

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

# 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.*



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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

**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*

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| Delores Lopez    | Barbara Heath       | Ann Lageose    |
| Tony Grisolia    | Georgia Grisolia    | Joyce Kislack  |
| Natalie Clemens  | Kimberly Coggeshall | Holley Tiemann |
| Mary Lou Raupach | Jesus Lara          | Alberto Romero |
| Clifford Lamb    | Charlsye Estridge   | Rita Yzquierdo |
| Helen Buche      | Cierra Payne        |                |

**Weekly  
 Attendance/Offerings**

Attendance:	March 19, 2017	558
Offerings:	March 19, 2017	\$ 2,420.65
Building Fund	March 19, 2017	\$ 1,079.73
Easter Flowers	March 19, 2017	



It's almost here !!!!!

APRIL 30th 10:00 am / 4:00 pm

We need every family to take and sell 20 books of Raffle Tickets. We still need volunteers to help set up on April 29th after 1:00 pm and some to take down on April 30th after 4:00 pm. Invite relatives, neighbors and spend the day playing games, eating great food, shopping in the arts & craft booth, buying more raffle tickets, enjoy the music, and be ready for the Live Auction. Great items to bid on. Pre-purchase a Spring Fest T-Shirt after Sunday Masses. Let's make this years Spring Fest a huge success. Pray really hard for NO RAIN that week. Parking will be much easier, and everyone will have a BLAST!!!!

**Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, March 26

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

Monday March 27

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Thursday March 30

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

Friday March 31

7:00 pm Confirmation **CONFIRMATION**  
 NO Stations of the Cross Today  
 Saturday April 1

**Announcements:**

**NO STATIONS on MARCH 31st due to CONFIRMATION at 7:00pm**

**Confirmation at Holy Family**

**Friday March 31st 7:00 pm 31 Students will be confirmed by Bishop Greg Kelly**

**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." **TAKE ONE HOME, Return by Palm Sunday**

Todo es don. Esto es un principio que al fin sostiene toda espiritualidad, toda moralidad y todo mandamiento. Todo es don. Nada puede ser al fin reclamado como propio nuestro. La moral genuina y la sensibilidad religiosa deberían hacernos conscientes de eso. Nada nos viene por derecho.

Esto no es algo que sepamos automáticamente. Durante una clase, hace algunos años, un monje me contó cómo en todos los primeros años de su vida religiosa había estado resentido, porque tenía que pedir permiso a su abad si quería algo: "Solía pensar que era tonto que yo, mayor de edad, supuestamente adulto, tuviera que pedir permiso a un superior si yo quería algo. Si quería una camisa nueva, tendría que pedir permiso al abad para comprármela. Yo creía que era ridículo que un hombre hecho y derecho estuviera sometido a ser como un niño".

Pero llegó un día en que pensó de otra manera: "No estoy seguro de todas las razones, pero un día llegué a darme cuenta de que había un proyecto y sabiduría en el hecho de tener que pedir permiso para todo. Llegué a darme cuenta de que nada es nuestro por derecho y nada puede ser tomado como propio. Todo es don. Todo necesita ser solicitado. Necesitamos ser agradecidos al universo y a Dios precisamente por darnos un poco de espacio. Ahora, cuando pido permiso al abad porque necesito algo, ya no me siento como un niño. Más bien, siento como que entiendo debidamente el modo como deberían ser las cosas, en un universo orientado como don, en el cual ninguno de nosotros tiene derecho a reclamar al fin algo como propio suyo. Esto es sabiduría moral y religiosa, pero es una sabiduría que va contra el código de valores dominante en nuestra cultura y contra alguna de nuestras inclinaciones más fuertes. Tanto desde fuera como desde dentro, oímos voces que nos dicen: Si no puedes tomar lo que deseas, es que eres débil, y débil doblemente: Primero, eres una persona débil, demasiado tímida para reclamar enteramente lo que es tuyo. Segundo, has sido debilitado por escrúpulos religiosos y morales hasta ser incapaz de gozar del momento. No reclamar lo que es tuyo, no reclamar la propiedad no es virtud sino defecto.

Fueron esas clases de voces las que este monje oía en sus años más jóvenes, y por ellas se sintió resentido e inmaduro. Pero Jesús no se haría eco de esas voces. Los Evangelios hablan bien claro de que Jesús no consideraría tanto lo que es asertivo, agresivo y acumulativo en nuestra sociedad, a pesar de la alabanza y envidia que eso recibe, y vería esto como admirable, como gozando sanamente del momento. Yo dudo también de que Jesús compartiera nuestra admiración del rico y famoso que reclama, como por derecho, su superabundante riqueza y estatus. Cuando Jesús indica que le es más difícil a un rico entrar en el cielo que a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, podría haber mitigado esto añadiendo: "¡A no ser, por supuesto, que el rico, puerilmente, pida permiso al universo, a la comunidad y a Dios, cada vez que compre una camisa!". Cuando Jesús nos dice que los niños y los pobres van al cielo más fácilmente, no está idolatrando, respectivamente, su inocencia ni su pobreza. Está idolatrando la necesidad de reconocer y admitir nuestra dependencia. Al fin, nosotros no nos suministramos a nosotros mismos, y nada es nuestro por derecho.

Cuando yo estaba en el noviciado oblato, nuestro maestro de novicios trató de imprimir en nosotros el significado de pobreza religiosa haciéndonos escribir, en cada libro que nos daban, las palabras latinas: Ad usum (Para uso). La idea era que, aun cuando ese libro se te daba para tu uso personal, al fin y al cabo no lo poseías. Era tuyo sólo temporalmente. Nos decían entonces que esto era aplicable a todo lo demás que nos daban para nuestro uso personal, desde nuestro cepillo de dientes hasta las camisas que llevábamos a nuestras espaldas. No eran propiamente nuestros, sino dados meramente para nuestro uso.

Uno de los jóvenes que había en ese noviciado abandonó casualmente la congregación y llegó a ser médico. Continúa siendo amigo cercano; y una vez me contó cómo, aun hoy día, como médico, todavía escribe esas palabras -Ad usum- en todos sus libros: "Yo no pertenezco a ninguna congregación religiosa ni tengo el voto de pobreza, pero ese principio que nuestro maestro de novicios nos enseñó es tan válido para mí en el mundo como es para cualquier religioso profeso. Al fin, no poseemos nada. Esos libros no son míos, en realidad. Me han sido dados, temporalmente, para mi uso. ¡Nada pertenece a nadie, y es bueno no olvidar nunca eso!".

No es nada malo como adulto tener que pedir permiso para comprar una camisa nueva. Eso nos recuerda que el universo pertenece a todos y que todos nosotros deberíamos estar profundamente agradecidos de que ese universo nos dé incluso un poco de espacio.

# Miscellaneous

## Are You Walking with Christ?

A Seminar with Jeff Cavins

April 21-22, 2017

Sponsored by St. Ann Catholic Church, Coppell, TX – Adult Religious Education

As Catholics, our faith is meant to be put into practice. Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. Walking Toward Eternity is a powerful seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw closer to Christ, and challenge yourself to make real and lasting changes in your life, changes that will help you to become the person you hope to be. Jeff Cavins is the creator of The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, an author, and the host of Holy Land pilgrimages.

Friday Night Talk:

Christ Looks at Us with Mercy... and Calls Us to Discipleship

Saturday Seminar:

Walking Toward Eternity ... Making Choices for Today

**Date: Friday, April 21, 2017**

Check-in Begins: 7:00 pm

Seminar: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017**

Check-in Begins: 7:15 am & after Mass

Mass: 8:00 am (optional)

Seminar: 9:30am – 3:30 pm

Location: St. Ann Catholic Church, Main Church, 180 Samuel Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019

Cost: \$40 ... Includes registration for both days, seminar materials, light breakfast and box lunch.

Online Registration: [www.stannparish.org/AFF](http://www.stannparish.org/AFF)

Please register by April 1, 2017. For more information, contact: Tena Allain: (972) 393-5544 x1206 Email: [ccf@stannparish.org](mailto:ccf@stannparish.org)

Mail with check payable to: St. Ann Catholic Church, 180 Samuel Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019

Attn: Tena Allain

## The Art of Accompaniment

Four Essential Conversations on Becoming the Kind of Parish the Church Needs Today

BILL HUEBSCH

In his writings and speeches, Pope Francis keeps stressing the need for "accompaniment" and "discernment." More and more, we're all coming to see that, as Cardinal Vincent Nichols recently wrote, these two words "are at the heart of the pope's drive to reform the church" and "are key to understanding" his vision.

What is the pope really saying when he asks us to discern with people and to accompany them? What do these words mean for how you minister in your parish? How can you and the people of your parish explore these words and the pope's vision more deeply?

In this clear and easy-to-use group reading guide, Bill Huebsch helps pastors and parishioners deepen their understanding of Pope Francis' urgent call and explore ways to make it real in parish life. Perfect for pastors and parish leaders, including catechists, committees involved in outreach of any kind, and anyone who ministers to the People of God.

## Corpus Christi Procession

Diocese of Dallas Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Dallas on Saturday, June 17, 2017 after the Corpus Christi Vigil Mass. All are welcome to join in this prayerful procession as we bring Jesus out into the streets. SAVE THE DATE, and please check the Diocese of Dallas Vocations website for more details. [www.DallasVocations.org](http://www.DallasVocations.org). Click here for a flyer with more details.

## The Light is ON For You, Lenten Initiative

The Light is On for You Lenten Initiative began on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The Church encourages all faithful Catholics to make confession a regular part of spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent.

The Diocese of Dallas will once again offer The Light is On for You, two special evenings set aside for a diocesan-wide celebration of the sacrament. On Wednesday, April 5th and Wednesday, April 12th, parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Dallas will have their "Lights On" for the diocesan-wide evenings for Reconciliation. Please check with the parish for reconciliation times offered.

Everything is gift. That's a principle that ultimately undergirds all spirituality, all morality, and every commandment. Everything is gift. Nothing can be ultimately claimed as our own. Genuine moral and religious sensitivity should make us aware of that. Nothing comes to us by right.

This isn't something we automatically know. During a class some years ago, a Monk shared with me how, for all the early years of his religious life, he had been resentful because he had to ask permission of his Abbott if he wanted anything: "I used to think it was silly, me, a grown man, supposedly an adult, having to ask a superior if I wanted something. If I wanted a new shirt, I would have to ask the Abbott for permission to buy it. I thought it was ridiculous that a grown man was reduced to being like a child."

But there came a day when he felt differently: "I am not sure of all the reasons, but one day I came to realize that there was a purpose and wisdom in having to ask permission for everything. I came to realize that nothing is ours by right and nothing may be taken as owned. Everything's a gift. Everything needs to be asked for. We need to be grateful to the universe and to God just for giving us a little space. Now, when I ask permission from the Abbott because I need something, I no longer feel like a child. Rather, I feel like I'm properly in tune with the way things should be, in a gift-oriented universe within which none of us has a right to ultimately claim anything as one's own.

This is moral and religious wisdom, but it's a wisdom that goes against the dominant ethos within our culture and against some of our strongest inclinations. Both from without and from within, we hear voices telling us: If you cannot take what you desire then you're weak, and weak in a double way: First, you're a weak person, too timid to fully claim what's yours. Second, you've been weakened by religious and moral scruples so as to be incapable of seizing the day. To not claim what is yours, to not claim ownership, is not a virtue but a fault.

It was those kinds of voices that this monk was hearing during his younger years and because of them he felt resentful and immature.

But Jesus wouldn't echo these voices. The Gospels make it pretty clear that Jesus would not look on so much that is assertive, aggressive, and accumulative within our society, despite the praise and envy it receives, and see this as admirable, as healthily seizing the day. I doubt too that Jesus would share our admiration of the rich and famous who claim, as by right, their excessive wealth and status. When Jesus states that it is harder for a rich person to go to heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, he might have mitigated this by adding: "Unless, of course, the rich person, childlike, asks permission from the universe, from the community, and from God, every time he buys a shirt!" When Jesus tells us that children and the poor go to heaven more easily he is not idolizing either their innocence or poverty. He's idolizing the need to recognize and admit our dependence. Ultimately we don't provide for ourselves and nothing is ours by right.

When I was in the Oblate novitiate, our novice master tried to impress upon us the meaning of religious poverty by making us write inside of every book that was given us the Latin words: *Ad Usum*. Latin for: For use. The idea was that, although this book was given to you for your personal use, you ultimately did not own it. It's was just yours temporarily. We were then told that this was true of everything else given us for our personal use, from our toothbrushes to the shirts on our backs. They were not really ours, but merely given us for our use.

One of the young men in that novitiate eventually left the order and became a medical doctor. He remains a close friend and he once shared with me how even today, as a doctor, he still writes those words, *Ad Usum*, inside all his books: "I don't belong to a religious order and don't have the vow of poverty, but that principle our novice master taught us is just as valid for me in the world as it is for any professed religious. Ultimately we don't own anything. Those books aren't mine, really. They've been given me, temporarily, for my use. Nothing belongs to anybody and it's good never to forget that!"

It's not a bad thing as an adult to have to ask permission to buy a new shirt. It reminds us that the universe belongs to everyone and that all of us should be deeply grateful that it gives us even a little space.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions