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St. Ferdinand Catholic Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th 2016

Pastor: Fr. Wade Russell

Deacons: Tony Barbour, Jessie Esquivel and George Lillard

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Welcome Visitors and 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 Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass: Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
en Español se celebrará el Sábado a la 7.

Sunday Morning Mass:

11:00 a.m. at St. Ferdinand

9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd in Johnson City

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Wednesday, 5 p.m., Saturday, 4 p.m.

Week Day Masses:

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.

Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick immediately following

Adoration: Wednesday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Ministries and Organizations

Altar Servers ...Joe Hernandez ...830-833-5227

Altar Society...Judy Doherty...281-850-9247

Building & Development...Doug Dowlearn...210-240-2101

Bulletin...Cathy Cudd...cathy@stferdinandblanco.org

Catholic Daughters...Belinda Delgado...830-385-5049

Cemetery...Joe Crowley...830-833-1213

Eucharist Adoration ... 830-833-5227

Finance Council....Kevin Keck...830-833-0979

Hispanic Council...Phillis Esquivel...806-773-7835

Knights of Columbus..Tim Cowser...979-270-1655

Mass Scheduling...Dora Alegria...210-218-9633

Men's ACTS...Ruben Manriquez...512-508-5013

Music Ministry....Joan Keck...830-833-4939

Pastoral Council... P. J. Wearden...830-833-4696

Parish Secretary ... Margie Vasquez...830-833-5227

RCIA...Bernie McDaid...512-842-1106

RCIA Spanish...Maria Villegas...830-833-5433

Religious Education.....Susan Moore...830-833-0444

Teen ACTS... Michael Rios... 830-330-1063 or

Angie Manriquez... 210-323-9414

Website....Cathy Cudd...cathy@stferdinandblanco.org

Women's ACTS....Dora Alegria...210-218-9633

Youth Ministry...V. Hernandez...210-386-1468

Office Hours

10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday

Readings for the Week

Sun: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Mon: Sirach 24:1-2, 3-4, 8-12, 18-2; Luke 1:39--47

Tues: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wed: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

Thurs: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Fri: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

Sat: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Parish Organizations and Meeting Times

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY--Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS--Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS--

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

CHOIR PRACTICE--Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm, Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

Masses & Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 10th 5:00 PM

For the Repose of the Soul of Justin Smith

Saturday, December 10th Spanish Mass 7:00 PM

Repose of the Souls of Ignacio Navarro & Victoria Perez

By: Ramona Navarro

Sunday, December 11th 11:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin by His Family

Tuesday, December 13th 12:00 PM

For the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 14th 8:00 AM

For the Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Wednesday, December 14th 6:00 PM

For the Repose of the Soul of Casey Russell

Thursday, December 15th 8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of Donald Dupont

Friday, December 16th 8:00 AM

For Healing of Amber Burton

Saturday, December 17th 5:00 PM

In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Brother Blaine



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Collections for the Week of December 4, 2016

Regular Collection \$ 4,158.22

Building Fund \$ 900.00

Second Collection for this Weekend
December 10-11
Retirement Fund for Religious

Prayer Lists

Our Parish Community offers the gift of prayer. Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs, especially for the following: Alex Alba, Keith Bell, Bob & Clara Jo Bindseil, Arturo Cabrera, Jr., Claire Cantini, Aureliano Cortez, Paul Crowley, Helene Duran, Joyce Franklin, Carolyn Gieringer, Rusty Greene, Thomas Grimes IV, Bill Hill, Peter Hoch, Cliff Lane, Jeanette H. Lavelle, Charles McKinney, Jim & Elsie Meurer, Sarah J. Neal, Richard Ochoa, Alicia Ramirez, Charles Reinert, Guadalupe Rubio, John & Kevin Ruiz, Mia Isbell Saltz, Lucille Scharnhorst, Susan Spencer, Jackie Stephens, Heather N. Stranton, Jackson Taylor, and Pam Woods.

Pray for the Homebound: Charlotte Ellis, Mary Kuricar, Dan Nelson, Elizabeth Dechert Sorrel, and Lucille Walton.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas

St. Ferdinand Church

Dec. 12

Mañanitas and rosary in the Chapel at **5:00 a.m.** to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mass at 6:00 a.m.

Procession around the parking lot and then refreshments in the Parish Hall: Chocolate, coffee, and Mexican pastries, etc.

Matachines will dance in front of church before Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner after Mass in the Parish Hall

12 de diciembre

Mañanitas y rosario en la Capilla a las **5:00 a.m.** para honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Misa a las 6:00 a.m.

Procesión por el estacionamiento y luego Refrscos en el Salón Parroquial: Chocolate, café y Pan Dulce, etc.

Matachines bailarán en frente de la iglesia antes de Misa En honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Misa Bilingüe a las 6:30 p.m.

Comida de traje después de misa en el Salón Parroquial



Calendar of Events – 2016

Dec. 13 – Catholic Daughters of America Meeting

Dec. 19 – Knights of Columbus Meeting

Dec. 24 – Vigil of Christmas

St. Ferdinand Masses: 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight (Bilingual)

Good Shepherd Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Good Shepherd Mass: 8:00 a.m.

St. Ferdinand Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

St. Ferdinand Masses: 5:00 p.m. English; 7:00 p.m. Spanish

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

Good Shepherd Mass: 9:00 a.m.

St. Ferdinand Mass: 11:00 a.m.



Stained Glass Windows Will Be Installed This Week At St. Ferdinand!

Please come and join us Sunday, December 18th at the 11:00 am Mass for the dedication of the new stained glass windows.



CHOSEN
YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD CONFIRMATION

"Chosen" 2016-2017 Confirmation Classes have started. If you need to register, call the office at 830-833-5227 to get more information. The classes will be on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 pm.

"Celebrating the Eucharist"

Fr. Jim Harnan's annual retreat at Well Springs Retreat Center in Blanco will be January 13-15, 2017. The subject for this year's retreat is "Celebrating the Eucharist". We will speak on the Eucharist and Scripture, explain the Mass and speak on how not to assist at Mass, view movies on miracles of the Eucharist, discussion groups, Adoration, Reconciliation, etc. Fee is \$100 per person. Some Scholarships available. For more registration information call Fr. Jim at [\(830\) 833-4243](tel:8308334243) or email him at jharnan@yahoo.com.

Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us. May the light of the season be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Religious Education

Faith Formation Schedule Please note new class times!

Please note the Current Schedule

Sunday Morning 9:30-10:45 a.m. Pre-K-5th Grade
Wednesday Evening 6:00-7:15 p.m. 6th-8th

Please contact Susan in the Religious Education office at 833-0444 if you have any questions about the schedule. Religious Education Office Hours: Sundays 9:00-10:45 a.m., Wednesdays 2:00-6:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Primary grades (Sunday classes) will be on Christmas break December 18th and 25th, January 1st and 8th. Classes resume January 15th. Middle School (Wednesday classes) will be on Christmas break December 21st and 28th, January 4th and 11th. Classes resume January 18th.

*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.*

Blanco Tots Need Toys Christmas Gift Program

Thank you for your generous gifts for Blanco Tots Need Toys recipients. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers this Advent.

DCYC Registration is Open!--DCYC 2017 will take place January 27-29 in Waco and teens from all over the Diocese of Austin will be in attendance. Registration for RICH youth is open at this time. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt! More information can be found by visiting: stferdinandblanco.org/youth-ministry or by contacting: james@stferdinandblanco.org

Youth Musicians Needed--St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month in the upcoming year. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary. Serving in music ministry is a great way to deepen your faith and will definitely be a lot of fun! Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org if you are interested in joining.

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

Are you looking for ways to grow in your faith? Do you want to put all of those graces you received in Confirmation to work for you and your community? PULSE is hoping to develop effective, holistically Catholic, peer-led ministry leaders among teenagers from ages 14-19 in our community. We need you! More information can be found by visiting: stferdinandblanco.org/youth-ministry or by contacting: james@stferdinandblanco.org

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