

# Holy Family Catholic Church



## Pope Francis's Prayer to the Holy Family

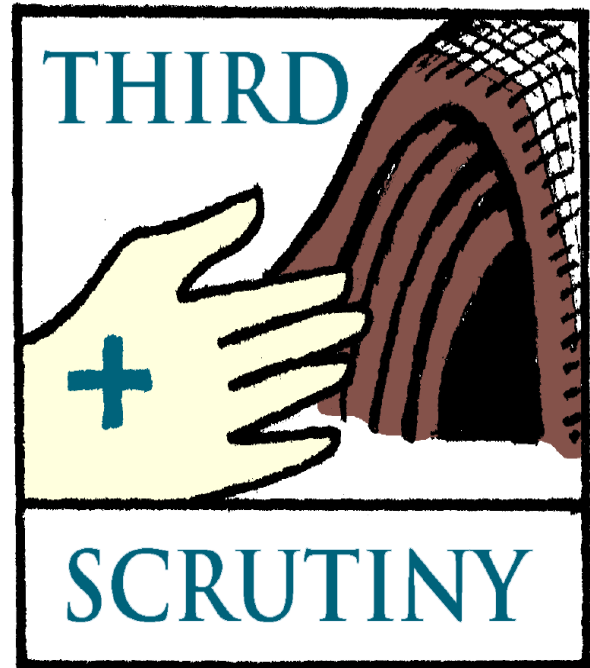
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendor of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel,  
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence, rejection, and division:  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer. Amen



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The Lord raised Lazarus from the dead as a sign  
that he has come to give us life in full measure.

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Van Alstyne TX, 75495  
**Parish Office:** 903-482-6322  
**For a Priest:** 972-542-4667  
**Website:** [www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

**Clergy**  
Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor  
Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

**Mass Schedule**  
Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass  
12:00 pm - Spanish Mass  
Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

**Baptism**

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month  
 Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

**Pre Baptismal Class Registration:** Registration required by the Sunday before class begins. Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Parents:** Bring copy of child's birth certificate. Both parents must attend class. **Godparents:** Must be practicing Catholics. Copy of marriage certificate through the Catholic church. Both godparents must attend class. **As a courtesy, please do not bring children to class.**

**First Communion**

April 26, 2014 10:00 am

**Confirmation:**

2015 to be Scheduled

**SACRAMENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish.

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Immediately following the 1st Mass

**Marriage/Wedding**

Both must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to planned Wedding date.

**Holy Orders/Priesthood**

Talk to your Parish priest or call Monsignor Greg Kelly, Interim Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Courtney Hicks  
 Rita Christian  
 Karen Elliott  
 Toby Mills  
 Valeria Thurwanger

**PRAY  
 For**

Arnie Clark  
 Tommie Rosenthal  
 Brooklyn Schulze  
 Jim Colvin  
 Rita Turner

**Offering**

Attendance:	March 30, 2014	414
Offerings:	March 30, 2014	\$ 1,430.75
Building Fund:	March 30, 2014	\$ 1,001.00
Catholic Relief S.	March 30, 2014	\$ 144.00



**Sunday May 4, 2014 10:00 am– 5:00 pm**

Are you inviting relatives, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy a day filled with food, games, music and friend-ship? If not get busy and recruit everyone, the success depends on YOU! Earnings will start the funds for our Education Building for our Faith Formation Program. Please sell the Raffle Tickets and return the stubs /money.

**Domingo 4 de Mayo del 2014, 10 A.M. a 5 P.M.**

Estas invitando a tus familiares, amigos y vecinos a venir a disfrutar de un dia de juegos, musica, comida y Amistad? Si No empieza a juntar gente para que esto sea todo un exito todo depende de TI! Lo que se recaude sera para la expansion del Edificio de Educacion y programa de Formacion de Fe. Por favor vende los boletos y regalalos on el dinero.

**Important Reminder: First Confessions**

**Saturday April 12 8:50 am Mandatory Parent meeting during the time the children's First Confessions.**

**Importante recordatorio: PRIMERA CONFECION.**

**Sabado 12 de Abril a las 8:50 am. REUNION DE PADRES MANDATORIO: Abra Una reunion de padres durante la primera confeccion de los niños.**

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, April 6**

8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Mass  
 10:15-11:15 am Faith Formation  
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

**Monday, April 7**

9:00 am Rosary

**Tuesday, April 8**

7:00 pm RCIA Meeting  
 7:00 pm Spring Fest Meeting

**Wednesday April 9**

6:00 –7:00 pm Faith Formation

**Thursday, April 10**

NO Thursday Mass Due to Expansion  
 9:30 am Bible Class  
 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

**Friday, April 11**

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

**Saturday, April 12**

**Safe Environment Reminder!!!!!!!**

On Tuesday April 8th at 6:30 pm there will be a class for **Renewal** and on Tuesday April 15th the class for those who are **1st time** candidates for Safe Environment at 6:30 pm. Please let Art Atteberry our Safe Environment Director or Janis Hicks to let them know you plan to attend.

Call Church Office # 903-482-6322.

*Lenten Fish Fry*

*Please join us after the Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's Hall 6:15 pm–7:30 pm*

*Last Friday this Lenten Season April 11th*

*Knights of Columbus In Service to one, In Service to All*

*Pescado Frito durante la Cuaresma*

*Por favor acompananos despues de los viacrucis en el Salon San Miguel de 6:15 a 7:30 P.M>*

*Ultimo viernes de esta temporada de Cuaresma el 11 de Abril.*

*Caballeros de Colon. Al servicio de uno, Al Servicio de Todos*

# Federal Court of Appeals Upholds Historic Pro-Life Law in Texas

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reverses lower court ruling and allows the implementation of Texas's omnibus pro-life law, HB 2

DALLAS, MARCH 28, 2014 -- On Thursday, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Texas' historic omnibus pro-life law, known as HB 2. Unable to comply with the provisions of HB 2, nearly 20 abortion facilities around the state are reported to have already closed or discontinued performing abortions since November 1. In a unanimous decision by Fifth Circuit Judges Edith Jones, Catharina Haynes and Jennifer Elrod, the federal court of appeals found that the law did not, as Planned Parenthood claimed, jeopardize women's health. This ruling overturned a lower court decision that the law was unconstitutional and served no medical purpose.

Previously, U.S. District Court Judge Lee Yeakel in Austin declared a portion of the law unconstitutional. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott immediately filed an appeal of this decision, seeking immediate relief from Judge Yeakel's ruling. The Fifth Circuit issued an order on October 31, temporarily suspending Judge Yeakel's ruling, allowing the law to be enforced while the dispute was pending, which the Plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court without success. It is anticipated that this final order by the Fifth Circuit will likewise face a challenge to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Yesterday's order from the Fifth Circuit represents a monumental victory in the battle to ensure that women and their children are protected from the violence of abortion," stated Catholic Pro-Life Committee Executive Director Karen Garnett in response to the news. "We are most pleased to see the three-judge panel -- all of whom were women -- speak out so strongly to ensure the implementation of these protections," said Garnett.

Two aspects of the law were the subject of the lawsuit brought by Planned Parenthood: the increased regulation of the abortion-inducing drug RU 486, and the requirement that abortionists have hospital admitting privileges within 30 miles of their abortion facilities. The remaining two parts of the law -- banning abortions after 20 weeks and requiring that all abortion facilities comply with the standards of an ambulatory surgical center (effective September 2014) -- were unchallenged. Judge Yeakel upheld the regulation of RU 486 with limited changes, but struck down the admitting privileges requirement as unconstitutional. The Fifth Circuit initially stayed, and now reversed, the lower court's ruling, thus allowing the law to be fully implemented, with one small caveat for abortionists who timely applied for admitting privileges and are awaiting response. (Entire opinion available [here](#).)

Regarding the continuing impact of HB 2 in Dallas, for six weeks following the October 31 ruling, two of the five abortion centers in Dallas discontinued performing abortions, and one facility is still not performing abortions. Hours during which abortions are performed at the four remaining facilities have decreased; although client traffic has increased. Additionally, the late-term abortion center in Dallas may no longer legally perform abortions after 20 weeks.

"While the Catholic Pro-Life Committee continues to seek legal protection for every unborn child from the moment of conception, we also support efforts to ensure the highest standards for the health and safety of women that is reflected in this law. We are elated that the Fifth Circuit has ruled that these protections go into effect and pray that any further legal challenges will be defeated," explained Garnett.

## About the Catholic Pro-Life Committee

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**If You need a priest** call St. Michael the Archangel where our Pastor Fr. Salvador Guzmán and our Parochial Pastor Fr. Eugene Azorji reside. Call: 972-542-4667 or visit 411 Paula Rd McKinney, TX 75069

Si necesitas un sacerdote llama a la iglesia de St. Miguel de Arcangel en McKinney donde nuestro Sacerdoteel Padre Salvador Guzman y nuestro vicario el Padre Eugenio Azorji residen. Llama al 972-542-4667 o visita la iglesia en el 411 Paula Rd. en McKinney, TX 75069.

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking off every yoke?

Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,  
bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own flesh?

Isaiah 58:6-7

True Charity is more than almsgiving.

In a recent homily Pope Francis cautioned against formal observances and rituals that are not accompanied by an interior change of heart. The Holy Father cautioned that “Christianity is not a repository of formal observances for people who put on a hypocritical good appearance to conceal their hearts empty of charity.”

Christianity, he continued, “is showing the flesh of Jesus who bends down without shame in front of whoever is suffering.” Not like the Pharisees who transformed religious life into an ethic. The Holy Father added, “These hypocritical people are good persons. They do all they should do. They seem good. But they are ethicists without goodness because they have lost the sense of belonging to a people! Our Lord gives us salvation through belonging to a people.”

True charity or fasting, the Pope said, means breaking the chains of evil, freeing the oppressed, sharing our bread with the hungry, opening our houses to the homeless and clothing the naked, adding “This is the charity that our Lord wants, charity that is concerned about the life of our brother.”

When giving alms, the Pope suggested, “Do I drop the coin without touching the hand of the beggar? And if, by chance, I do touch it do I immediately withdraw it?” Can I look into the beggar’s eyes and see Jesus?

We must guard against empty ritual, keeping in mind that “It is the love of Christ that motivates us,” (2 Cor 5:14) and not merely a sense of duty or obligation.

LIFE

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.  
—Pope Leo XIII

¿No saben cuál es el ayuno que me agrada?

Romper las cadenas injustas,  
desatar las amarras del yugo,  
dejar libres a los oprimidos  
y romper toda clase de yugo.

Compartirás tu pan con el hambriento,  
los pobres sin techo entrarán a tu casa,  
vestirás al que veas desnudo  
y no volverás la espalda a tu hermano.

Isaías 58: 6-7

La Verdadera Caridad es más que Limosna.

En una reciente homilía, el Papa Francisco nos pidió tener cautela al realizar celebraciones y rituales formales que no van acompañados de un cambio interior de corazón. El Santo Padre advirtió que “El Cristianismo no es una regla sin alma, un prontuario de observancias formales para gente que pone la cara buena de la hipocresía para esconder un corazón falto de caridad.”

El Cristianismo, continuó, “es la ‘carne’ misma de Cristo que se inclina sobre el que sufre sin avergonzarse.” Es algo muy diferente a la actitud de los fariseos que transformaron la vida religiosa en una ética. El Santo Padre agregó: “Esta gente hipócrita son personas buenas, hacen todo aquello que se debe hacer. ¡Parecen buenas! Son éticos, pero éticos sin bondad, porque ¡han perdido el sentido de pertenencia a un pueblo!”

La verdadera caridad o ayuno, dijo el Papa, significa romper las cadenas del mal, liberar a los oprimidos, compartir el pan con el hambriento, abrir nuestra casa al indigente y vestir al desnudo, y agregó, “¡Ese es el ayuno que agrada al Señor! Un ayuno que se preocupa por la vida del hermano.”

Cuando dan limosna, cuestionó el Papa, “¿Dejan caer la moneda sin tocar la mano del mendigo? Y si por casualidad la tocan, ¿La retiran de inmediato?” ¿Somos capaces de ver a Jesús en los ojos del mendigo?

Debemos cuidarnos de realizar rituales vacíos, teniendo en cuenta que “el amor de Cristo es lo que nos urge” (2 Cor 5:14) y no solamente un sentido del deber.

VIDA

Una vida ejemplar es el único pasaporte al cielo.  
—Pope Leo XIII

We need to give away some of our own possessions in order to be healthy. Wealth that is hoarded always corrupts those who possess it. Any gift that is not shared turns sour. If we are not generous with our gifts we will be bitterly envied and will eventually turn bitter and envious ourselves.

These are all axioms with the same warning, we can only be healthy if we are giving away some of our riches to others. Among other things, this should remind us that we need to give to the poor, not simply because they need it, though they do, but because unless we give to the poor we cannot be healthy ourselves. When we give to the poor both charity and justice are served, but some healthy self-interest is served as well, namely, we cannot be healthy or happy unless we share our riches, of every kind, with the poor. That truth is written inside human experience and inside every authentic ethical and faith tradition.

For example: We know from experience that when we give of ourselves to others we experience a certain joy in our lives, just as when we selfishly hoard or protect what is ours we grow anxious and paranoid. Native American cultures have forever enshrined this in their concept of Potlatch, namely, their belief that, while everyone has a right to private property, there are real limits to how much someone may own. Once our wealth reaches a certain point we need to begin to give some of it away – not because others need it but because our own health and happiness will begin to deteriorate if we hoard all of those possessions for ourselves.

Jewish spirituality shares the same idea: Again and again in the Jewish scriptures, we see that when a religious leader or prophet tells the Jewish community that they are the chosen people, a nation specially blessed, that affirmation comes with the admonition that this blessing is not for them alone, but that, through them, all the nations of the earth might be blessed. In Jewish spirituality, blessing is always intended to flow through the person receiving it so as to enrich others. Hindu, Buddhist, and Islamic spiritualities, each in their own way, also affirms this, namely that it is only in giving away some of our gifts that we ourselves can remain healthy.

Jesus and the Gospels, of course, teach this repeatedly and without compromise: For instance, the Gospel of Luke, a Gospel within which Jesus warns us that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, nevertheless praises the rich who are generous, condemning only the rich who are stingy. For Luke, generosity is the key to health and heaven. In the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus reveals what will be great test for the final judgment, his single set of criteria have entirely to do with how we gave to the poor: Did you feed the hungry? Give drink to the thirsty? Cloth the naked? Finally, even more strongly, in the story of the widow who gives her last two pennies away, Jesus challenges us to not only give of our surplus to the poor, but to also give away some of what we need to live on. The Gospels, and the rest of the Christian scriptures, strongly challenge us to give to the poor – not because they need our charity, though they do, but because our giving to them is the only way we can stay healthy.

We see the same message, consistent and repeated, in the social doctrine of the Catholic Church.

From Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* in 1891 to Pope Francis' recent, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we hear the same refrain: While we have a moral right to own private property, that right is not absolute and is mitigated by a number of things, namely, we only have a right to surplus when everyone else has the necessities for life. Hence, we must always be looking towards the poor in terms of dealing with our surplus. Moreover, Catholic social doctrine tells us too that the earth was given by God for everyone and that truth too limits how we define what is really ours as a possession. Properly speaking, we are stewards of our possessions rather than owners of them. Implicit in all of this, of course, is the implication that we can be moral and healthy only when we view private ownership in a larger picture that includes the poor.

We need, always, to be giving some of our possessions away in order to be healthy. The poor do need us, but we also need them. They are, as Jesus puts it so clearly when he tells us we will be judged by how we gave to the poor, our passports to heaven. And they are also our passports to health. Our health depends upon sharing our riches.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions