

Holy Family Catholic Church



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Family Prayer

Lord, bless our family, all of us now together, those far away, all who are gone back to you. May we know joy. May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let us be grateful to each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family.

Amen.

Keys to the Kingdom

Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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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

2015 to be Scheduled

Confirmation:

2015 to be Scheduled

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 Father James Swift, C.M., Rector of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Courtney Hicks
 Rita Christian
 Karen Elliott
 Toby Mills
 Louis Lesmes
 Bill Holder
 Rosa Turczynski
 Soloman High
 Jeanie Wood
 Jack Hopper
 Don Saunders

**PRAY
 For**

Arnie Clark
 Tommie Rosenthal
 Brooklyn Schulze
 Rita Turner
 Dave Parker
 Eddie Parker
 Stella West
 Jerry Phillips
 Johanna Kroeger
 Jack Tyler
 Anonymous

Offering

Attendance:	June 22, 2014	461
Offerings:	June 22, 2014	\$ 1,520.42
Building Fund:	June 22, 2014	\$ 940.25

Fortnight for Freedom Announcement

Fortnight for Freedom *Diocesan-wide* Event, July 6, 2014: This year, Fortnight for Freedom, from June 21 to July 4, will focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching. In the Dallas Diocese, we will mark the closing of the Fortnight on Sunday, July 6, with a Patriotic Rosary at 1:30 p.m. (preceded by 12:15 Mass), followed by a luncheon presentation on Faithful Citizenship at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 600 S. Jupiter Rd., Richardson. For more information, visit www.dallascatholicadvocacy.org.



Our Faith... Our Future
DIocese of DALLAS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND
 OF THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Holy Family has currently reached 127% and counting. CONGRATULATIONS!! It's not too late to make a Pledge.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 29

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

Monday, June 30

9:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, July 1

Wednesday July 2

Thursday, July 3

9:00 am Mass Bible Class Following Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

Friday, July 4

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

Saturday, July 5



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Grief Support Group

The Holy Family Grief Support Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 8th Room 1

Come and meet with two trained grief facilitators who will listen, pray, and support you during a difficult time in your life. Lost a loved one? Lost a job? Lost a relationship? Stressed? Just need to talk? We are here to listen.

If you would like to attend, please contact:

Susanne Hayes 214-636-1915

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study in the evening has been requested. We have a list started on the vestibule table for those interested in joining. Please stop by sign your name and phone #. Phil Hunter our RCIA instructor will be happy to be the leader. Also those who are wanting to attend RCIA classes this Fall please leave your name and phone # on the appropriate list. **Welcome to ALL**

Minors Seek Refuge

On This World Refugee Day Unaccompanied Minors Seek Refuge

June 20, 2014 By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

Hope of refuge drives people to take incredible risks. For most us, the idea of sending a child alone on a trek of thousands of miles across a strange country is incomprehensible. However, thousands of parents in Central America are doing just that in hopes that their children will find a safer and better life than theirs.

So far this year, 14,000 unaccompanied children, mostly from Central America, have entered the United States illegally. This deluge of refugee children has overwhelmed Border Patrol and Health and Human Services facilities and the flow is unceasing.

Obviously, the cause of this flood of refugee children — the unstable and unsafe conditions of some Central American countries — must be addressed, but the immediate problem is the children who are being warehoused in overcrowded and unsafe temporary facilities by the government.

I am working with Catholic Charities of Dallas to move quickly to work with the government and other non-governmental agencies to provide safe havens for these children. Catholic Charities has expertise in working with refugees from generations of experience, but the unaccompanied children present unique problems — both legal and protective.

Our diocese has no residential facility, but individual placements have already begun. We are gearing up to provide safe refuge for additional children pending judicial action. Already this calendar year, 1,000 unaccompanied refugee children were released to family members who reside in the Dallas Immigration Court jurisdiction.

This tragic situation must be addressed with prayer, wisdom and compassion. As we observe World Refugee Day today, I ask that you please join me in praying for the welfare of these youngsters and that leaders on both sides of the border will work to address this issue.

En este Día Mundial de los Refugiados, Menores no Acompañados Buscan Refugio

junio 20, 2014 By Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

La esperanza de encontrar un refugio lleva a la gente a tomar riesgos increíbles. Para la mayoría de nosotros, la idea de enviar a un niño solo a un país extraño a miles de kilómetros resulta incomprensible. Sin embargo, miles de padres de familia en Centroamérica están haciendo exactamente eso con la esperanza de que sus hijos encuentren una vida mejor que la suya.

Hasta este momento, solamente este año, 14,000 niños no acompañados, en su mayoría provenientes de Centroamérica, han entrado a los Estados Unidos ilegalmente. Este diluvio de niños refugiados, con su incesante flujo, ha abrumado tanto a las instalaciones de la Patrulla Fronteriza como al Departamento de Salud y Servicios Sociales.

Desde luego, la causa de esta afluencia de niños refugiados — las condiciones inestables e inseguras de algunos países de América Central — debe ser abordada. Sin embargo, el problema inmediato son los niños que el gobierno está almacenando en peligrosas y superpobladas instalaciones temporales.

Estoy trabajando en conjunción con Caridades Católicas de Dallas para movilizarnos rápidamente junto al con el gobierno y otros organismos no gubernamentales para proporcionar refugios seguros a estos niños. Caridades Católicas tiene experiencia trabajando con refugiados por generaciones, pero los menores no acompañados presentan problemas únicos — tanto legales como de protección.

Nuestra diócesis no cuenta con ninguna instalación residencial, pero ya se ha comenzado la ubicación de individuos y nos estamos preparando para proporcionar un refugio seguro a los niños que enfrentan acciones judiciales pendientes. A lo largo de este año, 1,000 niños refugiados no acompañados han sido liberados y puestos en manos de sus familiares que residen en la jurisdicción del Tribunal de Inmigración de Dallas.

Esta desafortunada situación debe ser abordada con oración, sabiduría y compasión. Al celebrar el Día Mundial de los Refugiados, les pido que me acompañen en oración por el bienestar de estos jóvenes y para que los líderes en ambos lados de la frontera aborden este problema.

Today, for a number of reasons, we struggle to be generous and prodigal with God's mercy.

As the number of people who attend church services continues to decline, the temptation among many of our church leaders and ministers is to see this more as a pruning than as a tragedy and to respond by making God's mercy less, rather than more, accessible. For example, a seminary professor whom I know shares that, after forty years of teaching a course designed to prepare seminarians to administer the sacrament of penance, today sometimes the first question that the seminarians ask is: "When can I refuse absolution?" In effect, how scrupulous must I be in dispensing God's mercy?

To their credit, their motivation is mostly sincere, however misguided. They sincerely fear playing fast and loose with God's grace, fearing that they might end up dispensing cheap grace.

Partly that's a valid motive. Fear of playing fast and loose with God's grace, coupled with concerns for truth, orthodoxy, proper public form, and fear of scandal have their own legitimacy. Mercy needs always to be tempered by truth. But sometimes the motives driving our hesitancy are less noble and our anxiety about handing out cheap grace arises more out of timidity, fear, legalism, and our desire, however unconscious, for power.

But even when mercy is withheld for the nobler of those reasons, we're still misguided, bad shepherds, out of tune with the God whom Jesus proclaimed. God's mercy, as Jesus revealed it, embraces indiscriminately, the bad and the good, the undeserving and the deserving, the uninitiated and the initiated. One of the truly startling insights that Jesus gave us is that the mercy of God, like the light and warmth of the sun, cannot not go out to everyone. Consequently it's always free, undeserved, unconditional, universal in embrace, and has a reach beyond all religion, custom, rubric, political correctness, mandatory program, ideology, and even sin itself.

For our part then, especially those of us who are parents, ministers, teachers, catechists, and elders, we must risk proclaiming the prodigal character of God's mercy. We must not spend God's mercy, as if it were ours to spend; dole out God's forgiveness, as if it were a limited commodity; put conditions on God's love, as if God were a petty tyrant or a political ideology; or cut off access to God, as if we were the keeper of the heavenly gates. We aren't. If we tie God's mercy to our own timidity and fear, we limit it to the size of our own minds.

It is interesting to note in the gospels how the apostles, well-meaning of course, often tried to keep certain people away from Jesus as if they weren't worthy, as if they were an affront to his holiness or would somehow stain his purity. So they perennially tried to prevent children, prostitutes, tax collectors, known sinners, and the uninitiated of all kinds from coming to Jesus. However, always Jesus over-ruled their attempts with words to this effect: "Let them come! I want them to come."

Early on in my ministry, I lived in a rectory with a saintly old priest. He was over eighty, nearly blind, but widely sought out and respected, especially as a confessor. One night, alone with him, I asked him this question: "If you had your priesthood to live over again, would you do anything differently?" From a man so full of integrity, I fully expected that there would be no regrets. So his answer surprised me. Yes, he did have a regret, a major one, he said: "If I had my priesthood to do over again, I would be easier on people the next time. I wouldn't be so stingy with God's mercy, with the sacraments, with forgiveness. I fear I've been too hard on people. They have pain enough without me and the church laying further burdens on them. I should have risked God's mercy more!"

I was struck by this because, less than a year before, as I took my final exams in the seminary, one of the priests who examined me, gave me this warning: "Be careful," he said, "don't be soft. Only the truth sets people free. Risk truth over mercy."

As I age, I am ever more inclined to the old priest's advice: We need more to risk God's mercy. The place of justice and truth should never be ignored, but we must risk letting the infinite, unbounded, unconditional, undeserved mercy of God flow free.

But, like the apostles, we, well-intentioned persons, are forever trying to keep certain individuals and groups away from God's mercy as it is offered in word, sacrament, and community. But God doesn't want our protection. What God does want is for everyone, regardless of morality, orthodoxy, lack of preparation, age, or culture, to come to the unlimited waters of divine mercy.

George Eliot once wrote: "When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity."

Church Rediscovered its Role as Mother by Welcoming, Loving, Pope says:

By Cindy Wooden [Catholic News Service](#)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- "I like to dream of a church that lives the compassion of Jesus," Pope Francis told more than 7,000 priests, religious, catechists and parish council members from the Diocese of Rome.

If every parish embodies the virtues of compassion, tenderness, patience and welcoming, the Catholic Church will be the mother she claims to be and will continue to generate numerous children, the pope said June 16, opening the Rome diocese's annual convention.

In a 35-minute talk, most of which was off the cuff, Pope Francis responded to the concerns expressed by a pastor and two catechists about the difficulties of keeping families active in parish life and, consequently, in transmitting the faith to children and young people.

Father Gianpiero Palmieri, pastor of the parish of San Frumenzio, told Pope Francis that in the Diocese of Rome programs for preparing children for first Communion are still popular, but half of the children do not go on to prepare for confirmation, which the diocese usually administers to young people between the ages of 12 and 14.

Pope Francis told convention participants that before joining them for the evening session, he stopped for coffee in the kitchen of the guesthouse where he lives. The cook was still there and the pope asked him how long it would take him to get home; the man responded that his commute was about an hour and a half.

"An hour and a half to go home to his children, his wife," the pope said.

Pope Francis said he knows that many parents get up early, take their children to school, go to work -- sometimes places of "tension and conflict" -- and often get home immediately before or even after their children have gone to bed.

In such situations, he said, it is natural for parents to feel like they have "a crushing weight" on their shoulders and they wonder, "Is this living?"

If parents are so overburdened and dissatisfied, he said, how can they help their children discover the meaning of their lives and "the direction to take so that their lives are beautiful and they are happy to get up each morning?"

With everyone in a family running in different directions, the pope said, young people are left without guidance, without someone to trust, without "ideals that warm their hearts" and without hope.

"This is a society of orphans," he said.

When people don't experience unconditional love and acceptance from their parents, from other family members, at school or in their parish, the pope said, "it will be much more difficult to understand God's grace, that grace that cannot be bought or sold, that is a gift of God."

Yet, Pope Francis said, Jesus promised his disciples he would not leave them orphans. Even if modern society seems to tell people "you don't matter, you're disposable," God will never say that and neither can the church.

"The great challenge of the church today is to become mother," he said. "If the church is not a mother -- I know it is bad to say this, but she becomes an 'old maid,'" and cannot bring forth children.

The church does not become a mother by going door to door and offering to sign people up as if it were "an association called the Catholic Church," he said. Rather, the church is a mother when she does what mothers do: offer love, tenderness, a caring gaze, almost endless patience, a welcome and compassion.

"Our mother church seems to be a bit old, not to speak of a 'grandmother' church, but aging. We must rejuvenate her," he said, and "not by taking her to a plastic surgeon."

The church does not need cosmetic surgery, the pope said, but it needs the energy and joy that come from being a mother, seeing her children gather at home and welcoming their friends as well.

Pope Francis urged all parish workers to be warm and welcoming, to listen to people before asking them to fill out registration forms or pay stipends for different services. The church, he said, must have "a heart without limits, but not just a heart: also a certain gaze, the sweetness of Jesus' gaze, which often is more eloquent than many words."

The pope also thanked parish priests, who dedicate every waking moment -- and often miss out on a full night's sleep -- to minister to the people in their care.

"It is easier to be a bishop than to be pastor" of a parish, he said. "We bishops always have the possibility of distancing ourselves, of hiding behind (the title) 'Your Excellency,'" while parish priests are in the thick of things with someone phoning, knocking on the door or cornering him to complain about others in the parish.

Information Page

Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

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