



SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD;
I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND MINE KNOW ME.”

JOHN 10:14

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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,
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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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10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Week of April 21, 2018 - April 28, 2018

Saturday, April 21st (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Saturday, April 21st (StF) 7:00 p.m.
(Español) Birthday Blessings for Marcela Alegria offered by Rosa Vargas

Sunday, April 22nd (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Agnes & Frank Morales offered by Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, April 22nd (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Schilling offered by Paulette Stepp

Monday, April 23rd (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Tuesday, April 24th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
Benefactors of Lonnie H., May God Bless Them

Thursday, April 26th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of John Wier offered by the Moore Family

Thursday, April 26th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of Mary Ann and Buster Rabito offered by Dorothy Lowden

Friday, April 27th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 28th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Saturday, April 28th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
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: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MEDITATIO

Jesus teaches the disciples that the Father loves him because he lays down his life for the sheep. Our good shepherd will lay down his life when he goes out in search of the lost sheep. Because he is willing to risk his life for the flock the Father will honor him.

Then there are the sheep that do not belong to his fold. Jesus says that he must lead them as well. They will have to learn to listen to the call of a new shepherd and join the one flock that will be led by the one shepherd. I wonder who the sheep are that don't belong to our flock? How can we be the voice of Jesus that they hear as an invitation to join the one flock of the one shepherd?

Jesus is willing to lay down his life because the Father knows him and he knows the Father. That intimate relationship gives Jesus the confidence he needs to lay down his life in service to others. This is the same relationship that will give us the confidence to follow the example of Jesus as the good shepherd.

ORATIO

King David was a good shepherd too. In Psalm 23 he reflects on the responsibility that a good shepherd has for his flock. At the end of our prayer this week you will see the phrase "he restores my soul." This is how, as the shepherd finds and rescues a sheep that has become "cast down," in so doing he saves the life of the lost sheep.

"The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me." - Psalm 23: 1-4

ESTE DOMINGO: EL BUEN PASTOR

MEDITACIÓN

Jesús enseña a los discípulos que el Padre lo ama porque él da su vida por las ovejas. Nuestro buen pastor da su vida cuando va en búsqueda de las ovejas perdidas. Debido a que él está dispuesto a arriesgar su vida por el rebaño, el Padre lo honrará.

Luego hay las ovejas que no pertenecen a su redil. Jesús dice que él debe pastorearlas también. Ellas tendrán que aprender a conocer al nuevo pastor y unirse a un solo redil que será pastoreado por el único pastor. Me pregunto, ¿quiénes son las ovejas que no pertenecen a nuestro redil? ¿Cómo podemos ser la voz de Jesús para que ellas oigan la invitación de unirse al redil del pastor?

Jesús está dispuesto a dar su vida porque el Padre lo conoce y él conoce al Padre. Esta relación íntima le da a Jesús la confianza que necesita para dar su vida en servicio de otros. Esta es la misma relación que nos da la confianza para seguir el ejemplo de Jesús como el buen pastor.

ORACIÓN

El rey David también era un buen pastor. En el Salmo 23 reflexiona sobre la responsabilidad que un buen pastor tiene para su rebaño. A final de nuestra oración para esta semana encontrarás la frase «me da nuevas fuerzas». Así es cómo el pastor halla y rescata la oveja que ya está «abatida» y de esta manera salva la vida de la oveja perdida.

« El Señor es mi pastor, nada me puede faltar. El me hace descansar en verdes praderas, me conduce a las aguas tranquilas y repara mis fuerzas; me guía por el recto sendero, por amor de su Nombre. Aunque cruce por oscuras quebradas, no temeré ningún mal, porque tú estás conmigo: tu vara y tu bastón me infunden confianza.» - Salmo 23: 1-4

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ANSELM OF CANTERBURY

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

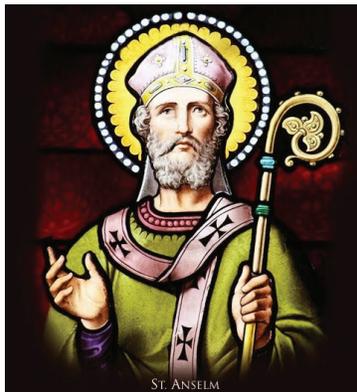
During these years, at the community's request, Anselm

began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus' brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.



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, Freddy Salazar, Betty Abbenante, and Francis Hartmann

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 15, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection **\$3,626.06**

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection **\$1,690.25**
Priest & Seminarian Formation **\$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 22 SECOND COLLECTIONS

StF - No Second Collection

GS - Black Bag

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.

Good Shepherd Parish Meeting

Thursday, April 26 after 6:00 p.m. Mass



All current members of the Good Shepherd Pastoral Council and interested Parishioners are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 26 after Mass in the social hall. This meeting is intended for those who have suggested topics for the Pastoral Council, once our new Pastor is named, to bring up for review. Many topics regarding necessary Parish maintenance issues will be brought up for discussion at this meeting. Father Richard will attend this meeting.

Blanco Good Samaritan Center

Volunteer Opportunities

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 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.

Good Shepherd RE Parent Meeting

Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m., Good Shepherd Parish Hall

All parents are encouraged to attend an RE development parent meeting. Topics will include class schedules, middle school youth ministry, and summer activities for children and youth. For more information contact Margie Vasquez.

CROSS TRAINING YOUTH RETREAT



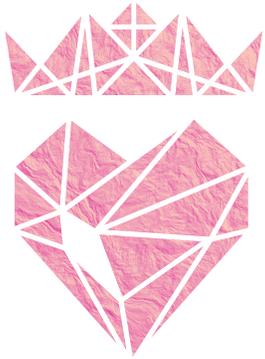
Cross Training 2018

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

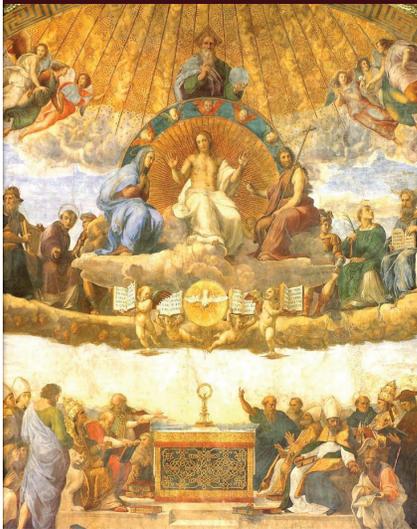
Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must sign-up for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register.

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

TONIGHT AT RICH: THE WOUND - Why did Jesus come? What is sin and how does it affect our relationships with ourselves, God, and others? What does the church teach about sin and how to avoid it? Group games, food, and worship! Bring your friends! 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK AT RICH: - THE DOCTOR What do we mean when we say Jesus is the *Divine Physician*?

PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES



Mass Preparation

April 29, 2018, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

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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