

Holy Family Catholic Church

SINCE
YOU WERE
FAITHFUL
IN SMALL
MATTERS,

I WILL
GIVE
YOU
GREAT
RESPONSIBILITIES

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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

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

Names will be removed by December 6th. Should a name need to remain please call the Church 903-482-6322. Thank You

How to Celebrate Advent

"Come Lord, Jesus!" *Rev. 22:20*

We mark the time leading up to Christmas in various ways. Three of the most popular are the Advent wreath, the Advent calendar, and the Jesse Tree.

The Advent wreath has its origins in Germany in the sixteenth century. The Wreath—a circle of evergreen symbolizing God's eternal love— holds four candles, three violet and one pink, Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy is lit on Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday, the third Sunday of the Season.

As we light the four candles one by one, we're reminded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus the Light of the World and the Sun of Justice. The Advent calendar often begins on December 1, and there's a door for each day, behind which is hidden a picture or Scripture verse. Children particularly enjoy Advent calendars.

The Jesse Tree is a way of remembering the Jewish roots of the Messiah. Jesse was the father of David, from whose house the Messiah would come. A Jesse Tree—made of paper, a real branch, or some other material—is decorated day by day with symbols of God's saving activity: an ark, stone tablets, a dove, and many others.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 16

- 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 17

- 9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, November 18

- 7:00 pm RCIA Classes

Wednesday, November 19

Thursday, November 20

- 9:00 am Mass Bible Class Following Mass
- 7:30 pm Adult Bible Class
- 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

- 1:00 pm Wedding



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Donate Christmas decorations to Santa Clara Regional Community Center

Help make the season bright by donating new or gently used Christmas decorations to Santa Clara Regional Community Center. Donations can be dropped off at 321 Calumet Ave, Dallas, TX 75211 or at 9451 LBJ Freeway, Suite 128, Dallas, TX 75243. Contact David Colunga or K.D. Brown at 214-337-0175 for more information or email donations@ccdallas.org

Offering

Attendance:	November 9, 2014	478
Offerings:	November 9, 2014	\$ 2,002.64
Building Fund:	November 9, 2014	\$ 852.66

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13) Bishop Kevin Farrell

Veterans Day began with Armistice Day, which marked the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I. The signing of the Armistice took place in a railroad car in the Forest of Compiègne in France. It took effect at 11 a.m. on November 11, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

One year later the first observance of Armistice Day took place in Buckingham Palace in London. The date was soon adopted by most Western nations as a day of remembrance for those who died in the "war to end all wars." It became customary to observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on Armistice Day to recall the sacrifices of the combatants. The United States made it official in 1926.

World War I unfortunately did not end all wars and several wars later, in 1954, following World War II, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who led the Allied Troops in Europe during World War II, signed an act of Congress changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans of all wars. It honors those who gave their lives in all wars and all those who served in the armed forces who, by their military service, indicated a willingness to lay down their lives for their country.

As Catholic Christians we should pray for our deceased heroes and those still suffering from physical and mental wounds. It is also very important that we offer prayers for the fulfillment of the hope of Blessed Pope Paul VI who, in speaking before the United Nations General Assembly in 1972, called for "No more war, war never again. It is peace, peace which must guide the destinies of peoples and of all mankind." I pray that God bless all of our heroic veterans and their families and that peace in the world can become a reality.

No hay amor más grande que dar la vida por los amigos. (Juan 15:13)

El Día de los Veteranos comenzó con el Día del Armisticio, el cual marcó el cese de las hostilidades en el Frente Occidental durante la Primera Guerra Mundial. La firma del Armisticio tuvo lugar en un vagón en el Bosque de Compiègne en Francia. Entró en vigor a las 11 a.m., el 11 de noviembre, la undécima hora del undécimo día del undécimo mes.

Un año más tarde, la primera celebración del Día del Armisticio se llevó a cabo en el Palacio de Buckingham en Londres. La fecha fue adoptada por la mayor parte de las naciones occidentales como un día para traer a la memoria a quienes murieron en la "guerra para terminar todas las guerras." Se hizo costumbre guardar un minuto de silencio a las 11 a.m. el Día del Armisticio para recordar los sacrificios de los combatientes. Los Estados Unidos lo hicieron oficial en 1926.

Lamentablemente, la Primera Guerra Mundial no terminó con todas las guerras y varias guerras más tarde, en 1954, tras la Segunda Guerra Mundial, el Presidente Dwight D. Eisenhower, quien dirigió las tropas aliadas en Europa durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, firmó una ley del Congreso cambiando el Día del Armisticio a Día de los Veteranos, un día para honrar a todos los veteranos de todas las guerras. Honra a quienes dieron sus vidas en todas las guerras y a quienes sirvieron en las fuerzas armadas y que, con su servicio militar, indican una voluntad de dar sus vidas al servicio de su país.

Como Cristianos Católicos debemos orar por nuestros héroes fallecidos y por quienes aún sufren heridas físicas y mentales. También es muy importante que ofrezcamos oraciones por que se cumpla la esperanza del Beato Papa Pablo VI que, al hablar ante la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas en 1972, expresó, "¡Nunca jamás guerra! Es la paz, la paz, la que debe guiar el destino de los pueblos y de toda la humanidad."

Le pido a Dios bendiga a todos nuestros heroicos veteranos y sus familias y para que la paz en el mundo pueda llegar a ser una realidad.

Miscellaneous

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.

Estas recibiendo sobres? Si no, es importante apoyar a tu iglesia y tener record de tus Taxes. Si te gustaria recibir sobres, pasa por la Oficina y dejanos agregarte a la lista. Pero si tu estas recibiendo sobres y no los usas pasa por la oficina para remover tu nombre de la lista. Recuerda tu apoyo es de lo mas importante para que nuestra bonita iglesia sea mantenida de manera apropiada. Que Dios los bendiga por toda su generosidad y apoyo financiero.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Año Litúrgico

El tiempo –presente, pasado y futuro– pertenece a Dios. La Iglesia católica, para ayudarnos a reconocer esta verdad, marca el paso del tiempo con un ciclo de temporadas y festividades que nos invitan, año tras año, a profundizar en nuestra relación con Jesús. En esta sección encontrará información sobre los tiempos y fiestas del año litúrgico católico, junto con actividades relacionadas a las distintas fiestas que celebramos y materiales para las lecturas dominicales.

Fear is an insidious thing

Bishop Kevin Farrell

Fear is an insidious thing. Fear blinds us to reality and causes us to act in a rash and precipitous manner. Fear is capable of taking possession of an otherwise rational person. History is pockmarked with tragic events triggered by unreasoning fear.

In recent weeks we have witnessed the effects of fear brought about by the Ebola crisis. In Dallas, effective leadership, responsible community-wide cooperation and media coverage prevented a potentially volatile situation from developing.

Because of its sudden onset, the Ebola crisis caught us unprepared despite warnings from health authorities that its occurrence in the United States was inevitable. When we are caught unprepared, the pressure to take action immediately can, and often does, result in hasty and ill thought out decisions that can unintentionally escalate fear.

There is no front line in the war against Ebola as we have discovered, but international cooperation is essential in preventing the epidemic in West Africa from becoming a worldwide pandemic. We must recognize the heroism of those healthcare volunteers who are fighting there, as well as those working here, to contain this disease.

Ebola is not going away. This is a time for calm, compassion and consultation in developing a comprehensive strategy that will protect our citizens and healthcare workers without violating human rights and dignity.

We will do well to remember the words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

El miedo es algo insidioso

El miedo es algo insidioso. El miedo nos ciega a la realidad y nos lleva a actuar de una manera temeraria y precipitada. El miedo es capaz de tomar posesión de una persona que de otra manera actuaría en forma racional. La historia está salpicada de eventos trágicos que han sido desencadenados por un miedo irracional.

En las últimas semanas hemos sido testigos de los efectos del miedo provocado por la crisis del Ébola. En Dallas, un liderazgo efectivo, una cooperación responsable de toda la comunidad y una cobertura de los medios de comunicación, evitó que se desarrollara una situación potencialmente inestable.

Debido a su inicio repentino, la crisis del Ébola nos tomó por sorpresa a pesar de las advertencias de las autoridades de salud de su inevitable incidencia en los Estados Unidos. Al ser tomados por sorpresa, la presión de tomar medidas inmediatas puede, y a menudo, resultar en una toma de decisiones precipitadas y desacertadas que pueden ser involuntariamente intensificadas por el miedo.

Como pudimos ver, no hay ninguna línea de frente en la guerra contra el Ébola. Sin embargo, la cooperación internacional es esencial para prevenir que la epidemia en África Occidental se convierta en una pandemia mundial. Debemos reconocer el heroísmo de los voluntarios al servicio de salud que luchan en esa parte del mundo, así como los que trabajan aquí, para detener esta enfermedad.

El Ébola no va a desaparecer. Este es un momento de calma, compasión y consulta en el desarrollo de una estrategia integral que proteja nuestros ciudadanos y trabajadores de la salud sin violar los derechos y la dignidad humana

Nos haría bien recordar las palabras del Presidente Franklin Delano Roosevelt: "A lo único que debemos temer es al miedo mismo."

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions