para nuestra vida.

Hoy se usa la palabra Shalom en Israel cuando se saluda o se despiden a alguien. Es un deseo para la plenitud y el bienestar. En los labios de Jesús, «Shalom» llega a ser una oración para que la esperanza, la salud y la prosperidad vengan sobre los que están reunidos en el aposento alto. Hay un significado poderoso tras este

saludo simple. Jesús les desea a sus discípulos integridad y bienestar en este momento de temor y duda. Somos llamados a desear esta misma bendición a todos con que nos encontramos y servimos esta semana.

ORACIÓN

Mientras conduzco una gira por la tierra de Israel este mes, dos versículos me hablan sobre el Shalom de Dios. Enseño el primero de ellos la primera mañana de la gira, en el monte de las Bienaventuranzas, y el segundo cuando recordamos a Jesús y su entrada a Jerusalén, desde la altura del monte de los Olivos. Nuestra respuesta en oración esta semana será una reflexión sobre estos dos textos:

Mateo 5:9: «Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque Dios los llamará hijos suyos.»

Salmos 122:6-7: «Que haya paz en ti, Jerusalén; que vivan tranquilos los que te aman. Que haya paz en tus murallas; que haya seguridad en tus palacios.»

SAINT OF THE WEEK: GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta’s 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: “Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women.” In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.



Early in her sixth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week, Gianna Molla died at home in Mesero, where she was buried.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her Liturgical Feast Day is April 28. With great faith and courage, Gianna Molla made the choice that enabled her daughter to be born. We can often wish that we were in different circumstances, but holiness frequently comes from making difficult choices in bad situations.

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION, CONT'D

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, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Liz Marchand, Roselle Wagner Fischler, Dylan Gonzales, Virginia Duerr, Freddy Salazar, and Betty Abbenante

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.

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of April 8, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$6,654.00
Seminarians	\$773.60
Building Fund	\$190.00

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection	\$1,603.00
Black Bag	\$257.27

*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

APRIL 15 SECOND COLLECTIONS

StF & GS: No Second Collections

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

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

ACTS Core Team:

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 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. Contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

WEBSITES

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

www.stferdinandblanco.org
www.goodshepherdjctx.org

***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



SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEC (Together Encounter Christ) Retreat Registration Open

TEC #19 – June 22-24, 2018

TEC starts as a three day retreat centered on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, and then welcomes you into a greater community focused on living our Catholic-Christian faith daily. Sponsored by the Diocese of Austin, TEC of Central Texas is a weekend of prayer, reflections/talks, group discussions, personal study, recreation, live music and activities. TEC of Central Texas weekends are held at the beautiful Eagle's Wings Retreat Center which is in the hill country just outside Burnet, Texas. Retreatants are required to attend all three days and retreats begin at 10:00 AM on your day of arrival and concludes at 5:30 PM on your day of departure. There are only two TEC of Central Texas retreats each year and availability is limited. Registration for TEC 19 is currently open. The standard cost to attend TEC is \$125, but you can register for TEC 19 (June 22-24,) for just \$100 through May 24. You may register by visiting www.tecofctx.wordpress.com

Teen ACTS 2018 Registration OPEN!!!

June 28 - July 1, 2018

If you or a high school teen you know would like to experience Christ and our Catholic faith in a more personal and rewarding way with other teens, this year's Teen ACTS Retreat is June 28 - July 1, 2018 at the Wellsprings Retreat Center. Retreatants must currently be completing their Freshman through Senior year of high school and need not be Catholic to attend. Cost for the retreat is \$100. Scholarships are available. Contact Carl or Liza Struck at castruck@aol.com or 830-833-3210 to attend or for more information.



RICH & Teen ACTS Fundraiser

Sunday, April 29 after 11 a.m. Mass

RICH and Teen ACTS Youth will be selling religious articles, gifts, books and youth group t-shirts after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 29. Youth will also be selling baked goods, and providing sodas and coffee for a suggested donation. Please consider donating a baked good to the sale! If you'd like to contribute, please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org for more information. All proceeds will benefit scholarships for Teen ACTS and RICH youth ministry events. Thank you for your donations and support of youth ministry at St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd!



Adult Confirmation Class - More info to come

Classes for adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, May 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. Prospective students may register in the parish office during regular business hours or on the first day of class. We will meet every other Wednesday. A full schedule can be found at stferdinandblanco.org/confirmation.



Ashes to Easter Boxes Due!

Please return your Ashes to Easter boxes to the parish office or with an usher before any Mass. Ashes to Easter boxes benefit local missionary efforts in and outside of the Diocese of Austin.

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Blanco Good Samaritan Center

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Blanco Good Samaritan Center has volunteer opportunities open on morning or afternoon shifts Monday through Saturday! We would love to have you stop by and fill out a volunteer application. Join the fun! Stop by the store to see our upgraded, updated décor and take a tour of our food pantry. We are located at the corner of Pecan and 7th Street and are open from 10-4 Monday through Friday, 10-6 on Thursdays and 10-4 the third Saturday of each month. For more information, visit us online at blancogoodsam.org or call us at (830) 833-5269. We hope to see you soon!

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. FERDINAND

Susan Moore, Director of RE

830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

RE Office Hours: Sun. 9:00-10:50, Wed. 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.

April 28th 12:00 - 1:30 (Saturday) Rehearsal for First Holy Communion

May 6th First Holy Communion

May 13th Mother's Day No Class

May 20th Last Day of Class

July 16-20th 9:00-Noon Rome: Paul and the Underground Church Vacation Bible School

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

First Communion Families

Please note a slight change in time for the rehearsal for First Holy Communion. The time has been changed to 12:00-1:30 on the same day originally scheduled: Saturday, April 28th.

Easter Season Snacks

We will be celebrating the Easter Season by serving snacks until Pentecost! If you would like to donate snacks or help to serve them, please contact Susan at 833-0444.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Faith Formation Schedule:

Pre-K - 8th Grade: Sundays 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Sacrament Class: (1st Communion): Wed. 6:00-7:00 p.m.

April 4 - May 2: 1st Communion Classes Resume

April 8 - April 29: RE Classes Resume

May 3: 1st Communion Rehearsal (6:30 p.m. after Mass)

May 6: No Classes - First Communion Mass Celebration

May 9: 1st Communion Mystagogy - Reflection Class (Last Class)

May 13: No Classes - Mother's Day

May 20: No Classes - Graduation Mass / End of the Year RE Party

Confirmation Preparation:

Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m. (During RICH Youth Ministry) All Teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up and attend RICH Youth Ministry on Sunday nights. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register. There will be a confirmation retreat set for August, and Confirmation Celebration Mass is set for October 30, 2018. Please contact James Longoria or Margie Vasquez for specific Confirmation Schedule.

Women's Bible Study

When: Each Thursday beginning February 8 at 10 a.m.

Where: Good Shepherd RE Building

Contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com if you have questions or are ready to order your study materials.

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

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

CROSS TRAINING YOUTH RETREAT



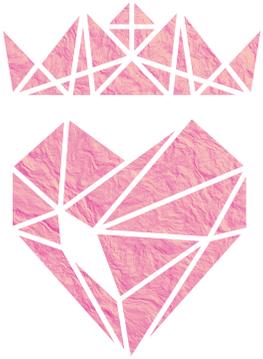
Cross Training 2018

June 11-14, 2018, Eagle's Wing's Retreat Center

Cross Training is a youth ministry program for incoming high school freshmen designed to teach them about the tools at their disposal to keep strong in their faith as they go through the challenges of high school. The retreatants will hear witness testimonies from upperclassmen about the struggles of keeping their faith in high school, and learn how to live out a fearless Catholic faith. Cost for this year's Cross Training Retreat is \$225. Scholarship opportunities are available. For more information and to register visit catholiccrosstraining.org.

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONT'D

YOUTH MINISTRY



RICH YOUTH MINISTRY 2017-2018
HEART OF GOD
SUNDAYS | 6-8 PM | FOOD, GAMES, TRUTH



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.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries contact James at james@stferdinandblanco.org or (979) 492-4644

Godstock 2018

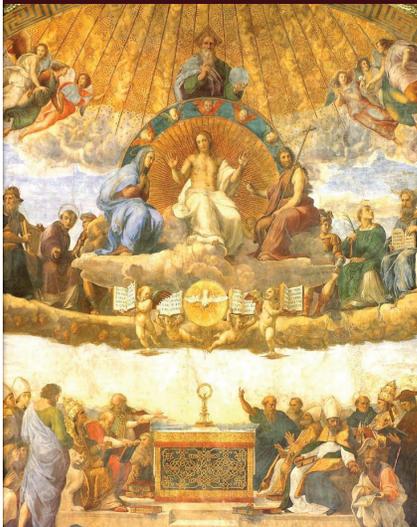
Godstock 2018 will take place on April 21! If you have already

registered, please turn in your \$45 registration fee to the parish office or James ASAP. Registration spots are still available, but do not include a t-shirt.

TONIGHT AT RICH: THE ALPHA AND OMEGA - We're switching gears a bit this week and in addition to talking about who Christ is, we're taking a look at the awesome power of his victory over sin and death. Lots of games, and upbeat fun! 6 p.m.

CONFIRMATION TONIGHT! - Teens in Confirmation will have their own lesson on the power of Jesus tonight. 6 p.m.

PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES



Mass Preparation

April 22, 2018, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Together in God's Love Retreat

May 18 (7:30 p.m.) - 20 (Noon), Cedarbrake Retreat Center

This "Together in God's Love" retreat focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the Church. The weekend includes talks on faith, communication, sexuality, and stewardship in the context of Catholic marriage. Cost is \$350 per couple and includes lodging and meals.



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

-ROMANS 12:5

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