

# Holy Family Catholic Church



God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,  
you have made us  
your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love  
help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

**Mailing Address:** P O Box 482  
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Parish Office: 903-482-6322  
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Website: [www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

Fr. Salvador Guzman, 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:** 2016 To Be Determined  
**Confirmation:** 2016 To Be Determined  
**First Friday Adoration:** 6:00 pm-8:00 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*

Elaine Clark	Arnie Clark	Justin Lewis
Ann Lageose	Corinne Lageose	Anonymous
Jack Tyler	Morgan Helmberger	Steve Sanchez
Bob Jungman	Julia Baker	Catherine Casterline
Audelia Medina	Mary Ellen Pereyra	Bernardine Dill
John Bogerding	Ann Rochford	

**Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, April 26

8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Mass  
 10:00-5:00 pm 3rd Annual Festival "TODAY" (HOPEFULLY)  
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, April 27

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, April 28

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, April 30

9:00 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday, May 1

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm First Friday Adoration

Saturday, May 2

1:00 pm Wedding  
 4:00 pm Wedding

**Offering**

Attendance	April 19, 2015	468
Offerings:	April 19, 2015	\$ 2,151.15
Building Fund	April 19, 2015	\$ 1,451.38

**Faith Formation for 2015/2016**

**Registration**

**May 17, 2015 10:15am—2:00pm**

**June 7, 2015 10:15am—2:00pm**

**If you are registering for the first time you must present your Baptismal Certificate the day you register (no exceptions). 100% or 50% of fees are due at registration and they must be fully paid by:**

**August 16th. If you are returning from this past 2014/2015 Year this will be the only time available for registering. If you have friends who were here but don't attend regularly please inform them. It is impossible to have registration on going.**

**Fees: \$65 for one— \$95—for two—\$125 for 3 or more. Confirmation Retreat Fees: \$75 will be due in full by October 18th.**

**Any Questions? Stop by the Office**

**Registracion deFormacion de Fe 2015-2016**

**Mayo 17,2015 de 10:15 A.M. a 2 P.M.**

**Junio 7, 2015 de 10:15 A.M. a 2 P.M.**

**si te estas registrando por primera vez necesitas presentar certificado de bautizo del niño(a) ese mismo dia (no excepciones) 100% o 50% de la cuota debera ser pagada tiempo de registrarse y debera estar pagada en su totalidad para el 16 de Agosto.**

**Si estas regresando del año pasado 2014-2015 este sera solamente el unico tiempo que podras registrarte. Si tienes amigos/ familiares que no asistir a misa regularmente por favor avisales de estas fechas. Es imposible de tener registraciones todo el tiempo.**

**Cuota \$65 por uno....\$95 por dos.....\$125 por tres o mas.**

**Cuota del retiro de Confirmacion \$75 y este debera ser pagado en su totalidad para el 18 de Octubre.**

**Si tienes preguntas? Pasa por la oficina.**

# Advertising /Adoration

## **Parishioners who Currently Advertise**

### **V A Family Practice**

**Dr. Paul Westmoreland**

### **Rhythm Realtor**

**Arthur Atteberry**

**Please THANK THEM for Advertising  
Remember to Patronize and Support  
those who are listed on the back of our  
Bulletin!**

**Our Bulletin needs Advertisers.** If you own a Business or work for a Company that advertises please consider helping us reach a full page of Ad's. Once we are able to reach this goal we can have color inside our Bulletin. J.S. Paluch prints our bulletin free to our Parish, however if we have a full page of ads, there are many promos for our Parish. If anyone would like to submit possible contacts they will be given to the J. S. Paluch, Rick Giles, ad salesman who would make the contact. Please help us grow our advertising.

**Blessings for your help!**

## **What is Eucharistic Adoration?**

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us."

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait," we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

At the moment of Consecration, during the Mass, the "gifts" of bread and wine are transformed (transubstantiated) into the actual Body and Blood of Christ, at the Altar. This means that they are not only spiritually transformed, but rather are actually (substantially) transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The elements retain the appearance of bread and wine, but are indeed the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is what is meant by Real Presence; the actual, physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Christ instituted this Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist in order to remain with mankind until the end of time. (Jn. 14:18)

The (reserved) Blessed Sacrament serves as a focal point of devotion.

Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the Altar for adoration by the faithful. "Monstrance" is the vessel used in the Church to display the consecrated Eucharistic Host during Eucharistic adoration or benediction. The word monstrance comes from the Latin word monstrare, meaning "to expose." It is known in Latin as an Ostensorium. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition.

The host is placed in a Luna before being placed in the Monstrance. The Luna is a circular receptacle with glass sides, and metal circled with gold or gilded metal to hold the Sacred Host upright in the monstrance. It is a sacred vessel, having received the priest's blessing. It is sometimes called a lunette.

When the Monstrance contains the Sacred Host, the priest does not touch it with his bare hands, but instead, holds it with a humeral veil, a wide band of cloth that covers his shoulders (humera) and has pleats on the inside in which he places his hands.

At all other times, the reserved Sacrament is kept locked in the Tabernacle so that the faithful may pray in the presence of the Sacrament.

Proper respect for Jesus is shown by genuflecting, remaining silent, and ensuring someone is always present during exposition.

Our new monstrance was made in France using an antique mold. The mold cannot be removed from the country because of its significant historical significance. Our monstrance is brass with gold plating.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It shouldn't hurt to be a child. Childhood should be a time of joy and discovery. It should be a time of emerging from the womb of the family filled with wonder and innocence. The unfolding lives of our children are in our hands. We are the guardians of their journey.

Creating a safe environment for this to occur in the parishes, schools and institutions in the Diocese of Dallas is the responsibility of our Safe Environment Office. Of course, the family is most responsible for nurturing and protecting children, but it is incumbent upon our Catholic community to support and supplement the family's responsibility.

As a first step, all those who work with children or vulnerable adults in our parishes and schools must receive initial training in providing a safe environment, which then must be updated annually. All volunteers, diocesan and parish employees, educators, priests, deacons, seminarians and candidates for the diaconate are required to receive this ongoing training. In addition, initial criminal background checks are made on this key group and are repeated every two years.

Incorporated in our Safe Environment Program is a "Ministerial Code of Conduct," which provides a set of normative standards of conduct for all clergy, employees and volunteers in dealing with children and vulnerable adults.

Every parish and school has a Safe Environment Director who facilitates training and other programs specific to ministry needs. All children attending Catholic schools and faith formation programs receive age-appropriate education in safe environment practices and awareness. More than 60,000 children in the Diocese of Dallas received such training in the past year in addition to 2,116 diocesan/parish employees, 12,179 educators, 344 priests and 90 seminarians and deacon candidates.

Parishes, schools and other appropriate institutions are audited bi-annually by independent auditors to insure compliance with diocesan and national policies. In turn, the Diocesan Safe Environment Office is audited annually by an independent auditor to insure that the Diocese of Dallas is in compliance with the requirements of the Charter for the Protection of Children of Young People signed by the Bishops of the United States in 2002.

Our children are precious. We, as a diocese, are committed to insuring that they experience the secure and happy childhood they deserve.

By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

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Abril es el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil. No debería ser doloroso ser un niño. La infancia debería ser un tiempo de alegría y exploración. Debería ser un momento de emerger del vientre familiar llenos de admiración e inocencia. Sus vidas en desarrollo están en nuestras manos. Somos los guardianes de su jornada.

Nuestra Oficina de Ambiente Seguro es responsable de crear un ambiente seguro para que esto suceda en parroquias, escuelas e instituciones de la Diócesis de Dallas. Desde luego que en la familia recae la mayor responsabilidad de la crianza y protección de los niños. Sin embargo, le corresponde a nuestra comunidad Católica apoyar y complementar la responsabilidad de la familia.

Como primer paso, todos aquellos que trabajan con niños y adultos vulnerables en nuestras parroquias y escuelas deben recibir entrenamiento inicial acerca de cómo proveer un ambiente seguro, el cual debe ser actualizado anualmente. Se requiere que todos los voluntarios, empleados parroquiales y diocesanos, educadores, sacerdotes, diáconos, seminaristas y candidatos al diaconado reciban esta formación continua. Asimismo, la verificación inicial de antecedentes penales que se realiza a este grupo clave es repetida cada dos años.

Nuestro Programa de Ambiente Seguro contiene un Código de Conducta Ministerial. Dicho código contiene un conjunto de estándares normativos de conducta para todos los miembros del clero, empleados y voluntarios que tratan con niños y adultos vulnerables.

Cada una de las parroquias y escuelas tienen un Director de Ambiente Seguro que facilita la capacitación y otros programas específicos a las necesidades ministeriales. Todos los niños que asisten a las escuelas Católicas y a los programas de formación de fe reciben educación apropiada a su edad en referencia a la concientización y prácticas de un ambiente seguro. El año pasado, más de 60,000 niños en la Diócesis de Dallas recibieron dicho entrenamiento, además de los 2,116 empleados diocesanos/parroquiales, 12,179 educadores, 344 sacerdotes y 90 seminaristas y candidatos al diaconado.

Las parroquias, escuelas y otras instituciones apropiadas son verificadas semestralmente por auditores independientes para asegurar el cumplimiento con los reglamentos nacionales y diocesanos. A su vez, la Oficina Diocesana de Ambiente Seguro es auditada anualmente por un auditor independiente para asegurar el cumplimiento de la Diócesis de Dallas con los requisitos del Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes firmado por los Obispos de los Estados Unidos en 2002.

Nuestros niños son preciosos. Nosotros, como diócesis, estamos comprometidos a asegurar que experimenten la infancia segura y feliz que todos ellos merecen.

# Pope Francis presents Bull of Indiction of Jubilee of Mercy

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis on Saturday afternoon proceeded with the presentation of the official Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, set to begin December 8.

The bull is the fundamental document for the Holy Year that outlines the overall spirit and intentions for the Jubilee, as well as the spiritual fruits that are hoped for.

It was read by Fr Leonardo Sapienza, Regent of the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household, in a ceremony by the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis then moved into the basilica to preside Vespers for Divine Mercy Sunday.

The 28-page bull, titled "Misericordiae Vultus" or "The Face of Mercy" opens with the declaration, "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith."

In the document, Pope Francis says the Holy Year is "dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy" which God "constantly extends to all of us."

He explains the year will begin on December 8 to commemorate both the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, which called the Church to proclaim the Gospel to the world in new ways, bringing God's mercy to everyone.

After the Holy Door of St Peter's is open on December 8, the Holy Doors of the other papal basilicas will be opened in subsequent days. As well, as a sign of communion of the whole Church, the pope has requested that every diocese in the world open a similar "Door of Mercy" for the local celebrations of the Jubilee.

The document develops three main themes.

First, Pope Francis elaborates the theological understanding of God's mercy, explaining the role of mercy in the life of people and of the Church, who are both the beneficiaries and the witnesses to God's mercy in the world.

"The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child," the Pope writes.

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life," he continues. "The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."

He recalls that the motto of the Holy Year is "Merciful like the Father."

"Wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident," he writes. "Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

As a second theme, the Pope offers practical ways to live well the Holy Year: go on pilgrimage as an "impetus to conversion"; do not judge or condemn but forgive and give, avoiding gossip, envy and jealousy; have a heart open to the fringes of society and bring consolation, mercy and solidarity to people who live in precarious situations; take up the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy with joy; and observe the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which encourages prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation, in every diocese during Lent.

He also addresses confessors, encouraging them to be "authentic signs of the Father's mercy." And, during Lent of the Holy Year, the Pope says he will send out "Missionaries of Mercy"—priests to whom he will grant "the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See." They will be "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of his pardon," he writes.

As a third theme, the Pope issues particular calls for justice and conversion. He asks members of criminal organizations and those involved in corruption to change their lives and to embrace God's mercy.

He also notes that both Judaism and Islam "consider mercy to be one of God's most important attributes." And he expresses "trust that this Jubilee... will foster an encounter" with these and other religions that will "open us to even more fervent dialogue" toward greater knowledge and understanding, "eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect and drive out every form of violence and discrimination."

He also recalls the relationship between justice and mercy as "two dimensions of a single reality that...culminates in the fullness of love."

"God does not deny justice," he continues. "He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event (mercy) in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice."

The pope concludes the bull with an invocation to Mary, witness to God's mercy and recalls saint who dedicated their lives to making God's mercy known, namely the Polish St Faustina Kowalska.

After excerpts from the document were read on Saturday evening, Pope Francis gave a copy of the bull to the cardinal archpriests of each of the four papal basilicas in Rome, as well as to cardinals from the different continents, representing the Church throughout the world.

As with all Jubilees, a plenary indulgence is granted during the Holy Year of Mercy for those who fulfill all of the usual requirements.

The Holy Year will conclude on November 20, 2016, on the feast of Christ the King.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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