

Holy Family Catholic Church

ESTABLISHED IN 1980 919 SPENCE RD., VAN ALSTYNE, TX. 75495



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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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor

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Mass Schedule/Misa Dominical

Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass

12:00 pm - Spanish Misa

Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass Saturday - 5pm (English)

Sunday Masses / Misa Dominical

Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am)

Domingo 9:30am & 1:30pm

Weekday Masses

Mon., Wed, & Fri 8:00am

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30pm

Confessions Thursday

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm

Blessed Sacrament

Thursday's at 6:00pm

Baptism/Bautizo

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Baptisms in Spanish: en Español 1er Domingo del mes

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
Primera Comunion
2016 To Be Determined

Confirmation
Confirmacion
2016 To Be Determined

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

Sacraments/Sacramento's

Anointing of the Sick/Uncion de los enfermos

Please call the Parish.

Confession/Confesion

Immediately following the 1st Mass

Marriage/Boda

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/Vocaciones

Talk to your Parish priest or call Father Edward Leonard Vocations Director of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Prayer Request

Elaine Clark	Arnie Clark	Justin Lewis
Anonymous	Jack Tyler	Ann Rochford
Bob Jungman	Julia Baker	Catherine Casterline
Bernardine Dill	Ann Rochford	John Bogerding
Carlene Ewing	Karen Elliott	Nelda Beeson

Offering

Attendance	May 17, 2015	429
Offerings:	May 17, 2015	\$ 1,857.18
Building Fund	May 17, 2015	\$ 2,913.37
Catholic	May 17, 2015	\$ 83.00
Communications		

Rachel's Corner

"Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in You."
 -St. Magdalen de Pazzi: Feast Day May 25
 Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover what it means to be consumed by God's healing love, mercy and forgiveness.
 Abortion AfterCare-Healing / The Rachel Ministries
 214-544-CARE • healing@racheldallas.org
 www.racheldallas.org

Rincón de Raquel

"Venga! Consuma en nosotros todo lo que nos impide el ser consumido por Ti"
 -Santa Magadlen de Pazzi: Día Festivo 25 de mayo
 Venga a un Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel™ y descubra lo que significa el ser consumido por el amor, la misericordia y el perdón de Dios.
 Sanación Después del Aborto / Los Ministerios de Raquel
 972-679-4760 • sanacion@racheldallas.org
 www.racheldallas.org

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 24

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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Regarding Convocation for Priests June 1-4, 2015

The priests in the diocese are being called together by Bishop Kevin Farrell to attend the 2015 Convocation for Priests. The convocation is held every other year. It begins on Monday, June 1, and concludes on Thursday, June 4th. During the Convocation your priests will NOT be available to tend to normal parish activities (e.g. daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

In case of emergency call the Church office.

The purpose of the Convocation is to afford our priests an opportunity to meet together with the bishop, to pray together and to reflect upon their priestly ministry and to discuss together the issues facing them in the exercise of their priestly ministry. By holding the convocation away from Dallas, it is hoped that the priests will be freed from the demands and hectic pace of their ministry.

Please pray for our priests that they will return from the convocation refreshed and renewed by this opportunity for continued growth and priestly fraternity.

Series of Catechesis on the Sacraments by Pope Francis

POPE FRANCIS: GENERAL AUDIENCE Wednesday, 8 January 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today we begin a series of Catechesis on the Sacraments, starting with Baptism. By happy coincidence this coming Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

1. Baptism is the Sacrament on which our very faith is founded and which grafts us as a living member onto Christ and his Church. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms what is known as “Christian initiation”, like one great sacramental event that configures us to the Lord and turns us into a living sign of his presence and of his love.

Yet a question may stir within us: is Baptism really necessary to live as Christians and follow Jesus? After all, isn't it merely a ritual, a formal act of the Church in order to give a name to the little boy or girl? This question can arise. And on this point what the Apostle Paul writes is illuminating: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:3-4). Therefore, it is not a formality! It is an act that touches the depths of our existence. A baptized child and an unbaptized child are not the same. A person who is baptized and a person who is not baptized are not the same. We, by Baptism, are immersed in that inexhaustible source of life which is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history; and thanks to this love we can live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, of sin and of death, but in communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

2. Many of us have no memory of the celebration of this Sacrament, and it is obvious why, if we were baptized soon after birth. I have asked this question two or three times already, here, in this square: who among you knows the date of your Baptism, raise your hands. It is important to know the day on which I was immersed in that current of Jesus' salvation. And I will allow myself to give you some advice... but, more than advice, a task for today. Today, at home, go look, ask about the date of your Baptism and that way you will keep in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day.

The danger of not knowing is that we can lose awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past – and not by our own will but by that of our parents – and that it has no impact on the present. We must reawaken the memory of our Baptism. We are called to live out our Baptism every day as the present reality of our lives. If we manage to follow Jesus and to remain in the Church, despite our limitations and with our weaknesses and our sins, it is precisely in the Sacrament whereby we have become new creatures and have been clothed in Christ. It is by the power of Baptism, in fact, that, freed of original sin, we are inserted into Jesus' relation to God the Father; that we are bearers of a new hope, for Baptism gives us this new hope: the hope of going on the path of salvation our whole life long. And this hope nothing and no one can extinguish, for it is a hope that does not disappoint. Remember, hope in the Lord never disappoints. Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and of loving even those who offend us and do evil to us. By our Baptism, we recognize in the least and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and makes himself close. Baptism helps us to recognize in the face of the needy, the suffering, and also of our neighbor, the face of Jesus. All this is possible thanks to the power of Baptism!

3. A last point, which is important. I ask you a question: can a person baptize him or herself? No one can be self-baptized! No one. We can ask for it, desire it, but we always need someone else to confer this Sacrament in the name of the Lord. For Baptism is a gift which is bestowed in a context of care and fraternal sharing. Throughout history, one baptizes another, another and another... it is a chain. A chain of Grace. I cannot baptize myself: I must ask another for Baptism. It is an act of brotherhood, an act of filiation to the Church. In the celebration of Baptism we can see the most genuine features of the Church, who like a mother continues to give birth to new children in Christ, in the fecundity of the Holy Spirit.

Let us, then, ask the Lord from our hearts that we may be able to experience ever more, in everyday life, this grace that we have received at Baptism. That in encountering us, our brothers and sisters may encounter true children of God, true brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, true members of the Church. And do not forget your homework today: find out, ask for the date of your Baptism. As I know my birthday, I should know my Baptism day, because it is a feast day.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!

Hoy iniciamos una serie de catequesis sobre los Sacramentos, y la primera se refiere al Bautismo. Por una feliz coincidencia, el próximo domingo se celebra precisamente la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor.

El Bautismo es el sacramento en el cual se funda nuestra fe misma, que nos injerta como miembros vivos en Cristo y en su Iglesia. Junto a la Eucaristía y la Confirmación forma la así llamada «Iniciación cristiana», la cual constituye como un único y gran acontecimiento sacramental que nos configura al Señor y hace de nosotros un signo vivo de su presencia y de su amor.

Puede surgir en nosotros una pregunta: ¿es verdaderamente necesario el Bautismo para vivir como cristianos y seguir a Jesús? ¿No es en el fondo un simple rito, un acto formal de la Iglesia para dar el nombre al niño o a la niña? Es una pregunta que puede surgir. Y a este punto, es iluminador lo que escribe el apóstol Pablo: «¿Es que no sabéis que cuantos fuimos bautizados en Cristo Jesús fuimos bautizados en su muerte? Por el Bautismo fuimos sepultados con Él en la muerte, para que, lo mismo que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros andemos en una vida nueva» (Rm 6, 3-4). Por lo tanto, no es una formalidad. Es un acto que toca en profundidad nuestra existencia. Un niño bautizado o un niño no bautizado no es lo mismo. No es lo mismo una persona bautizada o una persona no bautizada. Nosotros, con el Bautismo, somos inmersos en esa fuente inagotable de vida que es la muerte de Jesús, el más grande acto de amor de toda la historia; y gracias a este amor podemos vivir una vida nueva, no ya en poder del mal, del pecado y de la muerte, sino en la comunión con Dios y con los hermanos. Muchos de nosotros no tienen el mínimo recuerdo de la celebración de este Sacramento, y es obvio, si hemos sido bautizados poco después del nacimiento. He hecho esta pregunta dos o tres veces, aquí, en la plaza: quien de vosotros sepa la fecha del propio Bautismo, que levante la mano. Es importante saber el día que fui inmerso precisamente en esa corriente de salvación de Jesús. Y me permito daros un consejo. Pero más que un consejo, una tarea para hoy. Hoy, en casa, buscad, preguntad la fecha del Bautismo y así sabréis bien el día tan hermoso del Bautismo. Conocer la fecha de nuestro Bautismo es conocer una fecha feliz. El riesgo de no conocerla es perder la memoria de lo que el Señor ha hecho con nosotros; la memoria del don que hemos recibido. Entonces acabamos por considerarlo sólo como un acontecimiento que tuvo lugar en el pasado —y ni siquiera por voluntad nuestra, sino de nuestros padres—, por lo cual no tiene ya ninguna incidencia en el presente. Debemos despertar la memoria de nuestro Bautismo. Estamos llamados a vivir cada día nuestro Bautismo, como realidad actual en nuestra existencia. Si logramos seguir a Jesús y permanecer en la Iglesia, incluso con nuestros límites, con nuestras fragilidades y nuestros pecados, es precisamente por el Sacramento en el cual hemos sido convertidos en nuevas criaturas y hemos sido revestidos de Cristo. Es en virtud del Bautismo, en efecto, que, liberados del pecado original, hemos sido injertados en la relación de Jesús con Dios Padre; que somos portadores de una esperanza nueva, porque el Bautismo nos da esta esperanza nueva: la esperanza de ir por el camino de la salvación, toda la vida. Esta esperanza que nada ni nadie puede apagar, porque, la esperanza no defrauda. Recordad: la esperanza en el Señor no decepciona. Gracias al Bautismo somos capaces de perdonar y amar incluso a quien nos ofende y nos causa el mal; logramos reconocer en los últimos y en los pobres el rostro del Señor que nos visita y se hace cercano. El Bautismo nos ayuda a reconocer en el rostro de las personas necesitadas, en los que sufren, incluso de nuestro prójimo, el rostro de Jesús. Todo esto es posible gracias a la fuerza del Bautismo.

Un último elemento, que es importante. Y hago una pregunta: ¿puede una persona bautizarse por sí sola? Nadie puede bautizarse por sí mismo. Nadie. Podemos pedirlo, desearlo, pero siempre necesitamos a alguien que nos confiera en el nombre del Señor este Sacramento. Porque el Bautismo es un don que viene dado en un contexto de solicitud y de compartir fraterno. En la historia, siempre uno bautiza a otro y el otro al otro... es una cadena. Una cadena de gracia. Pero yo no puedo bautizarme a mí mismo: debo pedir a otro el Bautismo. Es un acto de fraternidad, un acto de filiación en la Iglesia. En la celebración del Bautismo podemos reconocer las líneas más genuinas de la Iglesia, la cual como una madre sigue generando nuevos hijos en Cristo, en la fecundidad del Espíritu Santo.

Pidamos entonces de corazón al Señor poder experimentar cada vez más, en la vida de cada día, esta gracia que hemos recibido con el Bautismo. Que al encontrarnos, nuestros hermanos puedan hallar auténticos hijos de Dios, auténticos hermanos y hermanas de Jesucristo, auténticos miembros de la Iglesia. Y no olvidéis la tarea de hoy: buscar, preguntar la fecha del propio Bautismo. Como conozco la fecha de mi nacimiento, debo conocer también la fecha de mi Bautismo, porque es un día de fiesta. ©

The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

EL ENVÍO DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

El Señor dijo a los discípulos: Id y sed los maestros de todas las naciones; bautizadlas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Con este mandato les daba el poder de regenerar a los hombres en Dios.

Dios había prometido por boca de sus profetas que en los últimos días derramaría su Espíritu sobre sus siervos y siervas, y que éstos profetizarían; por esto descendió el Espíritu Santo sobre el Hijo de Dios, que se había hecho Hijo del Hombre, para así, permaneciendo en él, habitar en el género humano, reposar sobre los hombres y residir en la obra plasmada por las manos de Dios, realizando así en el hombre la voluntad del Padre y renovándolo de la antigua condición a la nueva, creada en Cristo.

Y Lucas nos narra cómo este Espíritu, después de la Ascensión del Señor, descendió sobre los discípulos el día de Pentecostés, con el poder de dar a todos los hombres entrada en la vida y para dar su plenitud a la nueva alianza; por esto, todos a una, los discípulos alababan a Dios en todas las lenguas, al reducir el Espíritu a la unidad los pueblos distantes y ofrecer al Padre las primicias de todas las naciones.

Por esto el Señor prometió que nos enviaría aquel abogado que nos haría capaces de Dios. Pues del mismo modo que el trigo seco no puede convertirse en una masa compacta y en un solo pan, si antes no es humedecido, así también nosotros, que somos muchos, no podemos convertirnos en una sola cosa en Cristo Jesús, sin esta agua que baja del cielo. Y, así como la tierra árida no da fruto, si no recibe el agua, así también nosotros, que éramos antes como un leno árido, nunca hubiéramos dado el fruto de vida, sin esta gratuita lluvia de lo alto.

Nuestros cuerpos, en efecto, recibieron por el baño bautismal la unidad destinada a la incorrupción, pero nuestras almas la recibieron por el Espíritu.

El Espíritu de Dios descendió sobre el Señor, Espíritu de sabiduría y de inteligencia, Espíritu de consejo y de fortaleza, Espíritu de ciencia y de temor del Señor, y el Señor, a su vez, lo dio a la Iglesia, enviando al Abogado sobre toda la tierra desde el cielo, que fue de donde dijo el Señor que había sido arrojado Satanás como un rayo; por esto necesitamos de este rocío divino, para que demos fruto y no seamos lanzados al fuego; y, ya que tenemos quién nos acusa, tengamos también un Abogado, pues que el Señor encomienda al Espíritu Santo el cuidado del hombre, posesión suya, que había caído en manos de ladrones, del cual se compadeció y vendó sus heridas, entregando después los dos denarius regios, para que nosotros, recibiendo por el Espíritu la imagen y la inscripción del Padre y del Hijo, hagamos fructificar el denario que se nos ha confiado, restornándolo al Señor con intereses.

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