

Holy Family Catholic Church



Family Prayer

Lord, bless our family, all of us now together,
those far away, all who are gone back to you.
May we know joy. May we bear our sorrows
in patience. Let us be grateful to each other.
We have all made each other what we are. O
Family of Jesus, watch over our family.

Amen.



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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 11, 2015 Saturday 10:00 am

Confirmation:

March 24, 2015 Tuesday 7:00 pm

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 Father James Swift, C.M., Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Chuck Tome
 Louis Lesmes

**PRAY
 For**

Tommie Rosenthal
 Brooklyn Schulze
 Stella West
 Anonymous

Offering

Attendance:	August 24, 2014	450
Offerings:	August 24, 2014	\$ 2,054.19
Building Fund:	August 17, 2014	\$ 750.23



WELCOME

**We encourage all
 Families to Register**

**If your new to the area
 please check out Bible Classes (mornings
 & evenings) RCIA Faith Formation for your
 children, Youth Group, Knights of
 Columbus. Registration Forms can be
 found on the Vestibule table in white**

**THANKS Richard-David-Estella Sanchez
 The Restroom tile looks FANTASTIC!!!**

Formacion de Fe

Fechas Importantes:

8 de Septiembre restante de la cuota debera estar pagada completamente. Copias de Certificado de Bautizo deberan ser entregadas antes de la primera clase. 17 de eptiembre junta mandatorio para todos los padres (por lo menos uno de los dos) todas las clases seran en DOMINGO

21 de Septiembre Primer Dia de Clases

**Kinder a 5to de 10:30 a 11:30 A.M.
 6to a Confirmacion de 1:30 a 2:45 P.M.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 31

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, September 1

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday September 3

Thursday, September 4

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Following Mass
 7:00 pm Talleres De Oracion Y Vida
 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class
 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

Friday, September 5

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday, September 6



**Youth Group Registration Meeting
 September 7th 1:15pm make sure if you
 plan on attending the SIX FLAGS Outing
 please bring \$38.50 which includes a meal
 and ticket into Six Flags for October 19th
 Mass with the Bishop while you are there.**

FAITH FORMATION

Dates of importance:

September 8th all funds are due. Copies of all Baptisms must be in prior to 1st Class

September 17th Mandatory Parents Meeting

All Classes on SUNDAYS

September 21st First day of Classes

K thru 5th 10:30am-11:30am

6th thru Confirmation 1:30pm-2:45pm

University of Dallas Ministry Conference

The 8th Annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference will be held from October 23rd - 25th, at the Irving Convention Center. The First 20 Catechist and/or Volunteers in Ministry will be registered promptly to attend the Conference as representatives of Holy Family Parish of Van Alstyne. Just remember if you sign up and don't attend our Pastor wants you to know you will have to reimburse the Parish. www.udallas.edu/udmc.

Safe Environment is required for those who are in Ministry - Catechist- Aides- Eucharistic Ministers-Lectors Ushers. Parents who wish to serve in any capacity as a volunteer you are encouraged to take fill out your Safe Environment on line. Our Web site has this available. Take the time to look over our WEB SITE is really great. Information of importance as well as the weekly Bulletin is available. www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org

MEN—We must put the Holy Oil Receptacle up, Hang the Stations, Banners, +++++ The parking lot must be stripped. Landscape in need of TLC. Need to stain the wood for the base board on September 6th. We have invited some of our First Families to come on September 14th to see our Expansion. Ladies let's prepare Breakfast. Sign up today so we can plan on plenty of help.

Holy Family's Annual
Golf Tournament
OCTOBER 21, 2014
Oak Hollow Golf
Course Located in
McKinney, TX

TODAY Once Again we will have sign ups for Golfers
You can get your own Team together or sign up as a single .
Cost \$75.00 each which includes a golf cart goodie Bag,
Barbeque Dinner at the end of play. An auction of several
gift Baskets. Come early at 9:00 am for the Putting Contest.
We need your participation to make this a SUCCESS!

Parish Members:

This Golf Tournament is being established to **Grow the Funds for our Faith Formation Education Building.** Our youth's instruction of their Faith is our fundamental duty. Jesus, ask us as parents and Catechist to teach His word, and to love one another as He taught the Apostles. Now we want to raise funds to implement this need even if you don't play Golf. We need volunteers. Donation list needed to complete the Auction Baskets is available. Please sign up and help our Auction Basket Coordinator, Mary Peryra, she has created some very unique Baskets. They will be here on display for Bid Soon and then to the Tournament, October 21st.. Thanks for all your help in advance for bringing items for the Baskets. **Separate Handout**

Conferencia de Ministerio de la Universidad de Dallas

La 8va anual Conferencia de Ministerio de la Universidad de Dallas se llevara a cabo del 23 al 25 de Octubre, en el Centro de Convenciones de Irving. Las primeras 20 Catequistas/voluntarios de ministerios necesitan registraste lo mas pronto posible para asistir a la Conferencia representando a la iglesia de la Sagrada Familia de Van Alstyne. Pero recuerden si te registras y no asistes nuestro parroco quiere que estes enterado que tu tendras que pagar el costo a la iglesia. www.udallas.edu/udmc.

LECTORS NEEDED

Please consider a calling to become a lector for Sunday and Holy Day readings. You will become one of Jesus' Disciples. It's a privilege to serve the Church in this capacity. Contact Jim Rountree, after Mass. Or call 903-924-3202.

SEÑORES-Necesitamos colgar el gabinetede los aceites benditos, Via Crucis, Banderines+++pintar las lineas en el estacionamiento. El jardin necesita una pequeña limpieza. Necesitamos pintar la madera del borde de la pared el 6 de Septiembre. Nosotros hemos invitado a algunos de nuestras Primeras familias a venir el 14 de Septiembre a mirar nuestra expansion. Señoras vamos a preparar un desayuno. Apuntate hoy para planear y venir a ayudar.



La fe no es algo que se pueda conseguir con facilidad. No es algo que se fije en tu vida como un hecho consumado. La fe funciona de esta manera: algunos días caminas sobre las aguas y otros días te hundes como una piedra. La fe invariablemente te abre el camino a la duda antes de que recobres tu confianza, y entonces se pierde de nuevo.

Esto lo vemos ilustrado gráficamente en la famosa historia que cuentan los evangelios sobre Pedro caminando sobre las aguas. El relato corre de la siguiente manera: Los discípulos acaban de ser testigos del gran milagro de Jesús dando de comer a más de 5000 personas con cinco panes y dos peces. Justo después del milagro su fe estaba fuerte. Pronto, después de eso, se montan en una barca para cruzar el lago. Jesús no va con ellos. A pocas millas de la costa se meten en una fuerte tormenta y comienza el pánico. Jesús se acerca a ellos caminando sobre las aguas. Al principio están atemorizados y le toman por un fantasma. Pero él calma su miedo diciéndoles, justo desde el centro de la tormenta, que él no es sólo Jesús sino que es la verdadera presencia de Dios.

Inmediatamente la fe de Pedro se viene arriba y pide a Jesús que le permita caminar sobre las aguas. Jesús le invita a hacerlo de manera que Pedro sale de la barca con confianza y comienza a caminar sobre las aguas. Pero entonces, se da cuenta de lo que estaba haciendo y lo antinatural del acto e inmediatamente se hunde como una piedra, suplica ayuda, y Jesús lo coge y rescata del ahogamiento.

Lo que vemos aquí ilustrado son dos cosas que descansan en el corazón de nuestra experiencia, o sea, que la fe (literalmente) tiene subidas y bajadas y se muestra mejor cuando no la confundimos con nuestras potencialidades.

La fe tiene subidas y bajadas: vemos esto, casi pictóricamente ilustrado, en el suceso de Pedro caminando sobre el agua. Inicialmente su fe es fuerte y confiadamente salta al agua y comienza a andar. Pero, casi inmediatamente de realizar esto comienza a hundirse. Nuestra fe trabaja exactamente como se muestra aquí, en ocasiones nos permite caminar sobre las aguas y otras veces nos hundimos como piedras. La imagen evangélica de Pedro caminando sobre el mar se explica por sí misma.

De cualquier manera, si nos sentimos desalentados porque nuestra fe vacila de esta manera, podemos consolarnos con las palabras de Julian de Norwich. Describiendo una de sus visiones escribe: "Después de que Él (Jesús) me mostró el más excelente placer en mi alma: Yo estaba completamente llena de eterna certeza sin ningún doloroso miedo. Este sentimiento fue tan gozoso y tan espiritual que estaba totalmente en paz y calma y no había nada en la tierra que pudiera apenarme. Esto duró apenas un minuto y se cambió dejándome en tal tristeza y cansancio de mi vida, y molesta con mi misma que apenas tenía paciencia para vivir. ... Y inmediatamente después de esto, nuestro bendito Señor me dio de nuevo consuelo y descanso en mi alma, una alegría y seguridad tan deliciosa y tan poderosa que no había rastro de miedo, dolor, dolor corporal que pudiera sufrir que me pudiera angustiar. Y entonces el dolor se asomó de nuevo a mis sentimientos, y después la alegría y el deleite, y ahora lo uno y ahora lo otro, varias veces." (Showings 15)

Julian de Norwich fue una renombrada mística con una fe excepcional y, aún, como Pedro, ella también vacilaba entre el caminar sobre las aguas y hundirse como una piedra. Sus sentimientos de confianza venían, pero también se iban.

También, la fe trabaja mejor cuando no la confundimos con nuestros esfuerzos. Por ejemplo, Donald Nichol, en su libro, *Santidad*, comparte una narración de un misionero británico trabajando en África. En un cierto momento, al comienzo de su estancia allí, el misionero fue llamado para mediar en una disputa entre dos tribus. No tenían preparación para ello, fue ingenuo y totalmente fuera de su campo. Pero puso fe en la tarea y sorprendentemente, las dos tribus se reconciliaron. Después, impulsado por su éxito como mediador comenzó a presentarse a sí mismo como un árbitro en las disputas. Pero ahora, sus esfuerzos sus esfuerzos eran inútiles. Aquí está la ironía: cuando no sabía lo que estaba haciendo, por la sola confianza en Dios, fue capaz de caminar sobre las aguas; y tan pronto como comenzó a involucrarse en el proceso, se hundió como una piedra. La fe funciona así: No podemos caminar sobre las aguas a menos que no pensemos que lo hacemos por nuestras propias fuerzas.

La mestiza Sufí, Rumi, escribió una vez que vivimos con un profundo secreto que algunas veces reconocemos, y otras no, y a continuación lo volvemos a reconocer. La fe trabaja así, algunos días caminamos sobre las aguas, otros días nos hundimos como una piedra, y a continuación volvemos a caminar de nuevo.

The past five years have seen a growth in interest in studies on human happiness. Numerous books have been published on the topic, not least Sonja Lyubomirsky's, *The Myths of Happiness*, which has become for many a secular bible for happiness and meaning. In a recent book, *Called to Happiness*, Sidney Callahan critically evaluates many of these studies. Whatever the merit of these studies, all of us nurse our own secret dream of what will bring us happiness and often that fantasy is at odds with what we know to be true at a deeper level. What will make us happy?

In a recent interview (July 29, 2014) for the Argentine weekly, *Viva*, Pope Francis weighs in on this topic, submitting his own "Top 10 Tips" for happiness. What are Pope Francis' tips for happiness or, as he puts it, "for bringing greater joy to one's life"?

In presenting these, I will be faithful to his captions but, because his commentary on each one was rather lengthy, I will risk synthesizing his central point in my own words:

1. Live and let live.

All of us will live longer and more happily if we stop trying to arrange other peoples' lives. Jesus challenged us not to judge but to live with the tension and let God and history make the judgments. So live we need to live by own convictions and let others do the same.

2. Be giving of yourself to others.

Happiness lies in giving ourselves away. We need to be open and generous because if we withdraw into ourselves we run the risk of becoming self-centered and no happiness will be found there since "stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. Proceed calmly.

Move with kindness, humility, and calm. These are the antithesis of anxiety and distress. Calm never causes high blood pressure. We need to make conscious efforts to never let the moment cause panic and excessive hurry. Rather be late than stressed.

4. A healthy sense of leisure.

Never lose the pleasures of art, literature, and playing with children. Remember that Jesus scandalized others with his capacity to enjoy life in all its sensuousness. We don't live by work alone, no matter how important and meaningful it might be. In heaven there will be no work, only leisure, we need to learn the art and joy of leisure not just to prepare for heaven but to enjoy some of heaven already now.

5. Sundays should be holidays.

Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family. Accomplishment, productivity, and speed may not become our most valued commodities or we will begin to take everything for granted, our lives, our health, our families, our friends, those around us, and all the good things in life. That is why God gave us a commandment to keep the Sabbath holy. This is not a lifestyle suggestion, but a commandment as binding as not killing. Moreover, if we are employers, the commandment demands too that we give our employees proper Sabbath-time.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.

If you want to bless a young person, don't just tell that person that he or she is wonderful. Don't just admire youthful beauty and energy. Give a young person your job! Or, at least, work actively to help him or her find meaningful work. This will both bless that young person and bring a special happiness to your own life.

7. Respect and take care of nature.

The air we breathe out is the air we will re-inhale. This is true spiritually, psychologically, and ecologically. We can't be whole and happy when Mother Earth is being stripped of her wholeness. Christ came to save the world, not just the people in the world. Our salvation, like our happiness, is tied to the way we treat the earth. It is immoral to slap another person in the face and so it is immoral too to throw our garbage into the face of Mother Earth.

8. Stop being negative.

Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. Negative thoughts feed unhappiness and a bad self-image. Positive thoughts feed happiness and healthy self-esteem.

9. Don't proselyte, respect others' beliefs.

What we cherish and put our faith into grows "by attraction, not by proselytizing." Beauty is the one thing that no one can argue with. Cherish your values, but always act towards others with graciousness, charity, and respect.

10. Work for peace.

Peace is more than the absence of war and working for peace means more than not causing disharmony. Peace, like war, must be waged actively by working for justice, equality, and an ever-wider inclusivity in terms of what makes up our family. Waging peace is the perennial struggle to stretch hearts, our own and others, to accept that in God's house there are many rooms and that all faiths, not least our own, are meant to be a house of prayer for all peoples.

Offered with apologies for whenever my own thinking replaced that of Pope Francis.

Information Page

Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions