**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Sunday Morning Masses:**
Good Shepherd: 9:00 a.m.
St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass:**
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession**
Thursday, 5:00 p.m

**Adoration:**
Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**First Thursday Healing Mass:**
6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
immediately following mass

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**OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit:
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“HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.”
Matthew 21:9
**Religious Education**

Faith Formation Schedule  
*Spring Semester Classes begin January 11*

**Pre-K - 8th Grade**  
Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

**CHOSEN**  
*Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation*  
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Women’s Bible Study**  
“If you feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith”, plan on attending our Women’s Bible Study. Jeff Cavins will lead our video instruction on James. “Pearls for Wise Living”. We meet every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the RE Building. If you plan to attend this study please contact Karen Gebhardt, (210) 414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

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**Youth Ministry**

**RICH Youth Ministry**  
*High School Religious Education*  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Blanco)

**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! Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org if you are interested in joining.

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**TODAY AT RICH:**

**Holy Week: History & Prayer**  
Why do Catholics focus on Christ’s suffering during Holy Week? Come find out. Games, great food and even better people! 6 p.m.

**PULSE MEETING:**  
We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning tomorrow night 4/10, at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.

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**Gospel Meditation: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

Jesus enters Jerusalem to the acclamations of the crowds extolling him as Son of David and shouting “Hosanna” which means “Save us.” His entry resembles that of a triumphant ruler yet Jesus enters humbly riding a donkey rather than a mighty war horse. Entering into his Passion, Jesus enters into the darkness of sin, betrayal, abandonment, torture, and death all the while never turning away from God, his Father. Jesus destroys the separation between God and humanity through covenant and sacrifice. As we enter this most holy week, what darkness, abandonment, betrayal or sin causes you to cry out to Jesus, “Hosanna, Lord, save us?”

Jesús entra a Jerusalén en medio de las aclamaciones de la multitud que lo exalta como el Hijo de David y le grita “Hosanna” lo que significa “Sálvanos”. Su entrada recuerda a la de un gobernante triunfante, sin embargo Jesús entra humildemente montado en un burro en lugar de en un caballo de guerra poderoso. Al entrar a su Pasión, Jesús entra a las tinieblas del pecado, la traición, el abandono, la tortura, y la muerte y todo ello sin alejarse jamás de Dios, su Padre. Jesús destruye la separación entre Dios y la humanidad a través del convenio y el sacrificio. Mientras entramos en ésta, la Semana más Santa, ¿Qué oscuridad, abandono, traición o pecado le hace a usted clamar a Jesús, “Hosanna, Señor, sálvanos”? 

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“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

-Saint Thomas Aquinas
“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.”
-JOHN 10:27

PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION

MASSES & INTENTIONS
Week of April 9 - April 16, 2017

Sunday, April 9th
Repose of the Soul of William “Bill” Hubble offered by Cynthia Ford

Thursday, April 13th
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper (7 p.m. at St. Ferdinand)

Sunday, April 16th
The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES

Men’s Club
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. mass.

Knights of Columbus
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)

Children’s Choir:
Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study:
Meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm (RE Building)

PRAYER LIST
Please pray for parishioners’ spiritual, mental and physical needs. Cynthia Ford, Patty Marx, Desmond Hancock

COLLECTIONS STATEMENT
Week of April 2, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection $586.00
Building Fund $86.00

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

VOCATIONS CHALICE
Good Shepherd is happy to continue its tradition of a prayer chalice for vocations. It is given to the receiving family after Mass in a private ceremony with Fr. Wade. If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by contacting him directly at 713-569-9491.

LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE
Good Shepherd will again join other area churches in the annual Disaster Relief Clothes Drive which provides emergency clothing for victims of natural disasters. Just two years ago our local communities benefitted from this program in the aftermath of the Memorial Day floods. The drive begins Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and continues throughout lent. Bring your bagged or boxed clothing to the parish hall where they will be picked up after Easter.

Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds.
-Psalm 100:3
**DON'T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT**

**READY FOR THE BEST LENT EVER?**

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

**TO SIGN UP, VISIT**

BestLentEver.com

Pick up your FREE copy of Matthew Kelly’s bestseller *Resisting Happiness* after mass today or by coming by the St. Ferdinand or Good Shepherd parish offices.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Contemplation presentation by Father Ron Rolheiser**

“Contemplation: An Appreciative Awareness that Rests with God, Others, and the Cosmos,” a presentation by Father Ron Rolheiser, will be offered April 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Edward’s University Carter Auditorium in Austin. Everyone is invited to hear Father Rolheiser’s wisdom, experience silence in community and share inner wisdom with others. Participants will get a new perspective on contemplative practices. Tickets are $95 each (if purchased by April 23); price includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.eremos.org/eremos-signature-series/. Come listen to Ron Rolheiser’s wisdom, experience silence in community, and share your inner wisdom with others. Leave with a new perspective on your contemplative practice and ready to re-engage in a deeper way.

*Saturday, April 29th from 9am to 4pm at St. Edward’s University Carter Auditorium.*
*Tickets are $95 (until April 23rd) and include a boxed lunch.*

**Pray with Bishop Vasquez**

*Please consider Bishop Vásquez’ prayer request for Palm Sunday*

For all the faithful, that we would be strengthened through Christ’s Passion to remain steadfast in times of challenge or temptation, for by his cross and resurrection, we have been set free, we pray...

Por todos los fieles, para que seamos fortalecidos por la Pasión de Cristo y permanezcamos firmes en tiempos de reto o tentación, ya que por su cruz y resurrección, hemos sido liberados, oremos...
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“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

-MATTHEW 21:9
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.

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Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Adoration:
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Wednesday Healing Mass:
6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick immediately following

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart
After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Office Hours

Monday through Friday:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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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
Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus’ Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week. Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday’s Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew’s Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

**Family Connection: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

As a young girl growing up in the early 1900’s in Santiago, Chile, Juana Fernandez read an autobiography of a French-born saint—Thérèse, popularly known as the Little Flower. The experience deepened her desire to serve God and clarified the path she would follow. At age 19 Juana became a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Teresa.

The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. She focused her days on prayer and sacrifice. “I am God’s,” she wrote in her diary. “He created me and is my beginning and my end.”

Toward the end of her short life, Teresa began an apostolate of letter-writing, sharing her thoughts on the spiritual life with many people. At age 20 she contracted typhus and quickly took her final vows. She died a short time later, during Holy Week.

Known as the “Flower of the Andes,” Teresa remains popular with the estimated 100,000 pilgrims who visit her shrine in Los Andes each year. Canonized in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, she is Chile’s first saint.

**Why Palms on Palm Sunday?**

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ’s arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year’s Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

For a complete listing of Holy Week activities and services, please see page 4.

**Saint of the Week: Teresa de los Andes**

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Week of April 8 - April 15, 2017

Saturday, April 8th  5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin offered by the Kubin Family

Saturday, April 8th  7:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Maria Eninés Jara Riveroll

Sunday, April 9th  11:00 a.m.
In thanksgiving for Family as the Uballe-Nunn Family celebrates their 3rd year as an official family and in celebration of Celeste Faith Ledesma

Tuesday, April 11th  12:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Bill and Norma Matheny

Wednesday, April 12th  8:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Levi Romero offered by Liza Struck

Wednesday, April 12th  6:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Casey Russell

Thursday, April 13th  7:00 p.m.
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 14th  3:00 p.m.
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 15th  8:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Collections Statement
Week of April 2, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection  $3,779.67
Building Fund  $397.00

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

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 following 8:00 mass. Light brunch served before the meeting starts.

Knights of Columbus
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Prayer List
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Birthdays & Anniversaries
Please see Fr. Wade before or after mass for any birthday, anniversary, or special blessings for you or your family. Fr. Wade is always happy to extend a blessing on your special occasion.

“We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.”
- Romans 12:5
RICH Youth Ministry

High School Religious Education
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CHOSEN
Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org to register or for any questions concerning High School age Religious Education classes and activities.

RICH TALENT SHOW
All RICH youth are encouraged to participate in the first-ever RICH talent show on Sunday, April 23 at 6 p.m. Sign up at RICH tonight.

YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSAL
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.

Rehearsals for Mass Music for Youth will fall on the Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4/12

CONFIRMATION 2017
There will be a Confirmation parent meeting on Wednesday, 5/3 at 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. All candidates and a parent or sponsor are required to attend. Topics will include sponsors and service hours.

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MASS PREPARATION: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.
1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus’ tomb.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK

April, 2017

9 - Palm Sunday
11 - Tenebrae St. Ferdinand 8 p.m.
13 - Holy Thursday (Triduum Begins)
   Mass of the Lord’s Supper
   St. Ferdinand & Good Shepherd: 7 p.m.
14 - Good Friday & Passion of the Cross
    St. Ferdinand: 3 p.m.
    Good Shepherd: 6 p.m.
15 - Holy Saturday
    Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)
    St. Ferdinand & Good Shepherd: 8:15 p.m.
16 - Easter Mass
    Good Shepherd: 8 a.m.
    St. Ferdinand: 9:30 a.m.

All regular weekday masses are suspended for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

DID YOU KNOW? 5 FACTS ABOUT THE PASCHAL CANDLE

1. Connection to our Roots The use of the Paschal Candle has origins reaching at least to the third century, and may have a more ancient connection to the Jewish practice of lighting a candle at the end of the Sabbath.

2. Symbol of Jesus The candle consists of pure wax representing the sinless flesh Christ took on from Mary. The flame represents his divinity and the wick his humanity.

3. Holy Fire The candle is lit from a prepared and blessed fire outside of the Church before the Easter Vigil. The candle itself is not blessed, but rather the fire from which it is lit. The fire represents the glory of Christ’s resurrection after the darkness of His death on Good Friday.

4. Alpha & Omega The priest cuts the Greek letters “Alpha” above the cross and “Omega” below it, indicating that Christ is the beginning and the end.

5. Five Wounds The priest inserts five grains of incense (usually encased in red wax) into the points of the cross and its center. These represent the five glorious wounds of Christ.
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