

Holy Family Catholic Church



ALL SOULS



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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.

*"I am the resurrection and the life;
Whoever believes in me, even if he dies,
will live,
And everyone who lives and believes in
me will never die."*

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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.

Prayer Request

Holly Basterling	Elaine Clark	Helen Volgelsong
Arnie Clark	David Nealon	Connie Miller
Ann Lageose	Stella West	Tommie Rosenthal
Brooklyn Schulze	Anonymous	Carlene Ewing
Corinne Lageose	Blake Knowles	Maryl Ellis
Susie Powell	Louis Lesmes	Bernadine Bill
Debra Hooper		

Offering

Attendance:	October 26, 2014	434
Offerings:	October 26, 2014	\$ 2,106.36
Building Fund:	October 26, 2014	\$ 710.11

Are you receiving envelopes? If not it's important to support your Parish and keep records for your Taxes. If you would like to receive envelopes, stop by the office and let us add you to the list. However if you are receiving envelopes and not using them stop by and have your name removed. Remember your support is of the utmost importance to keep our lovely Church maintained in a proper manner. God Bless everyone for their generosity and financial support.

Children's Choir

Would your child like to sing at Holy Family in a children's Choir? An interest has been expressed, however we would need several to make a Children's Choir. Please put your son or daughters name, a phone number and drop it in the Collection Basket. Our children want to be a part of the Liturgy, and we encourage those who like to sing.

Golf Tournament Totals will be available November 2, 2014.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 2

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:30 am Faith Formation Pre K-5th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation 6th-Confirmation

Monday, November 3

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Welcome Newcomers!!

Wednesday November 5

Thursday, November 6

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, November 7

4:00 pm Quince
 7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday, November 8

1:00 pm Wedding
 5:00 pm Wedding

**Saturday February 28th 7:30 pm
 American Airlines Center**

All parishes and schools are invited to participate in the 2nd annual Catholic Night at the Mavs Game. It is a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Dallas. The Dallas Mavericks will recognize the Diocese of Dallas during the game. Last year, some of our parishes encouraged their attendees to wear the same color and sit together to be easily identified. The Mavs are throwing in several perks including allowing the Dallas Parochial League to play the 8th grade All-Star basketball games on the court at American Airlines Center. Our group will also be allowed on the court after the game to take a shot at the basket. Great photo op! Other perks are being worked out.

ADVERTISING SPACE

AVAILABLE IN OUR BULLETIN! Please call Rick Giles with J. S. Paluch Company for information 214 -674-0762

Come Volunteer or Join One of the Classes listed: Speak-up Come tell us What's Missing and You Need

Finance Committee: Voting Members: Bob Kroeger, Art Atteberry, Sarah Stanley, Dick Gannon, Jim Rountree, Jessie Briseno, and Father Salvador Guzmán. Non Voting Janis Hicks

Pastoral Committee: Voting Members: Deacon Patrick A. Hayes, Lino Hernandez, Phil Hunter, Teri Dalke, Alma Salas, Bob Helmberger, and Father Salvador Guzmán. Non Voting Janis Hicks

RCIA : Phil Hunter and Assistant Bob Kroeger

Bible Class: Thursday Morning Caroline Gaus

Bible Class: Thursday Evening Phil Hunter

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Rountree (English)

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Martha Whitfield (Spanish)

Safe Environment: Art Atteberry Director Martha Whitfield (Spanish) Assistant

Youth Leaders: Alma and Julio Salas

Altar Servers: Art Atteberry (English)

Altar Servers: Julio Garcia (Spanish)

Ushers: Wayne Silks (English)

Ushers: Amador Garcia (Spanish)

Baptismal Class Instructor: Deacon Patrick A. Hayes (English)

Baptismal Class Instructor: Lino Hernandez (Spanish)

Grief Support: Susanne Hayes, Lydia Ford and Johanna Kroeger

Quince and Wedding Coordinator: Martha Whitfield (English and Spanish)

Rosary Scheduler: Rick Hoenigman (English)

Ombudsman: Maurine Gross (English)

Altar Linens: Martha Whitfield (English and Spanish)

Counters: Corinne Lageose, Sarah Stanley, Caroline Gaus, Leighton Hicks, sub Jessie Briseno, and Janis Hicks (Business Manager).

Choir: Spanish Youth Choir Director: Jose Gustavo Trejo

Spanish Adult Choir Director: Genoveva Torres

Choir: English Organist: So Hee Lawson

Social Host: English Volunteers

Faith Formation: PCL Janis Hicks

Office Assistant Christina Hernandez

Faith Formation: Blessed with the Greatest Volunteers to Instruct our children.

Building Committee: Father Salvador Guzmán, Bob Helmberger, Tina Helmberger, Lee Franze, Sarah Stanley, Lino Hernandez, and Janis Hicks

Employees: Business Manager: Janis Hicks Custodian: Emilio Zavala

Pastor: Father Salvador Guzmán and Parochial Vicar Father Eugene Azorji

We help because we are Catholic Ayudamos porque somos Católicos

I am sure that some of you have heard the news that Ms. Louise Troh, her son and nephews are now out of the 21-day quarantine period for Ebola. We thank God that they are now and have always been symptom free. You may remember that Ms. Troh was the fiancée of Thomas Eric Duncan, who lost his battle with Ebola on October 8th, and that they have been housed in a “secret location” for the last couple of weeks. I can today tell you that Ms. Troh and her family found refuge at our diocesan Conference and Formation Center in Oak Cliff where they stayed in one of the casas in a remote corner on the grounds.

I was asked by reporters this morning why I said yes to the request from Mayor Mike Rawlings and Judge Clay Jenkins to offer housing for Ms. Troh and her family. I told them that I did pause to think of all of the possibilities but that when I asked myself “What would Jesus do?” I knew that we had to help. Certainly, the Catholic Church has a long history of helping those in need and Ms. Troh and her family were and remain in need. Another reporter referenced the fact that the family is not Catholic. I explained that we don’t help because someone is Catholic, we help because we are Catholic and that is what we are called to do.

During the quarantine, we cancelled all retreats and activities at the Conference and Formation Center. I know this caused a hardship for some of you who had events planned there. I apologize for any difficulty this caused for those who had to cancel or find other locations. I hope you will understand that this was an emergency humanitarian aid situation that had to take priority. I also want to say a special thank you to Deacon Jessie Olivarez, who as Center director did an outstanding job during this period of quarantine. The city/county have graciously offered to thoroughly clean the facilities and the center has resumed normal operation.

Finally, I will tell you that I visited and prayed with Ms. Troh this morning and she expressed her profound gratitude to the diocese for providing shelter for her family. I ask that you continue to pray for her and her family as they continue to mourn the loss of Mr. Duncan and prepare to find a permanent residence and move on with their lives.

Thank you for your prayers and understanding.

Estoy seguro que algunos de ustedes habrán escuchado la noticia que la Sra. Louise Troh, su hijo y sobrinos están en el período de cuarentena de 21 días por Ébola. Agradecemos a Dios que siempre han estado y siguen sin presentar síntomas. Recordarán que la Sra. Troh era la novia de Thomas Eric Duncan, quien perdió su batalla contra Ébola el 8 de octubre, y que ha estado alojada junto a su hijo y sobrinos en un “lugar secreto” durante las últimas semanas. Hoy puedo decirles que la Sra. Troh y su familia encontraron refugio en nuestro Centro Católico de Formación y Conferencias Diocesano en Oak Cliff donde fueron alojados en una de las casas en un rincón remoto de las instalaciones.

Esta mañana los reporteros me preguntaron porque accedí a la petición del Alcalde Mike Rawlings y el Juez Clay Jenkins de ofrecer vivienda a la Sra. Troh y su familia. Les respondí que me detuve a pensar en todas las implicaciones, pero al preguntarme “¿Qué haría Jesús?” Supe que debía ayudar. Indudablemente, la Iglesia Católica tiene una larga historia de ayudar a los necesitados, y la Sra. Troh y su familia estaban y siguen estando necesitados. Otro reportero hizo referencia al hecho de que la familia no es Católica. Le expliqué que nosotros no ayudamos a las personas porque son Católicas, más bien, nosotros las ayudamos porque nosotros somos Católicos y porque eso es lo que estamos llamados a hacer.

Durante la cuarentena, cancelamos todos los retiros y actividades en la Centro Católico de Formación y Conferencias. Sé que esto les causó contratiempos a algunos de ustedes que tenían eventos programados allí. Les pido disculpas por cualquier dificultad que esto haya causado a quienes tuvieron que cancelar sus eventos o buscar otros sitios. Espero que entiendan que se trataba de una situación de ayuda de emergencia humanitaria que debía tener prioridad. También quiero expresar un agradecimiento especial al Diácono Jessie Olivarez, quien como director del Centro realizó un trabajo excepcional durante este período de cuarentena. La ciudad/condado ha ofrecido gentilmente limpiar minuciosamente las instalaciones y el centro ha reanudado su actividad normal.

Por último, quiero decirles que esta mañana visité y recé con la Sra. Troh y ella expresó su profunda gratitud a la diócesis por proporcionar refugio a su familia. Les pido que sigan rezando por ella y su familia mientras continúan lamentando la pérdida del Sr. Duncan y se preparan para encontrar una residencia permanente y seguir adelante con sus vidas.

Agradezco sus oraciones y su comprensión.

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Are We Americans Becoming Disconnected from Our Roots?

Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it.

Edmund Burke

Are we Americans becoming disconnected from our roots? A recent article in the Wall Street Journal expresses concern that Americans are not learning about their nation's history. The lead paragraph states that, "A majority of U.S. college graduates didn't know the length of a congressional term, what the Emancipation Proclamation was, or which revolutionary war general led the troops at Yorktown."

Citing a study by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, the article notes that of 1,098 four-year colleges and universities surveyed only 18 percent require American History to graduate. Only 13 percent require a foreign language and 3 percent economics. Michael Poliakoff, director of the survey, blamed "the lack of a rigorous core curriculum" for the poor showing, adding "It's like saying to a lot of 18-year-olds the cafeteria is open, you kids just eat whatever you like."

In 2009 a study by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute found that a majority of 2,500 randomly selected Americans (71%) could not come up with the correct answers to 33 basic questions on civic literacy. The average score was 49%.... a solid "F". A Gallup poll found that four in five Americans (83%) could not name the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and that 31 percent were unable to name the current vice president of the United States.

This "whatever" approach to History and current events should be of great concern to us. Our roots, individually and collectively, determine who we are. It also has an economic impact. The Wall Street Journal article points out, "employers complain that graduates are entering the workforce without basic skills such as critical thinking."

Our knowledge of history and current events not only comes from formal education, it grows with what we read in newspapers, magazine and books. It is enhanced by our engaging others in discussions. It is motivated by an interest and curiosity about the world around us.

If you want to test your own knowledge of history, here are a few questions. The answers are found at the bottom of the page.

1. During which war was the White House destroyed?
2. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln?
3. In what war was the Battle of Long Island fought?
4. Which president established Social Security?
5. What was the date of D-Day?
6. What countries are members of NAFTA?
7. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from what nation?
8. Who was the only president elected to a fourth term?

1. 1812; 2. John Wilkes Booth. 3. Revolutionary War. 4. Franklin D. Roosevelt. 5. June 6, 1944 6. U.S.A., Canada and Mexico.
7. France. 8. FDR.

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Information Page

Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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