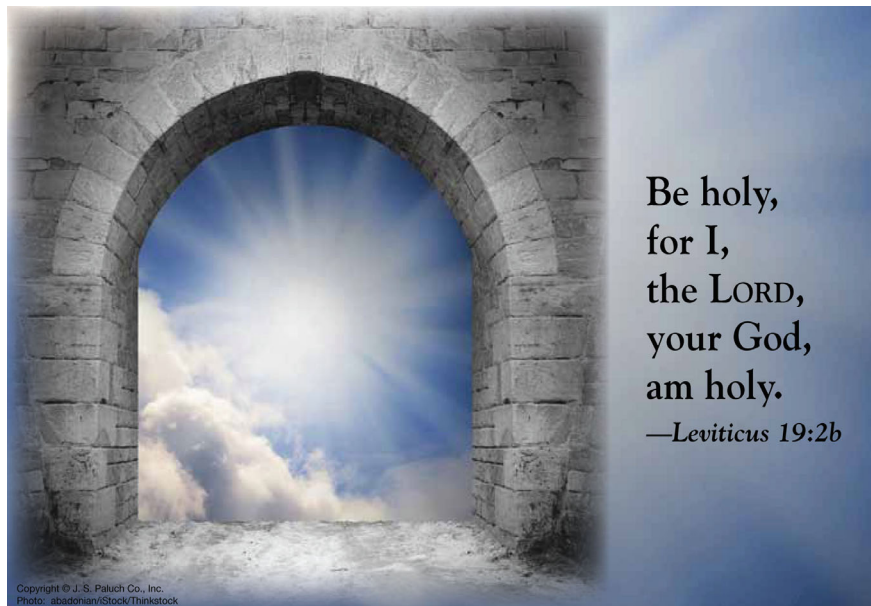


Holy Family Catholic Church

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

Parish Mission Statement

Holy Family is a Catholic community that unites for prayer and communion so that we may grow in our baptismal discipleship and share the good news of the Gospel.



Be holy,
for I,
the LORD,
your God,
am holy.
—Leviticus 19:2b

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Van Alstyne TX, 75495

Parish Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667

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Fr. Salvador Guzman, Pastor

Fr. Eugene Azorji, 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 29, 2017 10:00am
 First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
 Confirmacion**
March 31, 2017 Friday 7:00pm
 6:00—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

Delores Lopez	Barbara Heath	Ann Lageose
Catherine Casterline	Tony Grisolia	Georgia Grisolia
Natalie Clemens	Kimberly Coggeshall	Holley Tiemann
Mary Lou Raupach	Jesus Lara	Alberto Romero
Noel Rietman	Don Giebel	Clifford Lamb
Johanna Rosenthal	Charlsye Estridge	Jodee Michele

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass English
 10:15-11:15 am Faith Formation
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
 1:30-2:45 pm Faith Formation

Monday, February 20

6:00 pm-7:30pm Spanish Altar Server Training

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 pm SIS Meting
 7:30 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, February 22

7:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Thursday February 23

9:00am Mass - Bible Classes following Mass
 7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday February 24

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday February 25

Weekly Attendance/Offerings		
Attendance:	February 12, 2017	785
Offerings:	February 12, 2017	\$ 2,381.00
Building Fund:	February 12, 2017	\$ 1,100.43

**Spanish Altar Server training!!!
 Entrenamiento para monaguillos**

**February 20 from 6 to 7:30 P.M.//20 de
 Febrero de 6 a 7:30 p.m.**



Sunday at 7:00 pm our 5th Spring Fest held it's first official meeting. Our Knights Council 16047 will once again head up our main money making function to help our funds for the Faith Formation Building Fund. We had five new parish members attending to help. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas. You will find letters and blank paper to help us reach out to individuals, businesses, and sport groups for items on the Raffle or live Auction. Please ask for gift cards of any value. Next meeting is set for Sunday February 26th at 7:00 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!!!!**

**2017 Bishop's Appeal
 Follow-up today February 19th**

It's time to collect CRS Rice Bowls!

PLEASE TAKE A RICE BOWL

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter".

According to Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for CRS "At a time when there is so much conflict in the world, this Lenten program gives people of all ages a way to respond to human suffering with compassion and action."

Save the Date: 11th Annual Dallas Ministry Conference

The 11th Annual Dallas Ministry Conference will be held from **October 19th – October 21st** at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas. More information is available at www.udallas.edu/dmc.



NEW Hymnals Have Arrived !

This is an exciting time for Holy Family. After weeks of careful research, our liturgy team has selected a new worship resource for our parish. We will be using the OCP Glory & Praise Hymnals for Sunday Masses and other liturgies. Offering new songs as well as old favorites, it will be a very good fit for our community.

You don't have to be a great singer or musician to contribute to our worship program. You can "sponsor" one of our new hymnals for just **\$16.00**. Each sponsored hymnal will contain a bookplate that reads, "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____" or simply "Given as a gift by _____". Take this opportunity to honor your loved ones or commemorate a special event by sponsoring a hymnal. Special donation envelopes are available .

**Lord our God,
you have chosen your servant Edward
to be a shepherd of your flock
in the tradition of the Apostles.**

**Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement,
a spirit of knowledge and love.**

**By governing with fidelity
those entrusted to his care
may he build your Church
as a sign of salvation for the world.**

**We ask this through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, forever and ever**

Amen.

Los Nuevos libros de musica en español han llegado!

Esta es una etapa emocionante para Holy Family. Después de semanas de cuidadosa investigación nuestro equipo de liturgia a seleccionado nuevo material de adoración para nuestra parroquia. usaremos los nuevos libros de musica de Flor y Canto Tercera Edición de OCP para las misas de los domingos y otras misas. los libros ofrecen nuevas canciones y también canciones clásicas favoritas, será un buen ajuste para nuestra comunidad.

Usted no tiene que ser un gran cantante o músico para contribuir a nuestro programa de adoración. usted puede "patrocinar un libro de musica por solo **\$10.00** . Cada libro patrocinado contendrá una placa que dice " Dado como regalo por _____ en nombre de _____, o simplemente " Dado como regalo por _____ " Tome esta oportunidad para honrar a sus seres queridos o para conmemorar un evento especial patrocinando un libro de musica. Los sobres de donaciones especiales están disponibles en el vestíbulo y extras en la oficina.

**Señor Dios nuestro,
tú has elegido a tu siervo Edward
como pastor de tu rebaño
en la tradición de los Apóstoles.**

**Concédele un espíritu de consejo y fortaleza,
un espíritu de ciencia y amor.**

**Que al dirigir con fidelidad
a los que les han sido encomendados
pueda edificar tu Iglesia
como un símbolo de salvación para el mundo.**

**Todo esto te lo pedimos
por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo
que vive y reina contigo en unidad del Espíritu
Santo,
y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos
Amén.**

Sunday February 19th

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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MARTYRDOM

Live as though today you may die a martyr's death.

—Charles de Foucauld

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian

Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;

Washington's Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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In the Hebrew Scriptures, that part of the bible we call the Old Testament, we find a strong religious challenge to always welcome the stranger, the foreigner. This was emphasized for two reasons: First, because the Jewish people themselves had once been foreigners and immigrants. Their scriptures kept reminding them not to forget that. Second, they believed that God's revelation, most often, comes to us through the stranger, in what's foreign to us. That belief was integral to their faith.

The great prophets developed this much further. They taught that God favors the poor preferentially and that consequently we will be judged, judged religiously, by how we treat the poor. The prophets coined this mantra (still worth memorizing): The quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land; and the quality of justice in the land will always be judged by how orphans, widows, and strangers fare while you are alive.

Orphans, widows, and strangers! That's scriptural code for who, at any given time, are the three most vulnerable groups in society. And the prophets' message didn't go down easy. Rather it was a religious affront to many of the pious at the time who strongly believed that we will be judged religiously and morally by the rigor and strictness of our religious observance. Then, like now, social justice was often religiously marginalized.

But Jesus sides with the Hebrew prophets. For him, God not only makes a preferential option for the poor, but God is in the poor. How we treat the poor is how we treat God. Moreover the prophets' mantra, that we will be judged religiously by how we treat the poor, is given a normative expression in Jesus' discourse on the final judgment in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25. We are all familiar, perhaps too familiar, with that text. Jesus, in effect, was answering a question: What will the last judgment be like? What will be the test? How will we be judged?

His answer is stunning and, taken baldly, is perhaps the most challenging text in the Gospels. He tells us that we will be judged, seemingly solely, on the basis of how we treated the poor, that is, on how we have treated the most vulnerable among us. Moreover at one point, he singles out "the stranger", the foreigner, the refugee: "I was a stranger and you made me welcome ... or ... you never made me welcome." We end up on the right or wrong side of God on the basis of how we treat the stranger.

What also needs to be highlighted in this text about the last judgment is that neither group, those who got it right and those who got it wrong, knew what they were doing. Both initially protest: the first by saying: "We didn't know it was you we were serving" and the second by saying: "Had we known it was you we would have responded." Both protests, it would seem, are beside the point. In Matthew's Gospel, mature discipleship doesn't depend upon us believing that we have it right, it depends only upon us doing it right.

These scriptural principles, I believe, are very apropos today in the face of the refugee and immigrant issues we are facing in the Western world. Today, without doubt, we are facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since the end of the Second World War. Millions upon millions of people, under unjust persecution and the threat of death, are being driven from their homes and homelands with no place to go and no country or community to receive them. As Christians we may not turn our backs on them or turn them away. If Jesus is to be believed, we will be judged religiously more by how we treat refugees than by whether or not we are going to church. When we stand before God in judgment and say in protest: "When did I see you a stranger and not welcome you?" Our generation is likely to hear: "I was a Syrian refugee, and you did not welcome me."

This, no doubt, might sound naïve, over-idealistic, and fundamentalist. The issue of refugees and immigrants is both highly sensitive and very complex. Countries have borders that need to be respected and defended, just as its citizens have a right to be protected. Admittedly, there are very real political, social, economic, and security issues that have to be addressed. But, as we, our churches, and our governments, address them we must remain clear on what the scriptures, Jesus, and the social teachings of the church uncompromisingly teach: We are to welcome the stranger, irrespective of inconvenience and even if there are some dangers.

For all sorts of pragmatic reasons, political, social, economic, and security, we can perhaps justify not welcoming the stranger; but we can never justify this on Christian grounds. Not welcoming stranger is antithetical to the very heart of Jesus' message and makes us too-easily forget that we too once were the outsider.

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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