

Holy Family Catholic Church



FAMILY PRAYER

God Made us a family.
We need one another.
We love one another
We forgive one another.
We work together.
We play together.
Together we learn God's Word.
Together we grow in Christ.
Together we love all people.
Together we serve our God.
Together we hope for Heaven.
These are our hopes.
Help us obtain them, Father,
through Jesus your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Magi prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Clergy

Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor
Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass
12:00 pm - Spanish Mass
Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

Baptism

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month
 Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

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

April 27, 2014 10:00 am

Confirmation:

March 1, 2014 10:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish.

Reconciliation/Confession

Immediately following the 1st Mass

Marriage/Wedding

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/Priesthood

Talk to your Parish priest or call Fr. John Szatkowski, Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Cecil Hermes
 Evelia Santibanez
 Debby Hooper
 Karen Elliott
 Tabetha Moore
 Bartolo Torres
 Dave Parker
 Courtney Hicks
 Colby Davis
 David Klinkhammer
 Bill Holder
 Jim Stalder
 Mirna Caldona

**PRAY
 For**

Antonio Fernandez
 Frank Reynolds
 Arnie Clark
 Charann Thurwanger
 Margaret Cockerham
 Abigail Kaminski
 Katrina Kaminski
 Tommie Rosenthal
 Brooklyn Schulze
 Jose' A Maldonado
 Fred Nehl
 Stella West

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 5
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Mass
 10:15-11:15 am Faith Formation
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
Monday, January 6
 9:00 am Rosary
Tuesday, January 7
 7:00 pm Spring Fest Meeting
Wednesday, January 8
 6:00-7:00 pm Faith Formation
Thursday, January 9
 9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir
Friday, January 10
 7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir
Saturday, January 11

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Offering

Attendance: December 22, 2013 426
 Offerings: December 22, 2013 \$ 2,123.25
 Building Fund: December 22, 2013 \$ 1,877.00

All Bulletins are Due 10 days prior to All Sunday's
 all Collection will be behind until the January 12, 2014

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 5th Faith Formation Class Resumes Today
 January 7th Spring Fest 7:00 pm COME COME!!!!
 January 8th Faith Formation Class Resumes Wednesday
 February 8, 2014 9:30 am-6:30 pm Confirmation Retreat
 February 9, 2014 8:00 am-3:00 pm Statue of Fatima
 February 21, 2014 4:30- 9:30 Twilight Confirmation Retreat
 March 1, 2014 10:00 am Holy Family Confirmation
 March 5, 2014 Ash Wednesday

Our Lady of Fatima

The International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
 will be Present during Masses - February 9th
 Take time and become acquainted over the
 Internet Website: www.pilgrimvirgin.com

Well let's try this on **one** more time!
Tuesday 7, 2014 7:00 pm.
 We need volunteers for Raffle - Food -
 Games - Music - Advertising. **NEW**
IDEAS. Hopefully our earnings can go to
 our much needed Education Center.
 Please help your Parish have a very
 successful Spring Fest. Date set for
 Saturday MAY 3, 2014.

Raffle Items needed!!!!

Youth 9th-12th Please Sign-up to let us
 know that you are interested in having a
 group here at Holy Family.



Of Our Lady of Fatima

Mark Your Calendar February 9, 2014 from 8:00 am- 3:00pm Invite family members and friends to come and share in this opportunity. This is the first time the Traveling Virgin Statue has visited Dallas. February 1st through the 21st the Statue will visit several Parishes. We are the only parish North of 635. The care takers of the Traveling Statue accept donations to help defray the expense of travel. We are asked to make arrangements for accommodations for the two escorting the Pilgrim Virgin. Wayne and Marsha Silks have offered to cover Motel Reservations for them. Thank You for your generosity. The custodians will speak on the message preserved by Sr. Lucia.

Parents of Confirmation Students

Reminder: Retreat Money is due on or before January 8, 2014. Your child must attend both Retreats February 8, 2014 9:30 am-6:30 pm and the Twilight Retreat February 21, 2014 4:40 pm- 9:30 pm. The Retreats are not optional they are mandatory to be Confirmed. The cost is **\$50**. This fee covers both Retreats.

Padres de alumnos de la Confirmacion

Recordatorio: La cuota para el retiro debera estar pagada para el 8 de Enero o antes. Tu hijo(a) debera asistir a los dos Retiros el 8 de Febrero, del 2014 9:30 A.M. a 6:30 P.M. y el otro por la tarde del 21 de Febrero del 2014 de 4:40 a 9:30 P.M. Los retiros NO son opcionales son mandatorias para poder ser confirmados. El costo es de **\$50.00**. Este pago cubre los dos retiros.

2013 Bishop's Appeal

As the end of the year approaches, we sometimes spend time revisiting our charitable donations for the year. If you have made a pledge to the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, the Appeal Office thanks you. The support of your parish and the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a very tangible way of giving thanks for all God's blessings you have received. If you are writing a check or paying by credit card, we ask that it is dated before December 31, 2013. You may go to www.cathdal.org/donatenow for online Appeal payments. Thank you.

Expansion of our current facilities are in process. The success of our 2014 Spring Fest and your continued support of the Building Fund is dependent upon our Funds for the Education Center. We all know that our current facilities are inadequate for the number of enrolled Faith Formation Students. Please be as generous as possible in 2014 to make this need a priority for this next phase of construction. We can do it !!!!!

De gustibus non est disputandum. That's a famous line from St. Augustine wherein he suggests that taste is subjective and that what one person fancies might not be to another person's liking. Under that canopy I would like to recommend the following books to you. Among the books that I read in 2013, these ten stayed with me in ways that the others didn't. So, with no promises that your tastes will echo mine, here goes ...

Among the different novels that I read, I recommend:

Alice Munro's, *Dear Life - Stories*: These stories won't give you easy moral comfort, but will stretch you. They're moral in that they name things as they are. Munro might have entitled these stories - It is what it is! Since publishing this novel, she has won the Nobel Prize for Literature, no surprise to anyone in Canada.

Barbara Kingsolver's, *Flight Behavior*: This is a novel about global warming which won't be everyone's cup of tea, though everyone will learn from it. More important even than her moral message is the flashlight she shines into ordinary life. Told from the viewpoint of a young mother, trapped in poverty and frustrated by her lack of education and her lack of choices, Kingsolver brilliantly lays bare a human heart, with both its temptations and its virtues.

Toni Morrison's, *Home*: Morrison isn't easy reading, and her story line isn't always the easiest to follow, but her writing is art, the best, and her language conveys a color and feeling that has few equals among novelists. She didn't win the Nobel Prize for literature undeservedly.

Within the genre of biography and history, these books stood out:

Roger Lipsey's, *Hammarskjold, A Life*: Lipsey, using mountains of material from Dag Hammarskjold's journals and letters, reveals that Hammarskjold was all that was hinted at in *Markings*, and more. Hammarskjold, both as a public figure and in his private life, tried to mirror the greatness of life. Nearly 800 pages long, it's worth the effort, the story of a great soul.

Brenna Moore's, *Sacred Dread, Raissa Maritain, the Allure of Suffering and the French Catholic Revival (1905-1944)*: Not an easy read, but anyone with an interest in the world of Maritains, Leon Bloy, Charles Peguy, and the French Catholic Revival at the beginning of the last century will be given a deeper insight into that world.

Kay Cronin's, *Cross in the Wilderness*: An old book, published in 1960, and now available only in libraries, Cronin traces the history of the Oblate missionaries coming to Oregon and British Columbia and opening churches there. I was truly inspired by the selflessness and courage of these men and what they accomplished. French intellectuals, many of them, they were sent into the wilderness with little preparation and survived there on ideals and faith, and flat-out toughness. Food, shelter, and doctors often weren't available. Reading their story made me, more than ever, proud to be a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Mary Gordon's, *The Shadow Man, A Daughter's Search of Her Father*: We only understand ourselves when we understand our parents and how their virtues and weaknesses helped shape our own souls. Mary Gordon, better than most, has been able to do this. Many of us are familiar with her brilliant book on her mother, *Circling my Mother*. Here she does the same thing with her father. How she understands her father will help us to understand our own.

In the area of spirituality, I much recommend:

Belden C. Lane's, *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes, Desert and Mountain Spirituality*: Very much in the genre of Bill Plotkins', *Soulcraft*, Lane gives us insights into the important role that geography can play in shaping our souls, and hints of how we might more deliberately expose ourselves to that. For Lane, spirituality isn't something that should be done only in air-conditioned prayer centers. Rather, nature, the desert, the wind, and the sun need also to wash over our souls and bodies.

Jim Wallis', *Rediscovering Values - On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street, A Moral Compass for the New Economy*: This book should come with a warning: It will upset you if you're a fiscal conservative, but, if you are, you might want to give yourself this challenge. Wallis is as close to a "Dorothy Day" as our generation has.

Donald H. Dunson's and James A. Dunson's, *Citizen of the World, Suffering and Solidarity in the 21st Century*: Socrates once said that he was a citizen of the world first and only, after that, a citizen of Athens. How do we widen our hearts and our attitudes so as to live out a citizenship that's wider than our own ethnicity, nationality, history, geography, self-interest, and natural affinity? Donald and James Dunson try to answer that, and they do it with remarkable nuance. This book is a genuine moral compass, what prophecy should be. Good prophets don't spray you with guilt; they make you want to be a better person.

Again, de gustibus non est disputandum.

Si alguien que nunca hubiera escuchado la historia de Jesús preguntara a cualquiera de nosotros sobre sus orígenes, empezaría, sospecho, con el relato de su anunciación y nacimiento y terminaría con la narración de su resurrección y ascensión. Mientras esto distrae su atención, este modo no es como los evangelios comienzan y terminan su narración. La historia de Jesús y el significado de la Navidad sólo se pueden entender echando una mirada al de dónde viene Jesús, su árbol genealógico, y mirando a cómo su historia tiene continuidad en el tiempo. Con más razón si ésta es la manera como los Evangelios cuentan la historia.

El Evangelio de Juan comienza su narración centrándose en sus orígenes eternos en el seno de Dios antes de su nacimiento. Para Juan, el árbol genealógico de Jesús tiene solo tres miembros, la Trinidad: en el principio era la Palabra, y la Palabra estaba con Dios y la Palabra era Dios. El Evangelio de Marcos no nos ofrece un árbol genealógico, sino que comienza el relato con su ministerio público, y a continuación no pone fin a su historia. Para Marcos la historia de Jesús sigue adelante. Mateo y Lucas, de cualquier manera, incluyen dentro de la historia de Jesús un largo árbol genealógico, que muestra sus orígenes. Demasiado a menudo tendemos a ignorar estas genealogías con su larga lista de nombres difíciles de pronunciar, que en su mayoría significan poco para nosotros. Pero, tal y como afirma en la renovada escuela bíblica, Raymond Brown, enfatiza una y otra vez que no podemos entender realmente la historia de Jesús sin entender por qué éste árbol genealógico, esta larga lista de nombres, es juzgado con tanta importancia.

¿Qué se aprende cuando miramos al árbol genealógico de la familia de Jesús, esa curiosa lista de nombres antiguos? Abraham engendró a Isaac, Isaac engendró a Jacob, Jacob engendró a Judá, Judá engendró a Farez y a Zara cuya madre fue Tamar, Farez engendró a Hezón, Hezón engendró a Ram, Ram engendró a Amminabab... y así. Entre otras cosas, estas genealogías trazan los orígenes de Jesús para decirnos que su historia real no será manipulada por cualquiera que quiera creer que los orígenes humanos de Jesús son totalmente puros e inmaculados sin contener ningún pecado o debilidad. Jesús proviene de una lista de santos ancestros. Más bien, como nos muestra la genealogía, su árbol familiar contiene tantos pecadores como santos. Entre sus antecesores hay mentirosos, adulteros, asesinos, hombres acaparadores de poder, mujeres intrigantes, reyes débiles, funcionarios religiosos corruptos, y todo tipo de pecadores. Lo mismo se sostiene como verdadero para las instituciones religiosas que representan su nacimiento. La historia religiosa del judaísmo fuera de la que Jesús nació fue también una mezcla de gracia y de pecado, de instituciones religiosas que servían a la vez a Dios a sus propios intereses humanos.

¿Cuál es la moraleja de todo esto? La lección es esta: personas e instituciones que dieron a luz a Jesús fueron una mezcla de gracia y de pecado, una mezcla que mediaba el favor de Dios y lo manipulaba en su propio beneficio. Pero, más por encima de esta ambigüedad, Jesús nació. Puede que sea un escándalo para nuestra piedad aceptar que no todo lo que nació en Navidad fue concebido inmaculadamente. La misma verdad sostiene lo que continúa después del nacimiento de Jesús. Su ministerio terreno fue parcialmente formado y promovido por el interés propio de las autoridades religiosas de su tiempo, la resistencia a los poderes seculares de su tiempo, y el miedo y la infidelidad de sus propios discípulos. Y esto ha continuado a través de 2000 años de historia desde entonces. Jesús ha continuado encarnándose a través de siglos gracias no sólo a los santos individuales y virtuosos. No, la genealogía de Jesús hasta su nacimiento es también una larga lista de santos y pecadores, de generosos mártires y de egoístas intrigantes, de virtud y traición.

Y reconociendo y aceptando esto, esta realidad no debería conducirnos al cinismo en el que comencemos a dudar de la veracidad de Jesús o la legitimidad de la Iglesia porque a pesar de las mentiras, el pecado, la infidelidad y no tan infrecuente estupidez de las personas humanas e instituciones religiosas que originariamente construyeron esta genealogía de Jesús y que han sido su familia desde entonces. La fe se puede adaptar al reconocimiento del pecado y la infidelidad. Lo mismo ocurre con la Navidad.

La Navidad tiene un dudoso origen y sucesión: Jacob robó la primogenitura a su hermano, Judá durmió con su nuera; David cometió adulterio y asesinó para taparlo; la Iglesia fundó la Inquisición y mató a más personas por sí misma que todos los que fueron martirizados en la Iglesia naciente; la Iglesia nos ha dado papas que han vendido los favores eclesiales y fueron sexualmente licenciosos; la Iglesia, a pesar de su catolicidad y santidad, ha sido perennemente estrecha y elitista y nunca ha sido plenamente libre de sus propios intereses; y el escándalo de los abusos sexuales ha sucedido.

Pero el puro misterio de Jesús, de Cristo, y de la Iglesia de alguna manera ilumina a pesar de todo esto e irónicamente, por causa de todo esto. Como una semilla escondida, la Gracia de Dios trabaja, incluso a través de gente como nosotros y una iglesia como la nuestra, revelando su divinidad a pesar de todo esto. Y en Dios que escribió la Navidad original con líneas rotas también escribió la historia siguiente con líneas rotas, y algunas de esas líneas son nuestras propias vidas.

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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