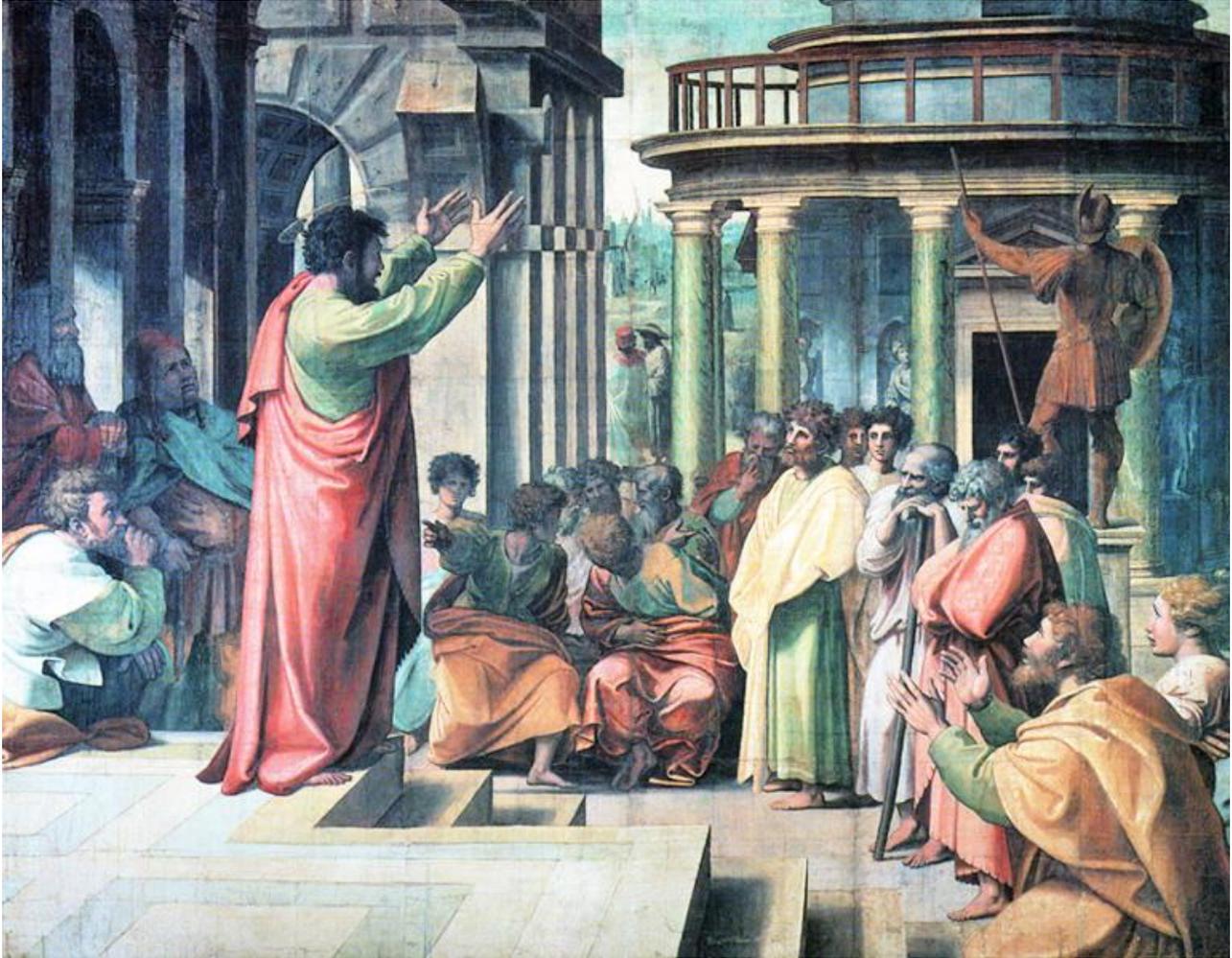




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PARISH BULLETIN | September 30, 2018 | THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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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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Monday through Friday:

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Masses & Intentions

Week of September 29, 2018 – October 6, 2018

Saturday, September 29th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Jim Klepac on their anniversary by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

Saturday, September 29th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 30th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Birthday blessings for Roselle Fischler by Patti Marx

Sunday, September 30th (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Return to good health of Larry Jordan by Vicki and Joe Guidry

Tuesday, October 2nd (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Wednesday, October 3rd (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, October 4th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, October 4th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Friday, October 5th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday, October 6th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Fr. Wade Russell by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

Saturday, October 6th (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.

We are all prophets!

We all know that Moses was filled with the Spirit of the Lord, but today's first reading tells us that God took the Spirit and shared it with seventy-two elders of Israel. Unfortunately, two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, were not with everyone else when this happened.

But that didn't stop God. To everyone's surprise, the Spirit fell upon Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the "ordination." Hearing the news, Moses declared, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). There is a similar story in today's Gospel. John told Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him" because "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:38, 39, 40). In both of these stories, people were harshly judging someone who was trying to do God's will but who didn't fit into their expectations.

Today, we still believe that the Spirit falls on everyone who is baptized and accepts Jesus in faith. As Peter said, "The promise

is made to you and to your children and to all those far off" (Acts 2:39). Those who are "far off" includes us. Like Moses and the elders, the apostles, and the man John condemned, we too have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We too are meant to be prophets.

Being a prophet doesn't mean shouting in the desert like John the Baptist did. It doesn't mean confronting kings and princes like Jeremiah and Amos did. A prophet is someone who brings Jesus and his words to the world. That's our job. Jesus is asking us to tell people how wonderful he is. He is asking us to proclaim his mercy, his goodness, and his salvation. And he's asking us to do it with a heart filled with his love.

If Moses were here, he'd tell us, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are a prophet. So get out there and proclaim God's word to a hurting world. I wish that every member of the Church would take up this call."

Todos somos profetas!

Todos sabemos que Moisés estaba lleno con el espíritu del Señor, pero la primera lectura de hoy nos dice que Dios tomó el espíritu y lo compartió con setenta y dos ancianos de Israel. Desafortunadamente, dos de los ancianos, Eldad y Medad, no estaban con todos los demás cuando esto sucedió.

Pero eso no impidió que Dios. Para sorpresa de todos, el espíritu cayera sobre Eldad y Medad, aunque no estaban en la "ordenación". Al oír las noticias, Moisés declaró, "que todo el pueblo del Señor fuera profeta!" (Números 11:29).

Hay una historia similar en el Evangelio de hoy. Juan le dijo a Jesús, "Maestro, hemos visto a uno expulsando demonios en tu nombre y tratamos de prevenirte porque él no nos sigue". Jesús respondió: "No lo evites" porque "quien no está en contra de nosotros es para nosotros" (Marcos 9:38, 39, 40). En ambas de estas historias, las personas fueron duramente a juzgar alguien que estaba tratando de hacer la voluntad de Dios pero que no encajaban en sus expectativas.

Hoy en día, todavía creemos que el espíritu cae sobre todo aquel que es bautizado y acepta a Jesús en la fe. Como Pedro dijo, "la promesa se hace a usted y a sus hijos y a todos. (hechos 2:39). Los que están "lejos" se incluyen también. Como Moisés y los ancianos, los apóstoles y el hombre condenado Juan, dice también, el Espíritu Santo mora en nosotros. Nosotros también estamos destinados a ser profetas.

Un profeta no significa gritar en el desierto como Juan el Bautista lo hizo. No significa enfrentarse a reyes y príncipes como Jeremías y Amós. Un profeta es alguien que trae Jesús y sus palabras al mundo. Ese es nuestro trabajo. Jesús nos pide decirle a la gente lo maravilloso que es. Él nos pide proclamar su misericordia, su bondad y su salvación. Y él nos pide hacerlo con un corazón lleno de su amor.

Si Moisés estuviera aquí, él nos diría, "por el poder del Espíritu Santo, tú eres un profeta. Así que sal ahí fuera y proclamar la palabra de Dios a un mundo de dolor. Deseo que cada miembro de la iglesia tomara esta llamada de atención."

Feast of the Guardian Angel

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.



Prayer List

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

Clara Jo Bindseil, Joanne Bodine, Lee Durci, Roselle Wagner Fischler, Cynthia Ford, John Geldorf, Dylan Gonzales, Ruben Gonzales, Teresa Harris, Francis Hartmann, Clifford Lane, Wyatt Ledesma, Charles McKinney, Naomi Michalsky, Ralph Moss, Charles Reinert, Joe D. Riba Sr., George Richey, Freddy Salazar, Lucille Scharnhorst, Gay Schuler, Lydia Segura, Jacob Umazor, Nellie Upshaw, and Polo Zamora.

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: cathy@stferdinandblanco.org.

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 September 23, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection **\$5,425.51**

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection **\$891.35**

*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

September 30 Second Collections

StF: Black Bag

GS: N/A

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 8 a.m. Mass 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 6:00 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.

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 Thursday at 1 p.m. If you're interested in joining please 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.***

Special Events and Announcements

Baby Banks are here! Pick one up 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 call the office at 830-833-5227 or email admin@stferdinandblanco.org.

¡No olviden recoger sus Alcantías del Bebé después de la Misa hoy! Recuerden a aquellas familias que necesitan ayuda durante o después de un embarazo no planeado. Su donación ayudará a los esfuerzos pro-vida en la parroquia y a lo largo de la diócesis. El Proyecto Gabriel, el Proyecto Raquel, el Ministerio de Banqueta, la Línea de Ayuda Pro-Vida y muchos más recibirán fondos de esta campaña. Para mayor información o para ser un voluntario, por favor call the office at 830-833-5227 or email admin@stferdinandblanco.org.

Good Shepherd Mexican Dinner & Raffle October 7, 2018, 11am – 2pm

DONATIONS NEEDED! Good Shepherd's Mexican Dinner and Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11 am – 2 pm in the church hall. We are in need of raffle items or financial donations to be used to purchase large items for the raffle.

We also need volunteers on Saturday, October 6th, starting at 9 a.m. to set up the tables and chairs in the dining area, and to assist in the kitchen with food preparation. A volunteer sign-up poster with specific jobs and time slots for the day of the Mexican Dinner will soon be available in the Parish Hall. Every household is asked to bring baked goods for desserts at the dinner. You may bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall on Saturday morning October 6th or Sunday morning October 7th before 11a.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Rita Summy at 830-385-5324 or 830-868-4536. Thank you all in advance for your support of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church

Do you want to know more about our Catholic Faith? Come to these very informative sessions at **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos! The sessions are highly recommended for people active in parish ministries, and also serve toward Level I certification for catechists.

If you attended Basic Teachings at St Ferdinand in 2015-16, this is an ideal opportunity to make up any classes you may have missed so that you can complete the series and receive your certificate. *You do not need to pay a second fee.* Registration forms are available in the narthex or through the church office or RE Office. Please pre-register so that they can have materials for you!

Classes will take place on Mondays 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Claretian Hall at **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos on these dates:

October 1	Christian Morality
October 8 & 15	Prayer and Spirituality

If you can't make any particular class check the diocesan website for other locations.

Estudio Bíblico *El Evangelio de Juan*, Loyola Press

Acoge humildemente la palabra que ha sido plantado en ti y puede salvar tus almas. - Santiago 1:21b

Domingos 9:30-10:30 con Rosa Vargas en las siguientes fechas. Para información llame a 833-0444.

30 de septiembre
14 de octubre
21 de octubre
28 de octubre
11 de noviembre
18 de noviembre
9 de diciembre
16 de diciembre

Good Shepherd Monthly Men's Club Meeting is October 3

The Good Shepherd's Men's Club will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 3 starting at 7:00 PM in the social hall of the church. All men from the parish are invited to attend. If there are topics you wish to have discussed, submit those requests to President Don Van Eynde. He can be reached at 830-377-6670 or at vaneynde@trinity.edu.

Note from the Caretaker of St. Mary's Cemetery, Twin Sisters, Texas

I am trying to locate Ms. Teresa Aguilar, who is, or was, a member of St. Ferdinand's parish. She is no longer in the Parish Directory and I can't find a phone number for Ms. Aguilar. If you know her, please ask her to contact me, or let me know how to contact her. Thank you for your help. Joe Crowley, Caretaker, St. Mary's Cemetery, 833-1213.

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

DRE – Susan Moore 833-0444

susan@stferdinandblanco.org

Office hours/Horarios de Oficina:

Wednesdays/Miercoles 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Welcome back!!! Class schedule:

Sunday mornings 9:30-10:40 a.m. - PreK-6th Grade

Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:15 p.m. - 7th -8th Grade:

Important dates:

Sunday, October 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m. - Rehearsal for Rite of Confirmation

Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. – Rite of Confirmation

Registration for Religious Education classes is available in the Religious Education Building during RE classes, or on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Early Bird Materials Fees through October 15th :

PreK-8th grade \$30, First Communion \$45

5% discount for 2 or more children

Maximum per family in one year: \$100

Catechist Discount: \$25 total for entire family (flat fee)

After October 15th : PreK-8th grade \$40, First

Communion \$55

A Domestic Pentecost

Each new day in the life of our families, and each new generation, brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed our Encourager.

Pope Francis World Meeting of Families August 26, 2018

Join your facilitator in the Parish Hall 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. during RE classes to find out more about these topics:

October 7th Sacramentals and Enthroning the Bible at Home, *Kathy Cain*

November 4th Preparing Your Home for Advent

Norberto & Celia Mendez

December 2nd The Lesser Known Holy Days of the

Christmas Season *Scott & Olivia Nunn*

Un Pentecostés Doméstico

Cada nuevo día en la vida de nuestras familias, y cada generación nueva, trae la promesa de un Pentecostés nuevo, un Pentecostés domestico, una nueva efusión del Espíritu Santo, el Paráclito, a quien Jesús envía como nuestro Abogado, nuestro Consolador y, de hecho, es el quien nos anima.

Papa Francisco

Reunión Mundial de Familias, 26 de agosto 2018

Reúne con Cecilia Avila en el Hall de 9:30 a 10:30

durante las clases de educación religiosa para aprender más acerca de estos tópicos:

7 de octubre Sacramentales y el entronizamiento de la Biblia en el hogar

4 de noviembre Preparando el hogar para el adviento

2 de diciembre Los días sagrados menos conocidos durante la temporada de Navidad

Good Shepherd

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

VOLUNTEERS / TEACHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact Margie Vasquez for details.

Religious Education Classes:

Cost: Early Bird Price through October 15th, \$30

First Communion, \$45 (2 books)

5% Discount for 2 or more children

Max per family per year, \$100

After October 15th, \$40, First Communion \$55

Catechist Discount: \$25 for entire family

Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

6th thru 8th Grade (Edge Program): Please pick up a calendar from RE building

High School (Lifeteen Program): Sunday's 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Confirmation Classes (for both St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd): Classes to meet once a month on Saturday's (First

Class to begin on Oct. 13th) – Please see Margie Vasquez to register at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org (or contact the parish office at 830-833-5227).

Young Adult Preparation for Confirmation



Young adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to attend Confirmation Preparation classes specifically designed for them. Classes meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the RE Building. Next class will be October 3rd.

Confirmation Preparation for St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday's 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (During RICH Youth Nights). Current class for Confirmation in 2018 is closed. Confirmation for 2018 will be celebrated on October 30th, 2018 (6:30 p.m.) at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church. Confirmation Class for 2019 began registration on Sept. 2nd, with Parent Meeting on Dec. 9th. All Teens seeking Confirmation in 2019 must sign-up and be attending RICH Youth Ministry Classes on Sunday nights. If you would prefer to register online, please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Margie Vasquez.



High School Religious Education:

The RICH Youth Group will be utilizing the LIFETEEN program. Classes will meet at the St. Ferdinand Parish hall on **Sundays from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**. Many activities and events are planned for this year - so as we start the new school year we are excited about the opportunity to be teaching and sharing as your students grow in their Catholic faith. Confirmation students for 2019 will be signing up for RICH and then attending separate classes starting in December.

Middle School Religious Education:

Middle School Youth Ministry will utilize the EDGE program for classes, Registration for EDGE (6th – 8th grades). This year we are planning monthly activities as well as retreats and lock-in's. Students can register at the parish office or by email: margie@stferdinandblanco.org for registration forms and calendar.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in all youth ministry committees. If you are interested in volunteering you must be EIM compliant, please refer to bulletin for upcoming workshops in our area.

Please thank the following Youth Ministry Core Team Members that have volunteered to help in planning and organizing the Youth Ministry activities and classes: Mary Jane Hill, Alan Hill, Maria Rodriguez, Bernie McDaid, Michael Rios, Diane Kainer, Sandra Acosta, Pam Roy, Veronica Hernandez, Joe Hernandez, Olga Campa, Olivia Nunn, Liza Stuck, Carl Struck, Dawn Reveley, Kaznie Clark, Margie Vasquez.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries contact Margie at margie@stferdinandblanco.org.



Inspiration San Antonio

November 17, 2018 // Six Flags Fiesta Texas
High School Event – 9th – 12th grades

Location & Schedule

Six Flags Fiesta Texas / 17000 IH-10 West / San Antonio, TX 78257

9:00-10:30am // Pick up tickets outside the front gates of the park

11:00am-12:00pm // Saturday Daily Mass

12:00-7:00pm // Enjoy Six Flags!

7:00-9:00pm // Inspiration Event: XLT (Music, Message, & Adoration)

Pricing: \$55 (ticket + wristband) / \$25 (wristband only) – for Season Ticket Holders

Registration: Please contact Margie Vasquez for Registration forms and details at margie@stferdinandblanco.org or cell #512-924-8558.

Prayer & Faith Resources



Mass Preparation: October 7, 2018, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6

A prayer for God's blessing.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

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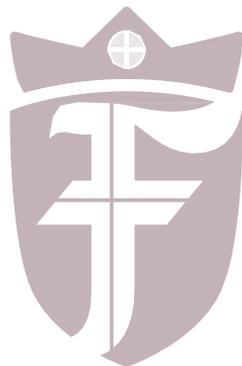
(830) 833-0240
Cell: (830) 688-3686
Fax: (830) 833-0242



St. Anne, Pray for Us!

St. Anne's Altar Society

Join us the first Thursday of each month after 8:00
a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall for fellowship &
prayer as we work in support of our church family!



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