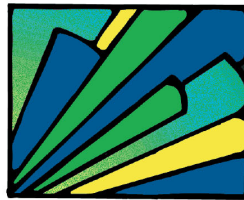


Holy Family Catholic Church

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.



God gave
his only
Son
that all
who believe
might have
eternal life

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Van Alstyne TX, 75495

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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**
TBA 2018
First Friday Adoration

**Confirmation/
Confirmacion**
TBA 2018
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 (5/21/17)

Tony Grisolia	Georgia Grisolia	Barbara Heath
Ann Lageose Thomas	Andrea Thomas	Sara Carrieri
Chris Hayes	Marylou Raupach	Brooke Roberts

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of deceased members of Holy Family and their Relatives:

Weekly Attendance/Offerings

Attendance:	June 4, 2017	532
Offerings:	June 4, 2017	\$ 3,231.24
Building Fund:	June 4, 2017	\$ 1,747.62

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.

June 25, 2017

Remember Holy Family will have a Pot Luck following the 1:30 pm Mass for Fr. Salvador Guzman. He has been our Pastor for the past 6 Years. We want to have a send off to Thank Him for his time here. However we want to congratulate him in his new assignment St. Pius is a very well established parish with a large school. We welcome Fr. Eugene in his new assignment here as well as our New Vicar Fr. Juan Carlos Marin. Envelopes are available for those who wish to enclose a monetary gift or just a simple note. Please place it in the basket by the 18th. The envelopes will not be opened.

Weekly Calendar**Sunday, June 11**

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

Monday June 12**Tuesday, June 13****Wednesday, June 14****Thursday June 15**

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Immediately Following
7:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Friday June 16

8:00pm Adult Spanish Choir

Saturday June 17**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. Click here for a flyer with more details.

Liturgy Boot Camp - July 28-29**Check Out Flyer Posted in Vestibule**

It's back—better than ever. The Office of Worship presents Liturgy Boot Camp 2.0 for the second year, July 28-29, at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center. Boot Camp runs 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, July 28, and 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Cost is \$30 and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all materials. Note that Liturgy Boot Camp is both days, Friday and Saturday. If you travel from a distance, we can reserve a private room for you at the CCFC for an additional \$30. To register, visit <https://www.cathdal.org/LBC2017>.

2017-2018 Faith Formation last date for Registration: **July 9th** following the 9:00 am Mass and 12:00 pm Mass. If your child is registering for the 1st Time you **must bring their Baptismal Certificate**. **Cost will be \$65.00 for one child / \$95 for two children / \$125 for three or more. Fees are due the day you register. If you register late, fees will be \$5 more. Remember we must order books for every grade based on the number registered.** This year we will have Classes for children with Special needs ages 3-6. Due to limited class room space it will be necessary to have 4th through Confirmation attend the afternoon classes. Remember it is important that children who made their First Communion register to continue their knowledge of their Faith. To receive First Communion you must attend two consecutive years before they are eligible and all students preparing for Confirmation are required to attend two consecutive years to be Confirmed. Our needs for more Catechist and Aides will definitely be necessary. If you are qualified to teach or be an Aide, please see Janis Hicks as soon as possible. All Catechist, Aides, and monitors are required to have their Safe Environment and it must be up to date. We are required to have two Adults in every room and our Teen Agers have been a great asset to our program, however there are still two adults required.

Formación de Fe 2017-2018 el último día de registracion es el domingo Julio 9 después de las misas de 9:00 y 12:00pm. Si su niño/a está siendo registrado por primera vez usted tiene que traer la fe de Bautismo del niño/a. El costo será de \$65.00 por un niño / \$95.00 por dos niños / 125 por tres o más niños. Las cuotas se pagan el día que se registren. Si se registra tarde se le agregarán \$5.00 más por niño. Recuerde que tenemos que ordenar libros para cada grado dependiendo en el número de niños registrados. Este año también tendremos clases para niños de cuidados especiales edades de 3-6 años. Debido al espacio limitado de salones las clases serán divididas kínder a tercero en la mañana cuarto a confirmación en la tarde. Recuerden que es esencial que niños que acaban de hacer su primera comunión sigan atendiendo a clases de formación de fe para que sigan aprendiendo más acerca de su fe. Para recibir la primera comunión debe de asistir a dos años de clases de formación de fe para ser elegibles y niños preparándose para la confirmación deben de asistir a dos años de clases de formación de fe. Nuestra necesidad para más catequistas y ayudantes sera definitivamente necesaria. Si está calificada para ser catequista o ayudante comuníquese con la señora Janis Hicks inmediatamente. Todos los catequistas, ayudantes y monitores tienen requeridos tener su ambiente seguro vigente. Estamos requeridos tener dos adultos por clase presente en el salón nuestros jóvenes han sido una gran ayuda pero todavía son necesarios dos adultos.

2017 Review of Our Recent Festival

The volunteers who diligently worked to have a Festival to increase our Restricted Building Fund. As reported the week after the successful event we increased our Building Fund by \$14,149.50. The food was exceptional and everyone agreed, Holy Family has been Blessed by excellent cooks. The discussion was to bring the ups and downs to the event. It appears the Food, took the ups by a 100%. The downs was the lack of help in setting up and taking down of the tables, chairs, large covers for booths and sitting under. Also needed more generators. Overall the group determined we must start earlier to be truly successful. The help from our Youth Group was a real plus. Discussion about having a second money making fund as all parishes are allowed two per year. If you have any other suggestions drop them in the wood box out front. Thanks to All who attended and gave their opinions.

“Yo voy por delante a prepararos un lugar para vosotros”. Jesús dirige estas palabras a sus discípulos en sus últimos momentos según se sienta a la mesa y siente su tristeza en su incomprensión de su muerte, de su partida. Sus palabras son pronunciadas para consolarles y darles la seguridad de que no les va a abandonar. Es sólo que él marcha primero para prepararles un lugar y volver a encontrarse con ellos de nuevo más tarde.

Esta historia me toca muy personalmente porque fue así como una de mis hermanas murió. Era joven, madre de una familia numerosa, y de igual manera demasiado joven para dejar solos a sus hijos pequeños. Murió de un cáncer que, mientras hacía implacablemente su trabajo mortal, misericordiosamente se fue casi libre de sufrimientos y con la mente y el corazón claros hasta el último momento. El cáncer al final la invadió hasta el punto de que no podía ya comer, pero se la pudo alimentar a través de transfusiones intravenosas. Pero esto, al final, no funcionó, una vez desenganchada de las agujas, le dijeron que disponía de aproximadamente una semana de vida. Ella escogió pasar esos últimos días en el hospital en lugar de en casa, con el cuidado de la familia y con 24 horas de acceso a su cama de hospital.

Los días que precedieron a su muerte fueron un tiempo sagrado. Le di la comunión algunos días antes de su muerte y con su cabeza aún muy clara, me dijo lo que yo tenía que decir durante la liturgia de su funeral. Había escogido el texto exacto donde Jesús, la noche antes de morir, les dice a los apesadumbrados discípulos que él va primero a preparales un lugar para ellos. Me compartió cómo antes de que cada uno de sus hijos naciera, antes de ir al hospital a dar a luz, lo había preparado todo cuidadosamente en casa para su llegada, la cuna, los pañales, las ropas, la habitación. Llevó a sus hijos a casa, a un lugar que había preparado cuidadosamente. Y ahora ella se iba antes que ellos de nuevo a preparales un lugar.

Prediqué esas mismas palabras en su funeral y a pesar de nuestro dolor y a pesar del hecho de que en momentos como aquellos no hay nada que pueda ser dicho que se lleve nuestra pena, nos dejó un crudo testimonio de fe como una imagen que nos colocó a todos nosotros, no sólo a su marido o a sus hijos, dentro de una historia más grande, de una fe narrada, que resaltaba dos cosas.

Primero, la imagen de su marchar delante de sus hijos despertó nuestra acongojada fe en la verdad de que una madre puede ir por delante a preparar un lugar para sus hijos de formas mucho más profundas que simplemente trayendo al recién nacido a casa desde el hospital. Segundo, su “ir delante” mostró a sus hijos y al resto de nosotros, cómo morir, cómo hacer ese último acto que todos algún día tendremos que hacer. Después de ver a una persona morir, sientes menos miedo a tu propia muerte porque ves cómo se puede vivir de una manera sencilla, por una persona sencilla, de una manera que solo tu puedes hacer. Con su muerte, ella preparó un lugar para nosotros.

Pero no es solo una lección sobre el morir. Esta imagen, voy primero a prepararos un lugar a vosotros es una metáfora que define la tarea esencial de nuestra adultez, de nuestros años de madurez. Nuestra tarea como “mayores”, ya sea como madre o padre, como hermano o hermana mayor, como tío o tía, como profesor, sacerdote, enfermera, trabajador, colega, o amigo, es vivir de tal manera que creemos un lugar donde los jóvenes puedan seguir. Nuestra tarea como adultos es mostrar a los jóvenes cómo vivir en un lugar donde no se ha estado aún.

Y esto es al mismo tiempo una noble y humilde tarea. La mayoría de nosotros no podemos llevar adelante los elevados ideales que vemos que viven de verdad en sus vidas los grandes santos, a través de sus vidas han creado un lugar ideal para nosotros. De cualquier manera, mientras que no todos pueden vivir como la Madre Teresa, quizás, puedan vivir como tú vives, y tu vida puede ser su ejemplo para dar sentido, integridad, santidad anónima, y morir sin un miedo innecesario.

He sido agraciado con la posibilidad de acompañar en su lecho de muerte a un buen número de personas sencillas que murieron sencillamente mirando a su propia muerte, sin coros de ángeles silenciosamente cantando por detrás, sin alerías en sus labios, con dolor y la sed que domina sus preocupaciones, con sus manos fuertemente sostenidas por sus seres queridos, y sus corazones todavía muy centrados en el dolor de dejar este mundo. Y esta no es una mala manera de morir. En la manera como manejaron su muerte y así ellos prepararon un lugar para mí. Mirando cómo ellos murieron, siento mucho menos miedo y puedo decir más fácilmente: ¡Yo puedo con esto!

John of the Cross teaches that within spirituality and morality there are no exempt areas. Simply put, you cannot be a saint or a highly moral person if you allow yourself a moral exemption or two. Thus, I may not allow myself to split off one moral flaw or sinful habit and see it as unimportant in the light of my positive qualities and the overall good that I do. For John of the Cross, you cannot be a saint and have a moral blind-spot, even if it's a minor one. A bird tethered to a rock, he says, cannot fly irrespective of whether the cord holding it is a cable or a string.

The same is true for our efforts to protect life and foster justice in our world. The protection of life and the promotion of justice are all of one piece. We cannot be an authentic prophet and have a few moral blind spots. A huge consequence flows from this, namely, we cannot treat issues like abortion, nuclear war, lack of ecological sensitivity, the plight of refugees, racism, sexism, poverty and inequality, poor access to health care, unequal access to education, sexual irresponsibility, and discrimination against the LGBT community in isolation from each other, as if these were wholly discrete issues. Whether we admit it or not, these areas are all inextricably interconnected. To quote Cardinal Bernardin: "The success of any one of the issues concerning life requires a concern for the broader attitude in society about the respect for human life." That's a strong challenge for all of us, on all sides of the ideological spectrum.

Thus, those of us who are concerned about abortion need to accept that the problem of abortion cannot be effectively addressed without at the same time addressing issues of poverty, access to health care, sexual morality, and even capital punishment. The interconnection here is not wholly mystical. It's real. Abortion is driven more by poverty and lack of adequate support than by any liberal ideology. Hence, the struggle against abortion must also focus on the issues of poverty and support for pregnant women. As well, to morally accept killing in one area (capital punishment) helps sanction its acceptance in another area (abortion). Sexual morality must also be addressed since abortion is the inevitable bi-product of a society within which two people who are not married to each other have sex with each other.

It's all one piece, and any opposition to abortion that fails to adequately recognize the wider perspective that more fully defines Pro-life leaves many sincere people unable to support anti-abortion groups.

Conversely, those of us who are concerned with the issues of poverty, health-care, capital punishment, ecology, war, racism, sexism, and LGBT rights, need to accept that these issues cannot be effectively addressed without also addressing the issue of abortion. Again, the interconnection isn't just mystical, it's empirical: Failure to be sensitive to who is weak and vulnerable in one area deeply compromises one's moral standing on other issues that deal with the weak and the vulnerable. We must advocate for and strive to protect everyone who falls victim within our present way of living, and that includes the unborn.

It's all of one piece! There can be no exempt areas, thus opposition to the protection of the unborn is not just antithetical to what's central within a social justice agenda, but it, perhaps more than anything else, leaves liberal ideology and its political allies compromised in a way that allows many sincere people to withhold their support. Clearly, of course, nobody is asked to give equal energy to every justice issue in the world. Accepting that none of these issues can be effectively dealt within isolation shouldn't stop us from passionately working on one issue or another. But knowing that these issues are all of one piece does demand that we always recognize that, however important our particular issue, we may not see it in simple black and white, without nuance, as an issue that can be dealt with within one ideological, political, or religious silo. We must always be sensitive to the whole, to the big picture, to the intricate interconnections among all these social issues.

And, not least, we must be humble before and sensitive to our own moral inconsistencies.

We will, this side of eternity, always have them and we must forgive ourselves for them and not let perfection, that fact we can't be fully consistent, be the enemy of the good, that fact that we can do some good work that is effective. But acknowledging both our own inconsistencies and the complexities of the issues should make us more open to listening to the views of others and make us less doctrinaire and fundamentalist in our own attitudes.

All the issues that deal with justice and peace, are of one piece, one whole, one moral corpus, one seamless garment; and, like the soldiers casting dice for Jesus' clothing, we should hesitate to tear this garment into different pieces.

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Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions