

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Holy Family Catholic Church

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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor

Fr. James Yamauchi, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

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

Baptisms/Bautizos

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Bautizos: 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**
 April 23, 2016 10:00 am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
 March 12, 2016 10:00 am
 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Anointing of the Sick/Uncion de los Enfermos

Please call the Parish.

Confessions/Confesiones

Immediately following the 1st Mass-30 mins. Antes de la misa

Marriage/Matrimonio

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 Edwin A Leonard, Vocations Director, at 214-379-2860.

Believe in the Power of Prayer

Shirley Adams	Karen Conner	Anonymous
Arnie Clark	Elaine Clark	Karen Elliott
Angie Hermosillo	Jennifer Bryant	Mary Pereyra
Jose Garcia	M. McGuire	Reynaldo Chaviva
Andy Karl	Richard Lynch	Bill Powell
Ken Durbin	Bud Rietman	Theresa Powell
Armandina Alvarez	Cheryl Hayes	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 6

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:15am NO Faith Formation PreK-4th
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm NO Faith Formation 5th-Confirmation

Monday, March 7

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 pm Bible Class
 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice for Confirmation Student & Sponsor

Thursday, March 10

9:00 am Mass, Bible Class after Mass

7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday, March 11

6:00 pm Deacon John Rapier to Speak followed by Adoration

No soup and salad today.

Saturday, March 12

10:00 am Confirmation

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	February 28, 2016	485
Offerings:	February 28, 2016	\$ 2,122.20
Building Fund:	February 28, 2016	\$ 1,000.09

Bodas Comunitarias

Si esta usted viviendo en unión libre o casado por el civil solamente y quisiera regularizar su matrimonio por la iglesia, lo invitamos a que se comuniqué con el Padre Salvador al 972.542.4667 x 1 para obtener una cita y recibir mas información de la preparación para las Bodas Comunitarias.

Un matrimonio feliz y duradero siempre es de tres: Dios; Tu Pareja y Tú.

Holy Family

**Stations of the Cross During Lent
 Deacon Patrick Hayes to Lead the Stations**

March 11, 2016

Theme:

"Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful."

Come for a Lenten Spiritual Message

Soup & Salad available from the

Knights of Columbus Council 16047, after the Stations.

Congratulations Class of 2015-2016

29 Students will Receive the
 Sacrament of Confirmation
 March 12, 2015 at 10:00 am

Merciful Like the Father

Entering the Desert

"Year of Mercy Lenten Reflections"

Presenter by

Fr. Edwin Leonard Diocesan

Office of Vocations

Monday, March 7th Mission: 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 8th Mass at 5:30 pm

Confessions & Adoration 6:00 -7:00 pm

Mission: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 9th Mission 7:00 -8:30 pm

Miscellaneous

St. Andrew Dinner

The Office of Vocations is hosting a St. Andrew Dinner for high school age men on Monday, March 14, 2016 at St. Cecilia in Dallas. High School men grades 9-12 who are considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood are invited to attend this Saint Andrew Dinner. This event is a great opportunity for discerners to hear from Bishop Deshotel, priests and seminarians of our diocese. If interested please contact your Pastor or Youth Minister to sign up for the dinner. You can also RSVP at www.dallasvocations.org.

**Mark your Calendar May 1st
4th Annual Spring Fest
Proceeds for Building Fund
Volunteers are Valued.**



Current request:

\$5-\$10-\$15- or larger denomination gift cards from Fast Food, Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Gas, Car Wash, Oil Change, or Visa Gift cards. The smaller amount cards will be prizes for the games for the teenage games and the larger denomination cards will be in an auction tree for a set amount. Example: One might pay \$25 and choose a card that's worth \$50 or more or get one for a lesser amount. One's donation, will get a card worth \$ unknown. Yet your donation will help the cause of Our Future Faith Formation Center. Join the fun and donate Gift cards. Thanks

**This Lent, fast by listening to others;
pray by opening your hearts to them;
and give alms by holding your hands out to them.**

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Catholic Charities of Dallas is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program site! This free tax help is for qualifying tax payers, who made less than \$53,000 in 2015. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to receive this assistance. VITA is open on Monday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 9461 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75243 in Conference Room B. For more information on VITA sites, visit www.DallasTaxCenters.org or call 1-844-382-1040.

Message from Loyola Press

**Lent is a time when we respond to Jesus' call
to build a society based on mercy.**

Join Young Catholic Professionals at:

All Saints Catholic Church

at 5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas, TX 75248 from 7-9pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for our executive speaker event, featuring Brent D. McDaniel, Director at:

Price Waterhouse Coopers. YCP was founded in 2010 to help young professionals connect with one another and maintain their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers.

Our mission is to encourage young adult professionals to "Work in Witness for Christ."

YCP brings young adults together for speaker events, panel discussions, and networking in order to foster Catholic identity, to encourage community, and to inspire a call to action.

<http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapters/dallas/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1105240159510196/>

Monthly Mass for Catholics in Recovery – Mar 12th

This month's Diocesan Calix Mass will be offered at 8:30 am on Mar 5th in the St. Jude Parish chapel (1515 N Greenville Ave, Allen). The Mass, and meeting that follows, is open to members of all parishes who are recovering alcoholics and addicts, and their families and friends. Calix meetings provide for sharing our experience, strength and hope found in Catholicism and 12-Step recovery. For more information on the Calix Society, call your parish or 214-906-0605, or see www.calixsociety.org and, for the Dallas Diocese Unit see calix.stjudeparish.com.

This Calix unit serves the Dallas Diocese and holds its Mass and meetings on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM in the St. Jude Church Chapel.

Lenten Schedule at St. Michael's

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm every Friday

MASS every Friday at 7:00 pm followed by the a Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at 7:30 pm

Fish Fry's During Lent will be:

Friday March 11th

All Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Catholic Relief Services

Second Collection: March 6th Provides funds for Relief work for the Holy Father. Please be generous.

God's salvation comes not from great things, not from power or money, no from clerical or political networks, but from little and simple things that sometimes even arise from disdain. Francis proposed this meditation during Mass at Santa Marta on Monday morning, 29 February.

"The Church prepares us for Easter and today makes us reflect on salvation: what do we think salvation is like", Francis began, "the salvation that we all want?". The story of "Naaman's disease", narrated in the Second Book of Kings (5:1-15), presents "the fact of death: and afterwards?". Indeed, "when there is sickness, it always leads us back to that thought: salvation". But, the Pontiff asked, "how does salvation come about? What is the path to salvation? What is God's revelation to us Christians with regard to salvation?".

In the Pope's view, "the key word to understanding the Church's message today is disdain". When "Naaman, arriving at Elisha's house, asked to be cured, Elisha sent a boy to tell him to wash in the Jordan seven times. A simple thing". Perhaps for this reason "Naaman disdained", exclaiming: "I have made such a journey, with so many gifts...". Instead everything was resolved by simply bathing in the river. Moreover, Naaman continued, "our rivers are more beautiful than this one".

Francis then pointed out, in reference to the Gospel passage taken from Luke (4:24-30), that "the inhabitants of Nazareth" similarly "disdained after hearing the reading of the prophet Isaiah, which Jesus did that Sabbath in the synagogue", when he said "'today this has happened', speaking of the liberation, of how the people would be freed". The people commented: "What do you think about this man? He is one of us, we saw him grow up from boyhood, he never studied". And the people "disdained" and even "wanted to kill him".

Again, the Pope continued, "later on Jesus felt this disdain on the part of the leaders, the doctors of the law who sought salvation in moral casuistry — 'this can be done to this point, to that point...' — and thus I don't know how many commandments they had, and the poor people...". This is why the people did not trust them. The same thing happened with "the

Sadducees, who sought salvation in compromises with the powerful men of the world, with the emperor: some with clerical networks, others with political networks sought salvation in this way". But "the people had an instinct and didn't believe" in them. Instead, "they believed in Jesus because he spoke with authority".

And so, the Pope asked, "why this disdain?". It is because, he said, "in our imagination salvation must come from something great, from something majestic: only the powerful can save us, those who have strength, who have money, who have power, these people can save us". Instead, "God's plan is different". Thus, "they feel disdain because they cannot understand that salvation comes only from little things, from the simplicity of the things of God". And "when Jesus proposes the way of salvation, he never speaks of great things", but only "little things".

From this perspective Francis suggested a re-reading of the Gospel Beatitudes — "you will be saved if you do this" — and of Matthew, chapter 25. They are "the two pillars of the Gospel: 'Come, come with me because you have done this'. It involves "simple things: you did not seek salvation or hope in power, in networks, in negotiations, no; you simply did this". Yet actually, this gives rise to much disdain.

The Pope then proposed, "in preparation for Easter", as he too intends to do, "reading the Beatitudes and reading Matthew 25, and thinking and seeing if something about this causes me disdain, takes peace away from me". Because "disdain is a luxury that only the vain, the proud allow themselves".

Here, "at the end of the Beatitudes", Francis explained, Jesus says something powerful: "Blessed is he who is not shocked by me", who "does not disdain this, who does not feel disdain". Reflecting on the reasons for these words, the Pope repeated that "it will do us good to take a little time — today, tomorrow — and read the Beatitudes, read Matthew and pay attention to what is happening in our heart: whether there is something that causes disdain". And "ask the Lord for the grace to understand that the only way to salvation is the folly of the cross, that is, the annihilation of the Son of God, of his becoming small". In today's liturgy, Pope Francis concluded, "the little thing" is "represented by bathing in the Jordan and by the little village of Nazareth".

La salvación de Dios no viene de las cosas grandes, del poder o del dinero, de las alianzas clericales o políticas, sino de las cosas pequeñas y sencillas. Lo afirmó el Papa Francisco en su homilía de la Misa matutina celebrada en la Capilla de la Casa de Santa Marta.

Las lecturas del día nos hablan de la indignación: se indigna un leproso, Naamán el Sirio, que pide al profeta Eliseo que lo cure, aunque no aprecia el modo sencillo con que esta curación debería producirse. Y se indignan los habitantes de Nazaret ante las palabras de Jesús, su conterráneo. Es la indignación frente al proyecto de salvación de Dios que no sigue nuestros esquemas. No es “como nosotros pensamos que es la salvación, aquella salvación que todos nosotros queremos”. Jesús siente el “desprecio” de los “doctores de la Ley que buscaban la salvación en la casuística de la moral” y en tantos preceptos, pero el pueblo no tenía confianza en ellos:

“O los saduceos que buscaban la salvación en los acuerdos con los poderes del mundo, con el Imperio... unos con los acuerdos clericales, otros con los acuerdos políticos, buscaban la salvación así. Pero el pueblo era sagaz y no creía. Sí creía a Jesús, porque hablaba ‘con autoridad’. Pero, ¿por qué esta indignación? Porque en nuestra imaginación, la salvación debe venir de algo grande, de algo majestuoso; sólo nos salvamos los poderosos, aquellos que tienen fuerza, que tienen dinero, que tienen poder: estos pueden salvarnos. ¡Y el plan de Dios es otro! Se indignan porque no pueden comprender que la salvación sólo viene de lo pequeño, de la simplicidad de las cosas de Dios”.

“Cuando Jesús hace la propuesta del camino de salvación – prosiguió explicando el Papa Bergoglio – jamás habla de cosas grandes”, sino “de cosas pequeñas”. Son “las dos columnas del Evangelio” que se leen en Mateo, las Bienaventuranzas y, en el capítulo 25, el Juicio final, “Ven, ven conmigo porque hiciste esto”:

“Cosas sencillas. Tú no has buscado la salvación o tu esperanza en el poder, en los acuerdos, en las tratativas... no... has hecho sencillamente esto. Y esto indigna a tantos. Como preparación a la Pascua, yo lo

invito – también lo haré yo – a leer las Bienaventuranzas y a leer Mateo 25, y pensar y ver si algo de esto me indigna, me quita la paz. Porque la indignación es un lujo que sólo pueden permitirse los vanidosos, los orgullosos. Si al final de las Bienaventuranzas Jesús dice una palabra que parece... ‘Pero, ¿por qué dice esto?’. ‘Bienaventurado aquel que no se escandaliza de mí’, que no tiene desdén de esto, que no siente indignación”.

El Papa Francisco concluyó su homilía con estas palabras:

“Nos hará bien dedicar un poco de tiempo – hoy, mañana – y leer las Bienaventuranzas, leer Mateo 25, y estar atentos a lo que sucede en nuestro corazón: si hay algo de indignación y pedir la gracia al Señor de comprender que la única vía de la salvación es la ‘locura de la Cruz’, es decir el aniquilamiento del Hijo de Dios, del hacerse pequeño. Representado, aquí, en el baño en el Jordán o en la pequeña aldea de Nazaret”.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions